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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Proposed extension of water conservation efforts.

To: Felicia Marcus, Chairman of the Board.

The Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District is situated in the Northern portion of Sacramento County. Our 4600 customers are a mix of rural agricultural and bedroom community for the City of Sacramento. We are 100% groundwater wells with no subsidence in our area.

Our agency was already in a stage 2 (15%) water reduction for 6 years before the state board determined that we should conserve another 36% of our water usage. We were able to reduce our usage by the additional 36% a total of 51% during the summer months but find it very difficult if not impossible to keep up the large reduction in water use expected by the state when there is no outside watering.

We are currently retrofitting our system with Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters so we may monitor all water usage at all times. This \$500,000 project is a large burden for our 4600 customers but we felt it would be the only way to monitor who is using the water that needs to be conserved.

If the State Board determines that water conservation restrictions should be continued the District is asking that the Board consider our climate in the valley and the evapotranspiration rates in our area. All of the trees in our urban forest are stressed and many have died off due to the mandated reduction in water use. The majority of our trees are in lawns and with 1 to 2 day per week watering allowed it is not enough to sustain the trees with the high temperatures we experience in our region.

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When the Board considers additional conservation measures I would also ask that there be some sort of consideration for rural communities with agricultural use. The quality of animals and crops is diminished when they do not receive enough water.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Henrici

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General Manager
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