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Mr. David K. Luker
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Dear Mr. Luker:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has reviewed Desert Water Agency's 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The California Water Code 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 plan to ensure that they have addressed the required elements of the California Water Code.

DWR's review of Agency's 2010 plan has determined the following required elements have not been addressed in accordance with the Water Code:

The 2010 UWMP for the Desert Water Agency did not address the demand management measures (DMMs) A (residential assistance program), B (landscape water survey), C (system water audits, leak detection and repair), and H (school education programs). Each DMM listed in the Water Code must be addressed 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. CWC Sections 10631 (f) (g) and (h).

To meet the requirements of the water code and to be eligible for state water grants and loans, the Agency should consider revising its 2010 UWMP to address the UWMP elements listed above. Revised plans must be adopted by the agency's governing board following the public process specified in the UWMP Act. DWR encourages water suppliers to send drafts of the revised sections to DWR for review before adopting the revised plan.

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After adoption, copies of the revised plan should be sent to DWR, the state library, and local cities and counties. On receiving the revised plan, DWR will review the revised sections for compliance with the UWMP Act.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Brostrom', written in a cursive style.

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