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Re: Comment Letter – Emergency Conservation Regulation

Dear Ms. Townsend:

I wish to submit my comments as a California resident and taxpayer regarding the proposed water restrictions for the residential community. Specifically, I am concerned about the fairness of the proportionate allocation of mandatory restrictions to families and households that have grown in size over the past two to three years.

Throughout the proposed regulations, and in particular section 865, references appear to establish water usage in 2013 as the baseline against which current water usage is compared and restrictions are applied. The regulations appear to be directed to water suppliers and the business and residential communities as a whole. There, however, does not appear to be much detailed direction as to how these mandatory restrictions will be defined and allocated to individual residential families.

As much as any other California resident, I am concerned about the future well being of our great State and our dangerously dwindling water supply. I also equally share a civic duty to contribute in our community's battle against this crisis. However, as a father in a family of three in 2013 that has since grown in number to our current size of five, I am concerned that the allocations, while well intended, will not fairly factor in my family's growth. As a result, I am concerned that we may be unfairly mandated to achieve a disproportionately higher level of conservation based on our water usage in 2013 when we were a family of three. Consequently, we may unfairly risk a greater likelihood of incurring a penalty for failing to meet that disproportionately higher conservation level now that we are a family of five in 2015.

Simply stated, logic would dictate that the water usage of a typical family of five in 2013 is higher than a similarly typical family of three in 2013. I understand the measurable benefit or convenience of using a resident's prior water usage as a baseline to compare and establish a conservation goal. However, I am concerned that whether due to oversight or otherwise, the regulations do not provide any allowances for family growth and increased household size since 2013.

To achieve the overall goal of water conservation, I firmly believe that mandatory restriction levels should be allocated fairly and realistically. To this end, I

strongly urge the applicable California regulatory agencies, both state and local, to take into account and provide allowances for household growth from 2013 to the present when determining mandatory restriction levels for individual residential families and households.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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