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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA
AGREEMENT TO JOIN CALIFORNIA WATER/WASTEWATER
AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute an agreement to join the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network that provides signatory service providers with an intrastate mutual assistance program in times of emergency.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS:**

1. Find that the authorization and execution of the proposed agreement to join California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter.
2. Approve and delegate the authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network 2007 Omnibus Mutual Assistance Agreement.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to use and participate in the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network 2007 Omnibus Mutual Assistance Agreement, both by requesting assistance from other participating agencies when needed by Public Works and by

providing assistance to other participating agencies who have requested it, each of which are subject to Public Works' confirmation of adequate staffing and equipment resources.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The mission of the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN) is to support and promote statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response, and mutual assistance processes for its members. The CalWARN Region 1 area, which is made up of Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo Counties, includes 128 signatory water and wastewater service providers. These include the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, and the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

By executing the enclosed agreement, the County of Los Angeles (County) and the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts (Waterworks Districts) will have access to personnel, equipment, and other resources from signatory water and wastewater service providers during emergencies. Likewise, other signatory water and wastewater service providers will have access to the resources of the County and the Waterworks Districts in time of an emergency within their jurisdiction. Additionally, executing the agreement will provide the County and the Waterworks Districts the opportunity to maintain emergency contacts, build relationships, and cultivate new ideas from lessons learned from previous disasters in other parts of the State.

The agreement, which is consistent with the Standardized Emergency Management System and the National Incident Management System, is intended to be used when the County's and the Waterworks Districts' resources are not adequate to cope with the emergency situation. The agreement stipulates that participation is voluntary. Therefore, the responding member can make a determination as to whether it has adequate resources prior to rendering of such assistance.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability. The recommended actions promote sound, prudent, and transparent policies and practices that ensure effective and efficient delivery of potable water and wastewater services to customers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The agreement provides that a responding member agency will be fully reimbursed by the requesting member agency for work performed during the period of assistance. Consequently, there is expected to be no financial impact associated with the agreement for the County or the Waterworks Districts in their potential future role as a responding member agency.

Funding for the County or the Waterworks Districts as a potential requesting member agency is included in the respective Fiscal Year 2022-23 budgets for the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District (CSMD) Fund (GA9-Services and Supplies), the Marina Sewer Maintenance District Fund (GC6-Services and Supplies), the Waterworks Districts' Funds (N18, N32, N46, N49, N63-Services and Supplies), and the Marina del Rey Water System Fund (N58-Services and Supplies). The financing of potential requesting member agency work for future fiscal years will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Waterworks Districts are public water systems formed pursuant to Division 16 of the California Water Code.

In addition, the County provides sanitary sewer maintenance services on behalf of the 37 member cities within the CSMD and many unincorporated area communities. The County, within Marina del Rey, provides sanitary sewer services through the Marina Sewer Maintenance District Fund and the potable water service through the Marina del Rey Water System Fund. There are 4,600 miles of sanitary sewers and appurtenant facilities covered by the CSMD and Marina Sewer Maintenance District. Lastly, the County operates four wastewater treatment facilities.

Therefore, the Waterworks Districts and the County both qualify to be a member of CalWARN.

In order to participate in CalWARN's mutual assistance program, the water or wastewater service provider is required to execute the agreement. Pursuant to the agreement, any member that is in need of assistance (requesting member) can request assistance from another member (responding member). Responding members have the option, but are not required, to provide assistance. Requesting members agree to pay the responding member(s) for the full costs of employees and equipment from the responding member(s) and agree to indemnify the responding member(s) for any liability resulting from its work assisting the requesting member.

The agreement also requires all disputes between the signing parties to be resolved through binding arbitration.

The agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment.

Prior to directing any work to be performed under the agreement as a requesting member agency, the Director of Public Works or his designee will determine whether the work is statutorily exempt pursuant to Section 15269, Emergency Projects, of the CEQA Guidelines. The Director of Public Works or his designee will only proceed with such work if it is determined that the exemption applies and will file a Notice of Exemption for that work with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will not have any negative impact on existing services or planned projects. Approval of this agreement will allow the County and the Waterworks Districts to access additional resources to promote emergency planning, effective response, and sound recovery of our water distribution and wastewater systems.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Disaster Services Group.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

MP:BW:vr

Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller
Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Emergency Management

1 **Articles of Agreement**
2 **California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network**
3 **WARN 2007 Omnibus Mutual Assistance Agreement**
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5 This AGREEMENT is made and entered into by those water and wastewater utilities which have
6 adopted and signed this agreement to provide mutual assistance in times of emergency in
7 accordance with the California Emergency Services Act and the California Disaster and Civil
8 Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement; and to provide reimbursement for equipment, supplies
9 and personnel made available on an emergency basis.

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11 All of said water and wastewater utilities being herein referred to collectively as "the parties."
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13 In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties agree
14 to provide mutual assistance to one another in times of emergency as follows:
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17 **ARTICLE I.**
18 **PURPOSE**
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20 Recognizing that emergencies may require assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, and
21 supplies from outside the area of impact, the signatory utilities hereby establish an Intrastate
22 Program for Mutual Aid and Assistance. Through the Mutual Aid and Assistance Program,
23 Members coordinate response activities and share resources during emergencies. This
24 Agreement sets forth the procedures and standards for the administration of the Intrastate
25 Mutual Aid and Assistance Program and is available to all water and wastewater utilities, public
26 and private, in the State of California.
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29 **ARTICLE II.**
30 **DEFINITIONS**
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- 32 A. **Authorized Official** – An employee or officer of a Member who is authorized to: (1) request
33 assistance; (2) offer assistance; (3) refuse to offer assistance or (4) withdraw assistance
34 under this.
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- 36 B. **Emergency** – A natural or human caused event or circumstance causing, or imminently
37 threatening to cause impact to the operations of a member utility's system, loss of life, injury
38 to person or property, human suffering or financial loss, and includes, but is not limited to,
39 fire, flood, severe weather, earthquake, civil disturbance, riot, explosion, drought, volcanic
40 activity, spills or releases of oil or hazardous material, contamination, utility or transportation
41 emergencies, disease, blight, infestation, intentional acts, sabotage, declaration of war, or
42 other conditions which is, or is likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel,
43 equipment, and facilities of a Member and requires mutual assistance.
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- 45 C. **Member** – Any public or private water or wastewater utility that manifests intent to
46 participate in the Mutual Aid and Assistance Program by executing this, the California
47 Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN) Agreement.
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- 49 D. **Associate Member** – Any non utility participant, approved by the State Steering Committee,
50 that provides a support role for the WARN program, for example State Department of Public

1 Health, or associations, who are members of the Regional or State Steering Committees
2 and do not officially sign the WARN agreement.

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4 E. **Confidential Information** - Any document shared with any signatory to this Agreement that
5 is marked confidential, including but not limited to any map, report, notes, papers, opinion,
6 or e-mail which relates to the system vulnerabilities of a Member or Associate Member.
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8 F. **Non-Responding Member** - A Member that does not provide assistance during a Period of
9 Assistance under the Mutual Aid and Assistance Program.
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11 G. **Requesting Member** – A Member who requests assistance under the Mutual Aid and
12 Assistance Program.
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14 H. **Responding Member** – A Member that responds to a request for assistance under the
15 Mutual Aid and Assistance Program.
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17 I. **Period of Assistance** – A specified period of time when a Responding Member assists a
18 Requesting Member. The period commences when personnel, equipment, or supplies
19 depart from Responding Member’s facility and ends when the resources return to their
20 facility (portal to portal). All protections identified in the Agreement apply during this period.
21 The specified Period of Assistance may occur during response to or recovery from an
22 Emergency.
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24 J. **National Incident Management System (NIMS)** - A national, standardized approach to
25 incident management and response that sets uniform processes and procedures for
26 emergency response operations.
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28 K. **Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)** - A standardized approach to
29 field command and jurisdictional management and response set forth by State of California
30 Code of Regulations for multi-agency or multi-jurisdictional response to an emergency.
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33 **ARTICLE III.**
34 **ADMINISTRATION**
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36 The administration of the Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) will be
37 through WARN Regional Steering Committees (RSC) and the WARN State Steering Committee
38 (SSC).
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40 The WARN RSCs will be established by representatives from the Members in that region. A
41 chair and co-chair will be elected and act as administrators for that region. The chair will
42 represent the region on the WARN SSC. Each WARN RSC will sponsor an annual meeting for
43 Members, maintain a data base of all water and wastewater utilities who have signed this
44 Agreement, and meet as a committee to address concerns and procedures for requesting
45 mutual assistance in that region. The regions will be comprised of one or more of the six Office
46 of Emergency Services (OES) mutual aid regions.
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48 The WARN SSC will include the chairs of the regional steering committees, and a
49 representative from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), California Utilities
50 Emergency Association (CUEA), Department of Water Resources (DWR), the American Water
51 Works Association (AWWA) Emergency Planning Committee, California Rural Water

1 Association (CRWA) and California Sanitation Risk Management Authority (CSRMA). The SSC
2 will identify a Chair for the purpose of leading the SSC and act as a point of contact for the
3 WARN SSC. At a minimum, the WARN SSC will meet annually and issue a list of participating
4 utilities. The database will be maintained on the WARN website, managed by a volunteer
5 Member, as appointed by the SSC.
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8 **ARTICLE IV.**
9 **PROCEDURES**

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11 A. In coordination with the Regional Steering Committees, emergency management and public
12 health system of the state, the State Steering Committee shall develop operational and
13 planning procedures for the Mutual Aid and Assistance Program. These procedures shall
14 be consistent with the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the
15 National Incident Management System (NIMS), reviewed at least annually and updated as
16 needed by the State Steering Committee.
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18 B. Requests for emergency assistance under this Agreement shall be directed to the
19 appropriate Authorized Official(s) from the list of Members.
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21 C. Consistent with SEMS, when more than one County is impacted by a disaster, requests for
22 mutual assistance under this Agreement may be channeled through the CUEA Utility
23 Operation Center to ensure maximum effectiveness in allocating resources to the highest
24 priority needs.
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27 **ARTICLE V.**
28 **REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE**

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30 In general, assistance will be in the form of resources, such as equipment, supplies, and
31 personnel. Assistance shall be given only when Responding Member determines that its own
32 needs can be met while rendering assistance. The execution of this Agreement shall not create
33 any duty to respond on the part of any party hereto. A potential Responding Member shall not
34 be held liable for failing to provide assistance. A potential Responding Member has the
35 absolute discretion to decline to provide any requested assistance.
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- 37 A. **Member Responsibility** - Members shall identify an Authorized Official and alternates;
38 provide contact information including 24-hour access; and maintain resource information
39 made available by the utility for mutual aid and assistance response, as allowed by utility
40 policy. Such information shall be updated annually or as changes occur (whichever is
41 sooner), provided to the State Steering Committee, and uploaded into the statewide
42 database.
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44 B. **Member Request** - In the event of an Emergency, a Member's Authorized Official may
45 request mutual aid and assistance from a participating Member. Requests for assistance
46 can be made orally or in writing. When made orally, the request for personnel, equipment,
47 and supplies shall also be prepared in writing and submitted to the participating Member as
48 soon as practicable. Requests for assistance shall be directed to the Authorized Official of
49 the participating Member. Specific protocols for requesting aid shall be provided in the
50 procedures developed under Article IV.
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- 1 C. **Response to a Request for Assistance** – Members are not obligated to respond to a
2 request. After a Member receives a request for assistance, the Authorized Official evaluates
3 whether or not to respond, whether resources are available to respond, or if other
4 circumstances would hinder response. Following the evaluation, the Authorized
5 Representative shall inform, as soon as possible, the Requesting Member whether it will
6 respond. If the Member is willing and able to provide assistance, the Member shall inform
7 the Requesting Member about the type of available resources and the approximate arrival
8 time of such assistance.
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- 10 D. **Discretion of Responding Member’s Authorized Official** – Execution of this Agreement
11 does not create any duty to respond to a request for assistance. When a Member receives
12 a request for assistance, the Authorized Official shall have sole and absolute discretion as to
13 whether or not to respond, or the availability of resources to be used in such response. An
14 Authorized Member’s decisions on the availability of resources shall be final.
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17 **ARTICLE VI.**
18 **RESPONSE COORDINATION**
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20 When providing assistance under this Agreement, the Requesting Member and Responding
21 Member shall be organized and shall function under the Standard Emergency Management
22 System and National Incident Management System protocols and procedures.
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- 24 A. **Personnel** – Responding Member retains right to identify the employees who are willing
25 to participate and the resources that are available.
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- 27 B. **Control** – While employees so provided may be under the supervision of the
28 Responding Member, the Responding Member’s employees come under the direction
29 and control of the Requesting Member, consistent with the NIMS Incident Command
30 System to address the needs identified by the Requesting Member. The Requesting
31 Member’s Authorized Official shall coordinate response activities with the designated
32 supervisor(s) of the Responding Member(s). Whenever practical, Responding
33 Member personnel must be self sufficient for up to 72 hours. The Responding Member’s
34 designated supervisor(s) must keep accurate records of work performed by personnel
35 during the specified Period of Assistance.
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- 37 C. **Food and Shelter** – When possible, the Requesting Member shall supply reasonable food
38 and shelter for Responding Member personnel. If the Requesting Member is unable to
39 provide food and shelter for Responding Member personnel, the Responding Member’s
40 designated supervisor is authorized to secure the resources necessary to meet the needs of
41 its personnel. Except as provided below, the cost for such resources must not exceed the
42 State per diem rates for that area. To the extent Food and Shelter costs exceed the State
43 per diem rates for the area, the Responding Member must demonstrate that the additional
44 costs were reasonable and necessary under the circumstances. Unless otherwise agreed
45 to in writing, the Requesting Member remains responsible for reimbursing the Responding
46 Member for all reasonable and necessary costs associated with providing food and shelter,
47 if such resources are not provided.
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- 49 D. **Communication** – The Requesting Member shall provide Responding Member personnel
50 with radio equipment as available, or radio frequency information to program existing radio,
51 in order to facilitate communications with local responders and utility personnel.

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2 E. **Status** - Unless otherwise provided by law, the Responding Member's officers and
3 employees retain the same privileges, immunities, rights, duties and benefits as provided in
4 their respective jurisdictions.
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6 F. **Licenses and Permits** – To the extent permitted by law, Responding Member personnel
7 who hold licenses, certificates, or permits evidencing professional, mechanical, or other
8 skills shall be allowed to carry out activities and tasks relevant and related to their respective
9 credentials during the specified Period of Assistance.
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11 G. **Right to Withdraw Resources** - The Responding Member's Authorized Official retains the
12 right to withdraw some or all of its resources at any time for any reason in the Responding
13 Member's sole and absolute discretion. Notice of intention to withdraw must be
14 communicated to the Requesting Member's Authorized Official as soon as soon as is
15 practicable under the circumstances.
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18 **ARTICLE VII.**
19 **COST REIMBURSEMENT**
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21 Unless otherwise mutually agreed in whole or in part by both parties, the Requesting Member
22 shall reimburse the Responding Member for each of the following categories of costs incurred
23 while providing aid and assistance during the specified Period of Assistance.
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- 25 A. **Personnel** – Responding Member will make such employees as are willing to
26 participate available to Requesting Member at Requesting Member's expense equal to
27 Responding Member's full cost, i.e., equal to the employee's applicable salary or hourly
28 wage plus fringe benefits and overhead, and consistent with Responding Member's
29 collective bargaining agreements or other conditions of employment. All costs incurred
30 for work performed during the specified Period of Assistance will be included. The
31 Requesting Member shall be responsible for all direct and indirect labor costs.
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33 B. **Equipment** – Use of equipment, such as construction equipment, vehicles, tools, pumps
34 and generators, shall be at Responding Member's current equipment rate and subject to the
35 following conditions: The Requesting Member shall reimburse the Responding Member for
36 the use of equipment during the specified Period of Assistance, including, but not limited to,
37 reasonable rental rates, all fuel, lubrication, maintenance, transportation, and
38 loading/unloading of loaned equipment. All equipment shall be returned to the Responding
39 Member as soon as is practicable and reasonable under the circumstances.
40 (a) At the option of Responding Member, equipment may be provided with an
41 operator.
42 (b) Equipment shall be returned to Responding Member within 24 hours after receipt
43 of an oral or written request for return.
44 (c) Requesting Member shall, at its own expense, supply all fuel, lubrication and
45 maintenance for furnished equipment.
46 (d) Responding Member's cost related to the transportation, handling and
47 loading/unloading of equipment shall be chargeable to Requesting Member.
48 (e) In the event equipment is damaged while being dispatched to Requesting Member,
49 or while in the custody and use of Requesting Member, Requesting Member shall
50 reimburse Responding Member for the reasonable cost of repairing said damaged
51 equipment. If the equipment cannot be repaired, then Requesting Member shall

1 reimburse Responding Member for the cost of replacing such equipment with
2 equipment that is of at least equal capability as determined by the Responding
3 Member. If Responding Member must lease a piece of equipment while Requesting
4 Member equipment is being repaired or replaced, Requesting Member shall
5 reimburse Responding Member for such lease costs.
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- 7 C. **Materials and Supplies** – Requesting Member shall reimburse Responding Member in
8 kind or at actual replacement cost, plus handling charges, for use of expendable or non-
9 returnable supplies. Other supplies and reusable items that are returned to Responding
10 Member in a clean, damage-free condition shall not be charged to the Requesting
11 Member and no rental fee will be charged; otherwise, they shall be treated as
12 expendable supplies. Supplies that are returned to the Responding Member with
13 damage must be treated as expendable supplies for purposes of cost reimbursement.
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- 15 D. **Payment Period** – The Responding Member shall provide an itemized bill to the Requesting
16 Member for all expenses incurred by the Responding Member while providing assistance
17 under this Agreement. The Requesting Member shall send the itemized bill not later than
18 (90) ninety days following the end of the Period of Assistance. The Responding Member
19 may request additional periods of time within which to submit the itemized bill, and
20 Requesting Member shall not unreasonably withhold consent to such request. The
21 Requesting Member agrees to reimburse the Responding Member within 60 days from
22 receipt of an invoice for assistance provided under this Agreement. The Requesting
23 Member may request additional periods of time within which to pay the itemized bill, and
24 Responding Member shall not unreasonably withhold consent to such request, provided,
25 however, that all payment shall occur not later than one-year after the date a final itemized
26 bill is submitted to the Requesting Member.
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- 28 E. **Records** - Each Responding Member and its duly authorized representatives shall have
29 access to a Requesting Member’s books, documents, notes, reports, papers and records
30 which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purposes of reviewing the accuracy of
31 a cost bill or making a financial, maintenance or regulatory audit. Each Requesting Member
32 and its duly authorized representatives shall have access to a Responding Member’s books,
33 documents, notes, reports, papers and records which are directly pertinent to this
34 Agreement for the purposes of reviewing the accuracy of a cost bill or making a financial,
35 maintenance or regulatory audit. Such records shall be maintained for at least three (3)
36 years or longer where required by law and as needed for federal reimbursement practices.
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39 **ARTICLE VIII.**
40 **ARBITRATION**
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42 If any controversy or claim arises out of, or relates to, the Agreement, including, but not limited
43 to an alleged breach of the Agreement, the disputing Members shall first attempt to resolve the
44 dispute by negotiation, followed by mediation and finally shall be settled by arbitration in
45 accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association. Judgment on the award
46 rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.
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ARTICLE IX.
REQUESTING MEMBER'S DUTY TO INDEMNIFY

Pursuant to Government Code Section 895.4, and subject to Article X, Requesting Member shall assume the defense of, fully indemnify and hold harmless Responding Member, its Directors, Council Members, Supervisors, officers and employees, from all claims, loss, damage, injury and liability of every kind, nature and description, directly or indirectly arising from the Requesting Member's work hereunder, including, but not limited to, negligent or wrongful use of equipment, supplies or personnel provided to Requesting Member or faulty workmanship or other negligent acts, errors or omissions by Responding Member, or by personnel provided to Requesting Member from the time assistance is requested and rendered until the assistance is returned to Responding Member's control, portal to portal.

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ARTICLE X.
SIGNATORY INDEMNIFICATION

In the event of a liability, claim, demand, action or proceeding, of whatever kind or nature arising out of the rendering of assistance through this Agreement, the parties involved in rendering or receiving assistance agree to indemnify and hold harmless all Members whose only involvement is the execution and approval of this Agreement, in the transaction or occurrence which is the subject of such claim, action, demand or other proceeding. Such indemnification shall include indemnity for all claims, demands, liability, damages and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs of defense, for injury, property damage and workers compensation.

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ARTICLE XI.
WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS

The Responding Member is responsible for providing worker's compensation benefits and administering worker's compensation for its employees. The Requesting Member is responsible for providing worker's compensation benefits and administering worker's compensation for its employees.

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ARTICLE XII.
NOTICE

Each party hereto shall give to the others prompt and timely written notice of any claim made or any suit instituted coming to its knowledge, which in any way, directly or indirectly, contingently or otherwise, affects or might affect them, and each Member shall have the right to participate in the defense of the same, as it considers necessary to protect its own interests.

1 **ARTICLE XIII.**
2 **INSURANCE**

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4 Members shall maintain an insurance policy or maintain a self insurance program that covers
5 activities that it may undertake by virtue of membership in the Mutual Aid and Assistance
6 Program.
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9 **ARTICLE XIV.**
10 **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

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12 To the extent allowed by law, any Member or Associate Member shall maintain in the strictest
13 confidence and shall take all reasonable steps necessary to prevent the disclosure of any
14 Confidential Information provided to it by another Member pursuant to this Agreement. If any
15 Member, Associate Member, or third party requests or demands, by subpoena or otherwise,
16 that a Member or Associate Member disclose any Confidential Information provided to it under
17 this Agreement, the Member or Associate Member shall immediately notify the owner of the
18 Confidential Information and shall take all reasonable steps necessary to prevent the disclosure
19 of any Confidential Information by asserting all applicable rights and privileges with respect to
20 such information and shall cooperate fully in any judicial or administrative proceeding relating
21 thereto.
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24 **ARTICLE XV.**
25 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

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27 This Agreement shall take effect for a new party immediately upon its execution by said
28 party.
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31 **ARTICLE XVI.**
32 **WITHDRAWAL**

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34 Any party may terminate its participation in this Agreement by written notice to the Chair of the
35 appropriate RSC and to the SSC Chair. Withdrawal takes effect 60 days after the appropriate
36 officials receive notice. Withdrawal from this Agreement shall in no way affect a Requesting
37 Member's duty to reimburse a Responding Member for cost incurred during a Period of
38 Assistance, which duty shall survive such withdrawal.
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41 **ARTICLE XVII.**
42 **MODIFICATION**

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44 No provision of this Agreement may be modified, altered or rescinded by individual parties to the
45 Agreement. Modifications to this Agreement require a simple majority vote of Members within
46 each region and unanimous agreement among the regions. The State Steering Committee will
47 notify all parties of modifications to this Agreement in writing and those modifications shall be
48 effective upon 60 days written notice to the parties.
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2 **ARTICLE XVIII.**
3 **SEVERABILITY**
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5 If any term or provision of this Agreement is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be
6 illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions shall not be
7 affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the
8 Agreement did not contain the particular term or provision held to be invalid.
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11 **ARTICLE XIX.**
12 **PRIOR AGREEMENTS**
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14 To the extent that prior agreements among signatories to this Agreement for mutual assistance
15 are inconsistent with this Agreement, such agreements are hereby superseded. This
16 Agreement supersedes the 1996 Omnibus Mutual Aid Agreement, the WARN 1997 Omnibus
17 Mutual Aid Agreement, and the WARN 2001 Omnibus Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.
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20 **ARTICLE XX.**
21 **PROHIBITION ON THIRD PARTIES AND ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS/DUTIES**
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23 This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Members and no other person or entity has rights
24 under this Agreement as a third party beneficiary. Assignment of benefits or delegation of
25 duties created by this Agreement to third parties that are not Members is prohibited and without
26 effect.
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29 **ARTICLE XXI.**
30 **TORT CLAIMS**
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32 This Agreement in no way abrogates or waives any immunity or defense available under
33 California law.
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36 **ARTICLE XXII.**
37 **INTRASTATE AND INTERSTATE MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**
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39 To the extent practicable, Members retain the right to participate in mutual aid and assistance
40 activities conducted under the State of California Intrastate WARN Mutual Aid and Assistance
41 Program and the Interstate Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and similar
42 programs.
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California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN) 2007 Omnibus Mutual Assistance Agreement

WHEREAS, the California Office of Emergency Services (OES), the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA) have expressed a mutual interest in the establishment of a plan to facilitate and encourage water agency mutual assistance agreements between water agencies; and

WHEREAS, the California Water Agency Response Network (CalWARN) was originally created to provide a forum for the development of mutual assistance agreements between water agencies in the OES Coastal Region of California; and later expanded to all water and wastewater agencies in the State of California, and

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(Utility)

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Date: _____


Name: (printed) _____ (signature) _____

Title: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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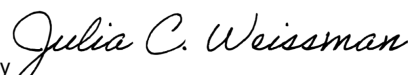
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