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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 Kern River Valley District, which is located in Kern County. The Kern River Valley District consists of several water systems that serve the communities of Arden, Bodfish, Kernville, Lakeland, Mountain Shadows, Onyx, Squirrel Valley, South Lake, and Wofford Heights.

While the individually the systems of the Kern River Valley District are not defined urban water supplier, collectively they are and as such Cal Water is preparing an update to its Urban Water Management Plan that will address the water service conditions in the Kern River Valley 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 Kern River Valley District will be presented to the Cities, Counties and public served by Cal Water's Kern River Valley 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 Kern River Valley District's Customer Service Center, 7138 Lake Isabella Boulevard, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

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As an alternative to reviewing the Proposed Urban Water Management Plan or Conservation Master Plan in Cal Water's Kern River Valley 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 <a href="mailto:mbolzowski@calwater.com">mbolzowski@calwater.com</a>.

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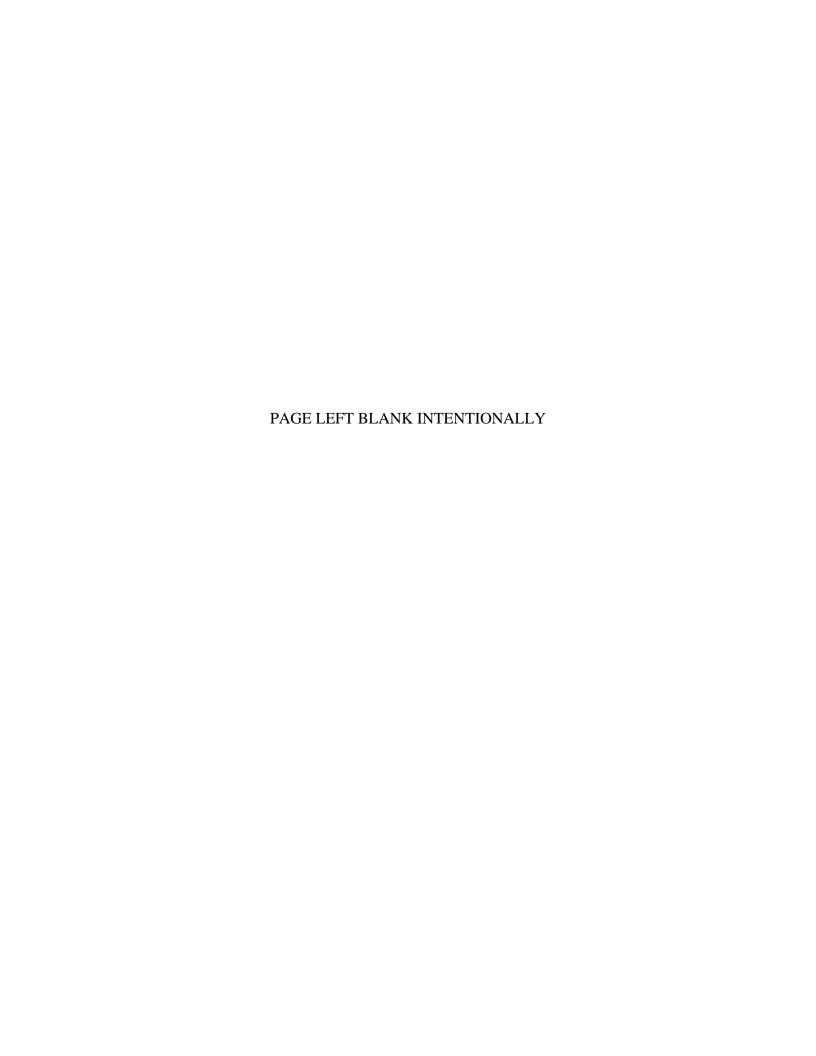
Comments regarding the Conservation Master Plan for Kern River Valley should be sent to:

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

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.



May 20, 2008

City of Bakersfield, Planning Division James D. Movius, Planning Director 1715 Chester Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Mr. Movius,

California Water Service Company (Cal Water) is in the process of preparing an update to the current Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) for the Kern River Valley District as a part of its 2009 Public Utilities Commission General Rate Case filing. This UWMP will serve as a long term planning document for water supply and can be an important source of information for city and county General Plans.

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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 2005 Kern River Valley 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 Salyano

Thomas A. Salzano Water Resources Planning Supervisor May 20, 2008

Kern County, Planning Department Ted James, Director 2700 M Street, Suite 100 Bakersfield, CA 93301

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Kern County Water Agency Lloyd Fryer, Water Resources Planner P.O. Box 58 Bakersfield, CA 93302

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