

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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TO: Urban Water Use Efficiency Interested Parties

Assembly Bill AB1420 (2007) directed the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to form an Independent Technical Panel (Panel) to provide information and recommendations to DWR and the Legislature on new demand management measures, technologies and approaches to water use efficiency. DWR plans to convene the Panel early in 2013 with the goal of submitting the Panel's recommendations to the Legislature by the end of 2014.

As a first step, DWR seeks your input in selecting Panel members. California Water Code section 10631.7 (attached) specifies that there should be no more than seven panelists and that there should be one, but no more than two representatives from each of the following: retail water suppliers, environmental organizations, the business community, wholesale water suppliers, and academia. DWR anticipates that the Panel will meet once every six to eight weeks in 2013 and 2014. DWR will reimburse panelists' eligible travel expenses. Please take the time to consider possible candidates to represent the sectors listed above.

Nominations should be emailed to Betsy Vail at Elizabeth.Vail@water.ca.gov by January 11, 2013. In submitting nominations, please include the nominee's phone and email contact information and a brief statement of support. Self nominations are encouraged.

The Panel's meetings fall under the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act which requires public notice of all meetings and that all Panel meetings and discussions be open to the public. DWR will make information available about the Panel process through the [Water Plan eNews](#), [WUE program website](#) and through an email distribution list specific to the Panel. Please email your contact information to Betsy Vail, at the address noted above, to be placed on the Panel's distribution list. All interested parties will be able to comment on this work through the Panel's public process.

If you have any questions about the Panel, please call or email me.

Sincerely,

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California Water Code

10631.7.

The department, in consultation with the California Urban Water Conservation Council, shall convene an independent technical panel to provide information and recommendations to the department and the Legislature on new demand management measures, technologies, and approaches. The panel shall consist of no more than seven members, who shall be selected by the department to reflect a balanced representation of experts. The panel shall have at least one, but no more than two, representatives from each of the following: retail water suppliers, environmental organizations, the business community, wholesale water suppliers, and academia. The panel shall be convened by January 1, 2009, and shall report to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2010, and every five years thereafter. The department shall review the panel report and include in the final report to the Legislature the department's recommendations and comments regarding the panel process and the panel's recommendations.