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To: Sharon Wolff
Subject: SWRCB response

Sharon:

Below is the response from the Deputy Director for SWRCB-Water Rights to the City's request for an exception.

"Jim – Thank you for the update. It appears your community is being very diligent (and very timely) in following our direction. I appreciate your updates on the progress.

I don't know if you listened into the Board meeting yesterday when we gave our drought update. We now have 154 public health and safety needs identified by communities, businesses, facilities, and individuals. As we discussed previously, there is no exemption process at this point. The proposed exemption process was not adopted as part of the statewide curtailment emergency regulation two weeks ago. The information you submitted is being used as we exercise enforcement discretion. Given your success in quickly addressing the immediate needs to conserve and stop outdoor watering in order to only use a minimal amount for domestic use, I would expect that our enforcement attention would be on other communities who are less responsive to the curtailment notice.

We will be briefing our board over the next two weeks as to your community and the other 153 health and safety needs. We are working with the Division of Drinking Water on immediate needs and concerns. We expect that the Board will decide whether or not they want us to bring an exemption process back to them for consideration as the result of our briefings. I will make sure you are notified if the Board indicates they want to hear an exemption proposal so you or a representative of your community can participate in the Board meeting."

Barbara Evoy

We are exploring our options.

Jim