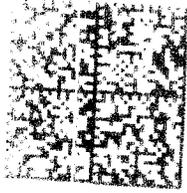


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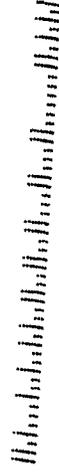
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Department of Water Resources
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RE: CONSENSUS COMMENTS FROM SAN DIEGO REGION'S CONSERVATION ACTION COMMITTEE ON THE DRAFT LANDSCAPE MODEL ORDINANCE.

Dear Ms. Colvin:

The Olivenhain Municipal Water District (District) would like to be on the record as supporting comments submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on March 26, 2008 by the San Diego County Water Authority Conservation Action Committee (CAC) regarding the draft State Model Landscape Ordinance. We commend the efforts of the CAC Ordinance Working Group and the San Diego County Water Authority in developing a regional model landscape ordinance that increases water use efficiency in landscape irrigation in San Diego County and that can be effectively implemented by local jurisdictions. Having a State Model Landscape Ordinance that can be implemented in a cost-effective and less burdensome manner will increase the ability of local jurisdictions to implement and enforce the ordinance's requirements. Therefore, we encourage you to consider the comments provided by the CAC.

In particular, the District encourages DWR to continue to differentiate between the local agencies that possess land-use planning and enforcement authority and water suppliers that do not. Responsibility for the enforcement and audit processes should remain with the local agencies and not transfer to water agencies. The District is willing to provide information to the local agencies, but does not have the staff or budget to assist in enforcement of the ordinance or the auditing requirement. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Thorner

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General Manager

Cc: San Diego County Water Authority