

1 March 2016

Fresno County Board of Supervisors:

Re: CSA44-D Proposed change from Normal Water Conservation to Stage 2-Severe Water Shortage.

January 29, 2015, Special Districts noticed the Board of supervisors that, “ Based upon the information for your District in the annual Water Conservation Report, County staff is recommending that County Service Area No. 44D (CSA 44D) remain at Normal Water Conservation for the water year beginning on April 1, 2015 and ending on March 31, 2016.”

Staff recommends Normal Water Conservation because water capacity is forecasted to consistently exceed demand, so that the supply of water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection is not adversely affected.”

As part of Special Districts Summary for CSA44-D, for 2016, the following statement was made:

“User demand was 40% of well capacity and capacity exceeded demand by 357 gallons per minute.”

“Well capacity exceeded user demand throughout 2015-16 water year, so that the supply of water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection was not adversely affected.”

“Due to exceedance of well capacity over user demand for the CSA44-D water system in the 2015-2016 water year, staff projects a continued availability of sufficient water for human consumption, sanitation and fire protection in the 2016-2017 water year.”

According to Special Districts Staff, CSA44-D has missed the 25% reduction by 2%.

The 2% figure represents approximately 1,200,000 gallons. Between the water years of 2013 and 2015, at least four new homes were connected, which would increase water use.

In 2013, there were 118 homes connected and 1 connection for common area water.

In 2015, there were 123 homes connected and 1 connection for common area water.

Homes are metered, however the common area water is not. Special Districts Staff do not have an accurate measure of how many gallons of water are used for common area irrigation.

They arrive at a figure by estimating total output less gallons that are used by the homes.

All figures in the comparison chart of usage (enclosed) are round numbers. That is an impossibility.

According to an article in the Fresno Bee, February 2016, the State Water Resources Control Board does not issue warnings to suppliers that come in at 5% or under the 25% rate.

There is nothing in either State law or Fresno County Ordinances that correlate a change in Stages for missing the 25% reduction figure by 2%.

The proposed change from Normal Water Conservation to Stage 2-Severe Water Shortage is not warranted.

This proposed change in Stages is punitive and should not be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

I would ask that the Board keep CSA44-D in Normal Water Conservation for the upcoming 2016-2017 water year.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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