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**From:** Salzano, Tom  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2011 11:56 AM  
**To:** Jacobson, Dana; Bolzowski, Michael R.  
**Subject:** FW: comments draft Chico UWMP 2011  
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**From:** jimb@aqualliance.net [mailto:jimb@aqualliance.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, June, 2011 19:44 PM  
**To:** Salzano, Tom; Pembroke, Michael  
**Cc:** barbarav@aqualliance.net  
**Subject:** comments draft Chico UWMP 2011

Comments on the Draft 2010 UWMP

June 13, 2011

Thomas Salzano

California Water Service Company

1720 North First Street

San Jose, CA 95112

Jim Brobeck

AquAlliance

PO Box 4024  
Chico, CA 95927

Chico, Ca.

Dear Mr. Salzano & Mr. Pembroke,

Thanks for your public presentation of Cal Water's Draft 2010 Urban Water Management Plan for the Chico-Hamilton City District in Chico on May 11. I was impressed with the turnout of CalWater personnel but disappointed with the public attendance. While I presented conversational comments at the meeting I thought I

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should also submit these written comments. Please respond to my questions and comments.

Please provide a clear written rationale explaining why this UWMP is not undergoing CEQA analysis. You mentioned that infrastructure projects would be more clearly defined in the upcoming Water Supply Plan. But since the WSP is going to be confidential and not open to public scrutiny, AquAlliance is concerned that the public will have no opportunity to understand impacts associated with Cal Water plans for the Chico/Hamilton City region. Has Cal Water determined that the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan is exempt from CEQA? Please elaborate on how this determination was made.

AquAlliance is concerned that Cal Water has identified a long-term decline in aquifer level. Interactions between aquifer levels, streamflow and groundwater dependent vegetation is a well known phenomena but there is no specific data on how groundwater extractions by CalWater operations has effected streamflow/native vegetation; or analysis of what impacts may occur if long-term decline in the lower aquifer level continue for decades. While short-term trends in groundwater elevation fluctuate, long-term levels are an important consideration if citizen composed "Basin Management Objectives" for the Chico Urban Area are achieved. These objectives insist that stakeholders "shall maintain groundwater levels adequate to sustain municipal, agricultural and domestic use and the quality of streams and groundwater dependent vegetation." It is not clear if existing/future operations are negatively impacting the BMO goals, but 3 of CalWater's wells dipped into the "stage 1 or 2 alert" levels again in 2011. Please describe how the moderate goals that CalWater has set for a conservation strategy will prevent ever-declining long-term aquifer levels that would eventually impact streams, vegetation and private well owners.

The UWMP mentioned (without alarm) that there is a long-term decline. Although it is not mentioned in the draft UWMP, CalWater is apparently investigating alternative supply options (Table A Oroville reservoir purchase, recycled water) to address this resource degradation. AquAlliance understands that the feasibility of using surface water supplies is being investigated in 3 phases. While there may be no results of the feasibility study to share with the public at this time, the UWMP should mention that there is a need to explore supply options and that CalWater is conducting the 3 phase feasibility study. Please provide a written explanation of why the Table A feasibility study was not mentioned in the UWMP,

Flushing operations seem to be a routine procedure in the Chico CalWater operations. I have been told that the flushed water has slight quality problems that are being washed out. I have asked Mike Pembroke for some data on how much of CalWater's total aquifer withdrawals are used in past flushing operations but he has not been able to provide us with that information. The UWMP should contain estimates on future flushing needs. While there are certainly opportunities for consumers to conserve water with low-flow faucets, controlled landscape irrigation and front loading washers, there may be opportunity to conserve even more by putting flushing-op water to good use. Please provide some data on how much water has been withdrawn in past flushing-ops and estimates on how much will be flushed in the future.

Thank you for your efforts in conserving our water resources,

Jim Brobeck

Water Policy Analyst, AquAlliance

MAILED  
April 1, 2011



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If you are unable to attend the scheduled public meeting but want to provide comments regarding the proposed UWMP, you may send your comments in writing via mail or email to:

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San Jose, CA 95112-4598  
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April 19, 2011

Barbara Vlamis  
PO Box 4024  
Chico, CA 95927

Ms. Vlamis,

Enclosed is a hardcopy and CD of California Water Service Company's Chico-Hamilton City District Draft 2010 Urban Water Management Plan. Please acknowledge receipt of this plan by email ([MBolzowski@calwater.com](mailto:MBolzowski@calwater.com)) or by letter to the address listed below.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Bolzowski".

Michael Bolzowski, PE  
Water Resource Engineer

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San Jose, CA 95112  
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California Water Code, Part 2.6 Chapters 1 through 4 (Sections 10610 through 10656), are known and may be cited as the "Urban Water Management Planning Act."

These California Water Code sections require all urban water suppliers that provide water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supply more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan as outlined and identified in those sections. This requirement applies to public and privately owned water utilities.

The plan must describe and evaluate sources of supply, reasonable and practical efficient uses, reclamation, and demand management activities. The components of the plan may vary according to an individual community or area's characteristics and its capabilities to efficiently use and conserve water. The plan must address measures for residential, commercial, governmental, and industrial water demand management.

The act requires urban water suppliers to update their Urban Water Management Plans at least once every five years, and to file updated plans with the Department of Water Resources, the California State Library, and any city or county served by the supplier no later than 30 days after adoption.

California Water Service Company (Cal Water) is an investor-owned public utility providing water service throughout California. In addition, Cal Water is regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

One of Cal Water's service areas is the Chico - Hamilton City District, which is located in Butte County. The Chico - Hamilton City District serves the Cities of Chico and Hamilton City and some unincorporated portions of Butte County.

As a defined urban water supplier, Cal Water is preparing an update to its Urban Water Management Plan that will address the water service conditions in the Chico - Hamilton City District. It is Cal Water's intent to adopt that plan and file that plan as required with the Department of Water Resources, the California State Library, and any city or county within which Cal Water provides service.

A key focus of this UWMP update is the conservation requirement set forth in Senate Bill 7 (SBx7-7) as passed in November 2009. SBx7-7 mandates a statewide 20% reduction in per capita urban water use by 2020. In order to quantify the objectives and identify the means of achieving this mandated demand reduction, Cal Water has prepared a Conservation Master Plan.

Cal Water is in the process of expanding current conservation programs and developing new programs for its 24 districts. Over the next five years, Cal Water conservation program expenditures are likely to increase due in large measure to recently adopted state policies requiring future reductions in per capita urban water use. These state policies include SBx7-7, as well as recent decisions by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) directing Class A and B water utilities to adopt conservation programs and rate structures designed to achieve reductions in per capita water use, as well as the *Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Urban Water Conservation in California* (MOU), of which Cal Water has been a signatory since 1991.

The Conservation Master Plan for the Chico - Hamilton City District will be presented to the Cities, Counties and public served by Cal Water's Chico - Hamilton City District in conjunction with the UWMP.

#### **Schedule of upcoming actions:**

On or about April 1, 2011, a copy of the Proposed Urban Water Management Plan and the Conservation Master Plan will be available for review during normal business hours at the Chico - Hamilton City District's Customer Service Center, 2222 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy, Chico CA 95928

It is preferred that prior arrangements be made with the district's management for viewing the Proposed Urban Water Management Plan and/or the Conservation Master Plan. These arrangements can be made by calling (530) 893-6300.

As an alternative to reviewing the Proposed Urban Water Management Plan or Conservation Master Plan in Cal Water's Chico - Hamilton City District Customer Service Center, Cal Water will make an electronic copy of the Proposed Urban Water Management Plan available on or about April 1, 2011.

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If there are issues with accessing the electronic copy, you may contact Michael Bolzowski at the company's headquarters at 1720 North First Street, San Jose, California 95112-4598, by calling (408) 367-8200, or by email at [mbolzowski@calwater.com](mailto:mbolzowski@calwater.com).

The Public Meeting to receive comments on the Proposed Urban Water Management Plan and the Conservation Master Plan will be held on May 11, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Cal Water's Chico District Customer Service Center, which is located at 2222 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy, Chico CA 95928.

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Or by email at [tsalzano@calwater.com](mailto:tsalzano@calwater.com)

Comments regarding the Conservation Master Plan for Chico - Hamilton City should be sent to:

Kenneth G. Jenkins, Conservation Manager  
California Water Service Company  
2632 West 237<sup>th</sup> Street  
Torrance, CA 90505

Or by email at [kjenkins@calwater.com](mailto:kjenkins@calwater.com)

If there were any errors in the address to which notice was sent, please send corrections to Tom Salzano at the above address so that we can update our information.

Also, please share this with others on your staff that may have the need to know.

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May 20, 2008

City of Chico Planning Services Department  
Steve Peterson, Planning Director  
411 Main Street  
Chico, CA 95927

Dear Mr. Peterson,

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If necessary we are available for a meeting to discuss these concerns or to provide clarification on the contents of the Plan.

If you do not have a copy of the 2007 Chico-Hamilton City District UWMP we would be happy to provide one to you. Please send any comments or questions to my attention:

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Thank you for your time,

*Thomas Salzano*

Thomas A. Salzano  
Water Resources Planning Supervisor

May 20, 2008

Butte County Department of Water Resources Conservation  
Vicki Newlin, Director  
308 Nelson Avenue  
Oroville, CA 95926

Dear Ms. Newlin,

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Glenn County Planning Division  
Peggy White, Program Manager  
125 South Murdock Avenue  
Willows, CA 95988

Dear Ms. White,

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Water Resources Planning Supervisor

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Glenn County Water Advisory Committee  
Lester Messina, Water Resources Coordinator  
720 North Colusa Street  
Willows, CA 95988

Dear Mr. Messina,

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