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Dear Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board:

At Diablo Water District, we are currently being mandated by the State to reduce our water use by 28%. Below are a few comments we would like to submit to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the potential extension and modification of the existing Emergency Regulation for Statewide Urban Water Conservation if the drought restrictions continue into the 2016 calendar year.

- 1) We would like for the State to allow agencies that have met and/or surpassed their cut back requirements to continue banking their water savings from June 2015 through the end of 2016. We feel it would only be fair to allow the savings to accumulate instead of making agencies start anew if the State demands continued water savings well into the 2016 calendar year.
- 2) We would also like the State to recognize and allow for the increase in population from 2013 to 2016. Agencies such as ourselves are still significantly growing in size. We want to allow development in our area but do not want to see it put us in jeopardy with the State by not being able to reach our mandated reduction percentage due to population growth. To account for population growth, we would like to see a proportionate reduction in the cut back requirements for 2016.
- 3) We would also like the State to consider adding a prohibition to prevent new and existing residential homes from installing new turf on their property. We have already asked our new developers to not install new turf at all residential properties, and instead, install drought resistant landscaping. Having it come from the State as a prohibition might help agencies enforce this by having it be a statewide regulation.
- 4) We would also like the State to continue using 2013 as the water use comparison year.

We greatly appreciate the Board taking these comments into consideration. Thank you!

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