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June 26, 2014

Mr. Carlos J. Palacios
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Dear Mr. Palacios:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has reviewed the City of Watsonville's (City) 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) received 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 the City's 2010 UWMP has found that the plan has generally addressed the requirements of the CWC.

DWR recommends that when updating this plan in 2015, the City:

Modify Gross Water Calculations

SBX7-7 defines gross water use as the water entering the distribution system minus applicable exclusions. Gross water use in Watsonville's UWMP was calculated using water delivery data rather than the required water production data. This resulted in a miscalculation and undercounting of Watsonville's gross water use and the resulting baseline per capita water use.

However, the City chose target method 3 to calculate their 2015 and 2020 water use targets and target method 3 does not depend upon baseline per capita water use in target calculations. Rather, it is based in water use by hydrologic region. Because the lower baseline did not affect the City's compliance year water use targets, the plan does not require an amendment.

In updating its UWMP in 2015, the City should calculate its gross water use using water production data to ensure accurate estimates for both baseline water use and compliance year water use.

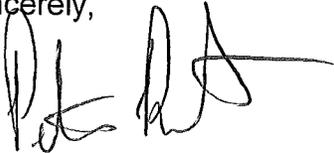
By including this data in future plans, the City will better meet the requirements of the Water Code Section 10608.20 (h) (1) (A).

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DWR's review of plans is limited to assessing whether suppliers have addressed the required legislative elements. In its review, DWR does not evaluate or analyze the supplier's UWMP data, projections, or water management strategies. This letter is meant to acknowledge that the City's 2010 UWMP has addressed these requirements. The results of the review will also be provided to DWR's Financial Assistance Branch.

If you have any questions regarding the review of the plan or urban water management planning, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Brostrom', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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