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Dear Mr. Grajeda:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has reviewed the Pico Water District's (District) 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 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. The service area population for the baseline period was calculated incorrectly. This can affect the estimations of baseline and target water use. (CWC Section 10631 (a)). The baseline population estimate for the service area should be developed using Technical Methodology 2: Service Area Population found in Methodologies for Calculating Baseline and Compliance Urban Per Capita Water Use, DWR 2010. (CWC 10608.20 (f)).

2. The agency did not calculate gross water correctly. Gross water was calculated based on water delivery data, rather than water production. The miscalculation of gross water resulted in significant errors in the district's baseline per capita water use and the 2015 and 2020 targets. (CWC 10608.20 (h)(1)(A)).

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. 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,

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