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Re: Administrative Proposal for Urban Water Supply Reliability - June 14, 1996

Dear Sir:

Your proposal fails to address the "Watershed of Origin" priority. As previously explained, M & I users outside the areas afforded priority under California Water Code section 11460 should not be furnished water that is needed within the "Watershed of Origin" area regardless of use.

Allocations of shortages within a particular "Watershed of Origin" area should be based upon the established contractual and statutory requirements.

In previous drought emergencies, water banks involving voluntary transfers provided sufficient water to meet all emergency needs.

The proposal lacks both legal and equitable merit.

Yours very truly,

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