

The Commission received over 60 comments from members of the public that were similar in content and tone.

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Subject: Invest in 21st century water solutions
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To the California Water Commission,

The Sierra Club has communicated with members about upcoming regulations for water conservation. As a Sierra Club member, I am writing to request that you & we as a state invest in water storage infrastructure that can better adapt to climate change and prepare for future droughts. Forward-thinking projects, such as groundwater recharge, conjunctive management, and even smaller local rainwater capture projects could be funded instead of dams.

The new regulations need to be responsive to the environment and accurately account for the impacts climate change will have on California's hydrology. This will help you see that when the math is done correctly, dams just don't hold water.

Sierra Club California staff have been advocating to ensure that public money isn't wasted on useless 19th century relics, like Sites and Temperance Flat. Using historical data to show how these projects will impact rivers is misleading. Climate modeling must be incorporated to appropriately guide which water storage projects should be funded.

The regulations must accurately account for climate change. Meanwhile, I oppose destructive dams, and instead favor innovative investments in our future.

Thank you for making responsive, forward-looking choices.

Sincerely yours,