



specializing in native and cold-hardy plant material

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**Please accept this letter of petition for hardship related to the 2015 TDPUD Emergency Drought Regulations.**

As documented in previous submissions, Villager Nursery has worked hard to promote water efficient landscape design and the use of native and drought tolerant plant materials. We have demonstrated this in our landscapes and at our nursery business where we've reduced annual water consumption by over 40% from 2013 levels. We have achieved this through the use of low-pressure stream rotors, drip irrigation, micro-sprinklers, syringing and selective hand-watering of containers. We pride ourselves on helping clients and our community achieve similar water saving by sourcing the most water efficient plant materials, encouraging best planting practices (including water-holding composts and top mulches), and through smart, water-saving irrigation.

**Under the current TDPUD restrictions of watering only Tuesday and Friday, my customers, colleagues and this community cannot install new, nor transition into more efficient landscapes. This creates a hardship for the greater Truckee area. I could understand more severe restrictions if our community was experiencing a water shortage but under current conditions of adequate supply this creates an undue hardship.**

I have been researching restrictions from other agencies in the northern Sierra and I have noted that STPUD, TCPUD & EID allow 3 day a week watering and PCWA, SVPSD, TCPUD & STPUD include exemptions for drip-systems, micro-spray systems, and for hand-watering.

After consulting with colleagues in the industry, I would request the following exemption:

**"Plant containers, trees, shrubs, groundcover, and vegetable gardens may be watered as needed when using automatic drip irrigation or hand watering."**

All the best and thank you for your consideration.

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