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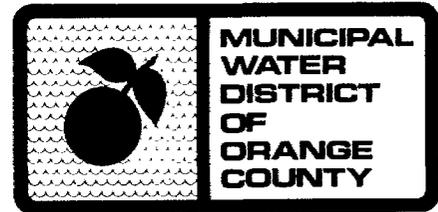
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Lester Snow
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RE: Urban MOU Compliance Certification Workshop Comment Period

Dear Mr. Snow:

I would like to thank you and your staff for holding workshops to inform water agencies of the proposed frameworks for moving forward with urban water conservation within the CALFED Process. The workshop provided valuable clarification to the proposals. However, it is our opinion that the comment period ending February 28 (10 working days) is not sufficient.

As you are aware, a public agency's ability to formulate and gain approval on specific comments regarding a framework such as urban water conservation requires significant time. A wholesaler like MWDOC not only works through its Board of Directors but also is obligated to inform and request comments from its member agencies especially with respect to how the regional certification might work. Typically, 3 months is required to prepare draft comments and have them reviewed and agreed upon by our Board and member agencies. Therefore, we respectfully request the comment period be extended to May 31.

If an expanded comment period is available, please let us know as soon as possible. In the meantime, we will pursue development of comments with input by our member agencies and Board of directors as expeditiously as possible.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 714/963-3058.

Sincerely,

Stanley E. Sprague
General Manager