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Ms. Diana S. Brooks, Chief
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Dear Ms. Brooks,

Thank you for preparing the *Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life: Primer of 2018 Legislation on Water Conservation and Drought Planning* (Primer) as an initial step to understand the implementation action of the new legislation. As urban water suppliers we found the Primer to be helpful and informative and appreciate the opportunity to provide the comments on its contents. The comments are organized by page number in the attached table titled 'Comment on Public Review Draft of DWR's *Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life: Primer of 2018 Legislation on Water Conservation and Drought Planning*'. Our input is aimed at confirming that the Primer is consistent with the new laws and contains adequate guidance to stakeholders. We are not providing comments on the sections of the Primer related to agricultural water efficiency and drought planning.

Looking ahead and as required under Senate Bill (SB) 606 and Assembly Bill (AB) 1668, continued stakeholder involvement in all state-led actions involving studies and investigations, or the development of standards, performance measures, variances or other requirements, will be vital to ensure successful implementation of the laws. In addition, more than 400 urban water suppliers will be required to implement the new laws and many have limited staff resources. We appreciate the state's efforts to streamline reporting and eliminate redundant data submissions so that compliance is feasible for all urban water suppliers.

Thank you again for your effort in creating the Primer and for your consideration of our comments. We look forward to our continued collaboration with the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board in implementing SB 606 and AB 1668.

Sincerely,

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