



**Responses to State Water Board concerns:**

**Q1. What more can be done at the local/or State level in the near-term to increase water conservation?**

*A1. The State Water Board (SWB) might/should support legislation for the use of water protection and conservation devices on all water mains that are damaged, installed and/or upgraded - including some form of financial incentive (grants, matching funds, long term financing, etc.) for doing so.*

**Q2. What additional conservation requirements, if any, should the State Water Board consider adopting if dry conditions persist into the next year?**

*A2. The SWB might/should endorse legislation making it mandatory to retrofit ALL water mains with some form of water protection and conservation device, emphasizing the long-term cost savings for municipalities with governmental (financial) support.*

**Q3. What can be done to compel poorer performing areas to increase conservation?**

*A3. The SWB might/should act as a conduit for municipalities to access a combination of drought relief grants, Proposition 1 funding or long term (affordable) financing in order to allow for "poorer performing" areas to immediately implement their retrofit plan for the protection and conservation of their water resources.*

**Q4. What additional data should the State Water Board be collecting and how would it be used?**

*A4. The SWB might/should perform studies and research to obtain data to quantify the amount of water losses caused by bursting water mains, sheared fire hydrants, irrigation system failures and other such incidental losses throughout the State of California in order to justify an apportionment of Proposition 1 funds for the purchase and installation of water conservation devices statewide.*