



March 21, 2019

E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair  
CA State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Subject: Hidden Valley Lake Meter Moratorium

Dear Mr. Esquivel:

I am writing to express my strong support for lifting the Hidden Valley Lake Meter Moratorium. Wildfire recovery remains critical in Southern Lake County Communities, and it is essential that we encourage construction of homes in Lake County and the area near Hidden Valley Lake.

As you are well aware, the Valley Fire in 2015 destroyed 1,281 residential homes, while the Rocky and Jerusalem fires a couple weeks before claimed nearly 50 residences and many other structures. Then the Clayton Fire in August 2016 destroyed another 300 structures followed by the Sulphur Fire in 2017 that demolished another 158 homes. In 2018, the Mendocino Complex Fire, the largest wildfire in the state's history, destroyed another 157 homes. Since 2015, Lake County has experienced a number of devastating firestorms that has burned 60% of their land mass, and their rebuild effort is only 15% complete.

The survivors and local officials are still struggling to recuperate after multiple wildfires left thousands homeless and devastated. The circumstances of this community are dire and lifting this moratorium is critical to provide necessary water to build new homes, and to continue recovery. You have always been an important partner as we faced disaster.

I understand how busy the Water Board is during these crises, but would ask that you please review Hidden Valley's application as quickly as possible. I believe you'll find that the District has done a remarkable job to ensure the long term water supply for all of the parcels they oversee, and that they have demonstrated this supply in their submittal. If you agree, resolving this matter quickly will help thousands of people that have suffered one tragedy after another.

Warmest Regards,

MIKE MCGUIRE  
Senator