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DWR RELEASES PUBLIC DRAFT OF THE URBAN WATER USE TARGET TECHNICAL METHODOLOGIES

SACRAMENTO -- On July 27, 2010, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released a Public Draft of Urban Water Use Target Methodologies (accessible at <http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/sb7/committees/urban/u3/>).

This document was prepared in consultation with the California Urban Water Conservation Council and guidance from a 33 member urban stakeholder committee.

The Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SBx7-7) set a goal of reducing per capita urban water consumption 20 per cent by 2020. To reach this goal, the act requires urban retail water suppliers who provide more than 3,000 acre feet of potable water, or have more than 3,000 connections, to develop urban water use targets for the year 2020.

California's legislature directed that DWR develop technical methodologies and criteria to help guide suppliers in calculating urban water use targets. The Department is releasing the draft document so the public has an opportunity to comment.

The Public Draft contains eight methodologies:

- Gross Water use
- Service Area Population
- Base Daily per Capita Water Use
- Compliance Daily per Capita Water Use
- Indoor Residential Use
- Landscape Area Water Use
- Baseline Commercial
- Industrial and Institutional Water Use
- Regional Compliance

The Water Conservation Act directed DWR to develop the first seven methodologies and Regional Compliance was added to give regional water management groups additional guidance.

At a later date, DWR will release a ninth methodology: Criteria for Compliance Year Adjustment. This methodology is not required for water suppliers to complete 2010 urban water management plans. A later release will also provide more time for development of a weather normalization model.

The Department will conduct two public workshops on the Public Draft:

August 5, 2010

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Metropolitan Water District Board Room

700 North Alameda Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

August 6, 2010

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Natural Resources Bldg Auditorium

1416 9th Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

The deadline for written comments is Thursday August 12, 2010. Comments can be e-mailed to WUE@water.ca.gov or sent by regular mail to Peter Brostrom, Department of Water Resources, Water Use and Efficiency Branch, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001.

After public comment is evaluated, a final version of the methodologies will be released by the October 1, 2010, legislative deadline.

More information is available on the Water Conservation Act of 2009 Web site: <http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/sb7/> or by contacting Peter Brostrom, Acting SBx7-7 Urban Program Manager, Brostrom@water.ca.gov, (916) 651-7034.

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