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State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Ms. Townsend,
I want to comment on the

**DRAFT STORM WATER RESOURCE PLAN GUIDELINES AND DRAFT
PROPOSITION 1 STORM WATER GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING GUIDELINES**

I think the state should make it mandatory for any office park, recreational area, or other site that uses water for irrigation to collect rain water.

1. Office parks and companies that irrigate their grounds should be required to install large water holding tanks. The tanks should have lines that feed water to them, and the lines should be connected to water collection systems. For example, California has many high rise buildings with parking structures. Storage tanks can be placed in the parking structures and water collection units can be installed on to the roofs of the high rise buildings. The water collection devices will have pipes that feed the storage tanks. Every high rise in California should do this.
2. Parks, cemeteries, museums and other areas of extensive land use should also have collection systems with storage tanks. Some of the collection systems can be designed with the help of sculptural artists so the systems can be artistic as well as functional.
3. Schools should have water collection systems installed and the installation and maintenance can be part of the student curriculum. There can even be water collection days where students bring rain water to the school to be stored in the collection tanks. I was able to collect over 50 gallons of water by just casually placing a few buckets under dripping water during our rains this year. Enough water was collected to water my house plants for the entire year.
4. Require all news agencies to announce water collection days before a major rain. Most news agencies glorify the next big storm with sensationalism, but they never ever tell people how to collect rain water.
5. Requiring rain water collection makes sense since the rains that produce significant water amounts last only a day or two usually. So much water comes in at a short period of time that most runs off into sewers.

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