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Dear Dave Wells,

My name is Cate Beekman. I work for Solano County in Vallejo, California. My husband and I bought our first home about 1½ yrs ago. We love it, and we love our neighborhood — it's so much fun to make our house a home! We are just now starting to work on landscaping, after several months of planning. Just as we have been working on making the inside of our home comfortable, we're excited to do the same with the outside. We've designed areas of native plants that won't require much water or maintenance but still look beautiful. But we want to have different areas of the yard, like fruit trees, an herb garden, a cut flower garden, and vegetable beds. These areas will require more water and maintenance so we've thought about how to achieve these areas without using so much water — it just seems irresponsible given how much water we already use — with the shower, dishwasher, washer & dryer, etc. Graywater will make so much sense! We can use the water from everything we do — washing clothes, showering, etc — to water our needed plants. Not only will it save significant water, but it will save

time + keep our yard looking beautiful! There's really nothing bad about it, ~~and~~ ~~And, at least at this point~~

So, I just wanted to write to let you know that we strongly support the revised graywater regulations that will increase access to graywater hugely. This is a great way to save water and it's a change most people will be happy to make if they can because it will save $!

Thanks for reading! ☺

Cate Beckman