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To prepare for the possibility of another dry year or water supply interruptions in 2008, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) will hold drought workshops for water suppliers throughout the State this fall. DWR would like to invite you and your staff to attend one of the workshops that will be held in your region during September and October. DWR, the California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC), and the Bureau of Reclamation are co-sponsoring the *2007 Drought Workshops: From Plan to Action* that will be hosted by local urban water suppliers. Enclosed please find a copy of the workshop schedule and registration form.

The workshops are designed to provide information and a forum for water suppliers within a region to communicate and coordinate with each other to update and implement urban water shortage contingency plans.

DWR is also updating its Urban Drought Guidebook (Guidebook). The draft Guidebook will be provided at the workshops. It will also be posted on DWR's website at [www.owue.water.ca.gov](http://www.owue.water.ca.gov) and CUWCC's website at [www.cuwcc.org](http://www.cuwcc.org) on or about August 24, 2007 for your review and comment.

DWR encourages you and your staff to participate in these important workshops and provide comments to DWR and CUWCC on the draft Guidebook, the workshops, and your agency's potential needs for 2008. Now is the time to update Water Shortage Contingency Plans and be prepared to move from plan to action when it becomes necessary.

If you need additional information, please contact Dave Todd of DWR's Office of Water Use Efficiency and Transfers at (916) 651-7027 or by e-mail at [dtodd@water.ca.gov](mailto:dtodd@water.ca.gov) or Marsha Prillwitz at (916) 552-5885, Extension 22, or by e-mail at [marsha@cuwcc.org](mailto:marsha@cuwcc.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lester A. Snow", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Lester A. Snow  
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Enclosure

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