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To: ABAG Executive Board

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Subject: **Presentation on California's Current Drought and the Actions Local Water Agencies are Taking to Meet the State's New Conservation Goals**

Executive Summary

California's water supply agencies are facing unprecedented water shortages and the public has been asked to take extraordinary actions to help alleviate the impacts of a fourth year of drought. State water experts tell us that based on the analysis of thousands of years of precipitation evidence--and with the expectation of a changing climate-- water agencies, cities, counties and our government institutions must plan for much longer term and serious water shortages in the future. The current drought may be a harbinger of what is ahead for the state's water situation in the coming years and decades.

As the lead agency for regional planning in the Bay Area, ABAG is deeply interested in how our local water purveyors are working to reach the current reduced demand levels recently set by Governor Brown; the planning underway by the water districts for a possible continuation of this drought for several more years; and what planning may be underway or contemplated for a major drought disaster like the 10-year event that has just recently ended in Australia.

Our two speakers will address the issues raised above by providing an overview of their district's specific supply situation and the emergency actions and long-term planning underway at their agencies to address this critical challenge. Mr. Alex Coate is the General Manger of the East Bay Municipal Utilities District. Its water service area spans 332 square miles of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, north to Crockett and south to San Leandro, serving 1.3 million customers with drinking water. Its wastewater service area covers 88 square miles along the Bay's eastern shore from Richmond to San Leandro with 650,000 wastewater customers. Mr. Beau Goldie is the General Manger of the Santa Clara Valley Water District. The Santa Clara Valley Water District supplies water to approximately 2 million people in 15 south bay cities and incorporated areas in the 1,300 square-mile county.

Recommended Action

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