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To: Urban Water Suppliers and Other Interested Members of the Public

From: Steve Ritchie, CALFED Chief Deputy Director

Subject: Urban MOU Conservation Compliance Certification Workshops

A cornerstone of CALFED's urban water use efficiency program is reliance on the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Urban Water Conservation in California (Urban MOU) to provide a uniform, verifiable, locally directed process for implementation of cost-effective urban water conservation programs. CALFED believes that certification of Urban MOU compliance will help assure that cost-effective BMPs are being broadly implemented by urban water suppliers.

For more than a year, a number of urban water suppliers and environmental organizations have been discussing details for a program to certify water supplier compliance with the Urban MOU. These discussions have focused on how and to whom the program would be applied, how the program would be administered, and what entity or entities would be responsible for this administration. Two proposals have emerged from these discussions. One is a joint proposal developed by the California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA) and the Environmental Water Caucus (EWC)^{1, 2}. The other is a proposal developed by representatives of Kern County Water

¹ California Urban Water Agencies is an organization of the twelve largest urban water providers in California. CUWA agencies serve water to metropolitan areas comprising about two-thirds of the state's population. CUWA was formed to work on water supply issues of particular concern to the large urban areas of California. Its members are: Alameda County Water District, Central/West Basins MWDs, City of Sacramento, City of San Diego, Contra Costa Water District, East Bay MUD, Los Angeles DWP, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Municipal Water District of Orange County, San Diego County Water Authority, San Francisco PUC, and Santa Clara Valley Water District.

² The Environmental Water Caucus is a consortium of environmental organizations active in the CALFED process, including Bay Institute, California League of Conservation Voters, California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance, Clean Water Action, Environmental Defense Fund, Fishery Foundation of California, Friends of the River,

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Agency and Bear Valley CSD.

CALFED will be holding four workshops in February to discuss and gather input on these stakeholder proposals. CALFED will use the input from these workshops in formulating its own proposal to certify water supplier compliance with the Urban MOU. If you have received this letter then your agency could be affected by a program to certify compliance with the Urban MOU and your input is important. Please make plans to attend at least one of these workshops. Workshop dates, locations, and agenda are enclosed with this letter.

As background for these workshops, CALFED staff have prepared the enclosed white paper. This paper synthesizes the two stakeholder proposals to highlight key similarities and differences. **We strongly encourage workshop participants to review this paper prior to the workshops.** Copies of the original stakeholder proposals can be obtained from their sponsors. In addition, copies can be downloaded from www.cuwcc.com. There will also be copies of the stakeholder proposals on hand at the workshops.

We look forward to seeing you at the workshops.

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League of Women Voters of San Francisco, Mono Lake Committee Natural Heritage Institute, Natural Resources Defense Council, Nature Conservancy, Save San Francisco Bay Association, and Sierra Club, Audobon Society, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermans Association.