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December 21, 2011

Mr. Tom Barnes
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Dear Mr. Barnes:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has reviewed the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK) 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) received on July 29, 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 AVEK's UWMP has found that the plan has not addressed elements required by the UWMP ACT. The elements not addressed are listed below:

- 1.) Since groundwater is a planned source of future supply, AVEK 's UWMP needs to provide:
 - a. A copy of any groundwater management plan AVEK has adopted. (This can be an electronic copy attached to the plan).
 - b. Include a description of the groundwater basin from which the water will be pumped.
 - c. Identify if the basin has been adjudicated.
 - d. If the basin has not been adjudicated, identify whether the basin is over drafted. (CWC 10631 (b) (1) and (2))
- 2.) The plan should provide a more complete description of the demand management measures being implemented or planned for implementation by the supplier. To document AB 1420 grant eligibility, AVEK has self certified that it will be meeting the California Urban Water Conservation Council's (CUWCC) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) coverage requirements, AVEK's description of the implementation of those DMMs should be consistent with the MOU's coverage requirement. (CWC 10631 (f) and 10631.5)
- 3.) Provide documentation of the public hearing held to adopt the amended plan.

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The addition of the elements listed represents a significant change to the plan and requires that the plan go through the amendment process of public notice, a public hearing and re-adoption by AVEK's governing board.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sergio Fierro, (818) 500 1645, Ext. 247, or fierro@water.ca.gov from DWR's Southern Region or myself. Please consider sending us drafts of the revised sections for review before readopting the plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Brostrom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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