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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: END THE DROUGHT DECLARATION

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the people and water districts of Northern California, we urge you to end your emergency drought proclamation, first pronounced in 2014, and call an end to the mandatory conservation measures imposed on Californians.

Through your emergency declaration and outreach efforts, Californians are now more mindful and aware of the scarcity of our water. I am confident that Californians will continue to consume water wisely.

In fact, conservation had become widely practiced, particularly in agriculture, even before this most recent devastating and prolonged drought.

Californians dutifully conserved water during the drought. We took out our lawns and substitute drought tolerant plants. We took shorter showers. We use more efficient watering system on our gardens and farms. Perhaps most painfully, we fallowed our land and sold off our livestock out-of-state.

You asked us to do our part to save. We dutifully complied.

With the recent rain storms, most of the major reservoirs are above average so significantly that the local water districts are currently at or above their normal operating ranges. More rain and snow are forecasted for the coming weeks. *Californians will become numb to conservation if the State continues to issue restrictions due to the "drought" when there is ample snow and rain – then when we do enter another drought and conservation measures are necessary to preserve the water supply, the calls for conservation will fall on deaf ears when it really matters again.*

Many regions of the state are experiencing flooding. With the ground saturated and reservoirs releasing millions of gallons of water to prevent future floods, it is time to end the drought declaration. We cannot credibly ask our citizens to continue to sacrifice their way of life when water is purposely being released into the ocean.

Californians have done their part. Let's do our part and end the drought.

Sincerely,



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