

Hi Julie, i'm responding to the proposed MWELO for California. I sent a previous email by accident that was not completed, here is the completed one!

Looking for ways to conserve the use of water is understandable, but in ways that actually make sense is what matters. The proposed MWELO simply does not. Increasing efficiency requirements for one, will only cause more problems. Most irrigation products currently being used, or that are currently on the market, do not meet the new proposed efficiency, even drip! What is this going to mean for all the current irrigation systems out there already in the ground or the systems that are currently in progress to be installed, that do not meet these new requirements? What about the manufacturers and sellers of these products that would now be considered useless or even illegal?

Secondly, newer planting and irrigation systems have improved greatly and are quite efficient, and don't require as much maintenance. Flow sensing options on systems help determine leaks or line breaks very quickly, leaving minimal water loss and waste.

Lastly, a 20%-25% drop in ET water use is drastic! Many plants and current landscapes do not meet this requirement. How will this effect the current landscapes of California? What about schools, parks and recreational areas? Many things in this new proposal do not add up. If landscape and irrigation development is going to continue in California, we need to be reasonable!

thanks,
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