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July 8, 2014

Edward Castaneda  
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Dear Mr. Castaneda:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has reviewed Orchard Dale Water District's (District) 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), received July 21, 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 plan to ensure that they have addressed the required elements of the California Water Code.

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

- 1) 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 DMMs A (residential surveys), C (system leak detection and repair), I (commercial, industrial, and institutional programs), K (conservation pricing), and L (water conservation coordinator) did not properly address this requirement. (CWC Section 10631 (f) (g) and (h)).
- 2) The following elements were not included as part of the water shortage contingency plan (CWC 10632):
  - stages of action taken by the agency in response to a water supply shortage, up to a 50 % reduction in water supply
  - an estimate of the minimum water supply available for the driest three-year historic period
  - a catastrophic supply interruption plan
  - Consumption reduction methods
  - Mandatory prohibitions during a water shortage
- 3) The district did not include a discussion of the opportunities for the development of desalinated water, including brackish groundwater (CWC 10631 (i)).

To meet the requirements of the water code and to be eligible for state water grants and loans, the District should consider revising its 2010 UWMP to address the UWMP elements listed above. Revised plans must be adopted by the District's governing board following the public process specified in the UWMP Act.

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DWR encourages water suppliers to send drafts of the revised sections to DWR for review before adopting the revised plan.

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', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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