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Dear Mr. Lollis:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has reviewed City of Porterville's (City) 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), received September 16, 2014. 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 City's 2010 plan has determined the following required elements have not been addressed in accordance with the Water Code:

> The service area population for the baseline period was not calculated in accordance with Technical Methodology 2: Service Area Population, found in Methodologies for Calculation Baseline and Compliance Urban Per Capita Water Use, DWR 2011. The UWMP did not provide sufficient information to determine whether or not the City's methodology could be deemed equivalent to the Technical Methodology. Adjustments to population estimates can affect baseline and target water use estimates, which should be adjusted accordingly. (CWC Section 10631 (a)).

To meet the requirements of the water code and to be eligible for state water grants and loans, the City should consider revising its 2010 UWMP to address the UWMP elements listed above. Revised plans must be adopted by the City'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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