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RE: Preliminary comments on *Discussion Paper 1: Initial Draft Methodology for Quantifying the Efficiency of Agricultural Water Use (Project A1), 3.Aug.2011 (DWR)*.

To whom it may concern:

These comments are to suggest a substitute or an addition to the efficiencies and fractions defined in the subject document.

It appears to us that the Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SB X7-7) intends to address water quantity, quality, and benefit considerations for assessment, planning and design in a coherent and integrated, multi-level methodology.

Recently, the following paper, in which we present such a methodology, has been accepted for publication and soon will be available online:

Haie, N. and Keller, A.A. (2011) Macro, Meso and Micro Efficiencies in Water Resources Management: a New Framework Using Water Balance. Journal of the American Water Resources Association (JAWRA).

We would like to convey that the framework of integrated equations developed in our paper respond directly to what we understand to be the key considerations and methods of the Water Conservation Act of 2009. We would be happy to share our thoughts with whoever is interested. In the meantime, a draft copy of our paper can be sent to the interested party upon request.

Sincerely,

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