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Water District Outreach

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I believe the Water District has an opportunity to serve the community by reaching out and informing ~~the~~ it ~~community~~ about the how, why, what, when, where of the cease and desist order. Further, to inform the community about what is being done and what will be done to cope with the order.

Here is what I propose be communicated to all water users in a letter similar in form to that sent to water customers on October 16, 2007. This letter draft with low rainfall and water conservation.

Here is what I propose:

1. Summarize and explain the draft cease and desist order in plain english.
2. Explain the hearing process that will take place in June of this year and point out how individuals ~~and~~ individuals and organizations can participate.
3. List and describe the key questions about the CDO that require resolution. Here are some that come to mind:
 - a. What level of water conservation is appropriate to respond to the CDO ~~order~~ given the exemplary level of conservation the community has

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already achieved. What are principal opportunities for water conservation that remain to be acted on.

b. What water supply projects under development and being planned can supply water, in response to the CDO, during the next 1-2 years, the next 3-6 years and the next 7-10 years.

c. Given the answers to these questions, what modifications of the CDO are in order.

It would not be unreasonable to ask for answers to these questions within a 90-day period. This would be timely considering that the CDO hearing is scheduled for June, 2008.