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Dear Ms. Swink:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has reviewed the City of Alhambra's (City) 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) received July 27, 2011. The California Water Code (CWC) directs DWR to report to the legislature once every five years on the status of submitted plans. In meeting this legislative reporting requirement, DWR reviews all submitted plans.

DWR's review of the City's 2010 UWMP has found that the plan has generally addressed the requirements of the CWC.

DWR recommends that when updating this plan in 2015, the City make the following revisions:

1. The 10 year baseline gross water use, as reported in Table 4, was not calculated correctly. Two years, 2000 and 2003, were included in the calculation, but reported no water use. These years should be omitted from the 10 year average. However, because the City chose target method 3, which does not depend on the baseline gross water use, but, rather, on the water use in the hydrologic region, the target calculation was not affected. A revision to the 2010 UWMP is not necessary. A detailed explanation of gross water use calculations can be found in the Methodology 1: Gross Water Use, Methodologies for Calculating Baseline and Compliance Urban Per Capita Water Use, DWR 2010.(CWC Section 10608.20(h) (1) (A)).
2. Address each Demand Management Measure (DMM) listed in the Water Code by providing a description of the program currently being implemented, or, for any DMM not being implemented, provide either a cost/benefit analysis, or a plan of implementation. The descriptions of DMM A - Residential Surveys, and DMM E - Large Landscape did not properly address the descriptions of this requirement. (CWC Section 10631 (g)).
3. Provide the wholesale agency with the City's water use projections in five-year increments to 20 years and include a statement in the UWMP verifying that this was done. (CWC Section 10631 (k)).

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By including this data in future UWMPs, the City will better meet the requirements of the Water Code.

DWR's review of plans is limited to assessing whether suppliers have addressed the required legislative elements. In its review, DWR does not evaluate or analyze the supplier's UWMP data, projections, or water management strategies. This letter is meant to acknowledge that the City's 2010 UWMP has addressed these requirements. The results of the review will also be provided to DWR's Financial Assistance Branch.

If you have any questions regarding the review of the plan or urban water management planning, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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