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Dear City Manager Russo:

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: WATER SUPPLIES ARE CRITICALLY LOW AND NEW WATER USE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN FORCE.**

Governor Brown issued an Executive Order on April 1, 2015 to protect California's dwindling water supplies. On April 14, 2015 EBMUD projected that local water supplies will be critically low this fall. The EBMUD Board has adopted new water use regulations to support the state's efforts and preserve local supplies. The new restrictions expand existing mandatory limits on outdoor water use and place new limits on indoor use (see attached regulation). These restrictions are in effect until further notice.

The most significant new restriction is that outdoor irrigation is prohibited from 9am to 6pm. One mandatory restriction applies specifically to local jurisdictions: no potable water may be used to irrigate ornamental turf on public street medians. There also are new, strict limits affecting restaurants, hotels, irrigators and landscape water use efficiency requirements for new construction. The new rules are in addition to restrictions established last summer that mandated, except where necessary for public health and safety, that EBMUD customers:

- Limit watering of outdoor landscapes to two non-consecutive days per week and prevent overspray and runoff when watering;
- Use a hose with a shutoff valve when hand-washing motor vehicles;
- Use a broom or air blower, not water, to clean driveways, sidewalks, patios and other hard surfaces; and
- Turn off any fountain or decorative water feature that uses potable water unless the water is recirculated.

Together we must cut water use by 20 percent overall in the EBMUD service area to avoid critical shortages and potential penalties from the state. We ask that you take a pledge to partner with EBMUD to help educate your local residents and businesses on how to conserve and promote compliance with mandatory water use restrictions. Please participate in the pledge and ask your water conservation coordinator to visit our website at [www.ebmud.com/watersmart](http://www.ebmud.com/watersmart) or contact 866-403-2683.

Together we can protect our water supply.

Sincerely,

Frank Mellon, President  
EBMUD Board of Directors