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Mr. Gene Montgomery
Water Conservation Advisory Council – Work Group 4
Sent via email to montgomerygene@gmail.com

RE: Ideas to Consider

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) would like to provide Work Group 4 of the Water Conservation Advisory Council some ideas to consider as you analyze new technologies for possible inclusion in the Best Management Practices Guide and develop a state water management resources library. By 2060, 28 percent of the water supply for Region C area is projected to come from conservation and reuse. The RCWPG offers the following suggestions to Work Group 4:

1. The RCWPG supports the idea of analyzing new technologies and updating the Best Management Practices Guide as appropriate.
2. The RCWPG has a question regarding the idea of developing and maintaining a state water management resources library. The RCWPG suggests that Work Group 4 develop cost estimates to staff, equip, and maintain such a library, including facility expenses and other costs associated with running a business to determine the benefit-cost ratio and the cost effectiveness of such a library.

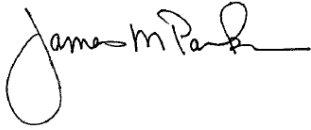
If the library is funded, then the RCWPG has the following suggestions. The subject material and categories of information to be included in the library need to be defined. The RCWPG recommends that minimum criteria be established, for instance, peer-reviewed material should be included but not articles of opinion. State staff and resources to maintain the library will need to be established.

Will the state water management resources library be a web-based resource or an on-site library or a combination of both? Assuming there is a web-based component to this resource library, the RCWPG suggests that colleges and universities be allowed to link this information with their database searches.

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The RCWPG appreciates the challenge laid out before you. If the RCWPG can be of service to you, please let me know. The RCWPG looks forward to working with you on this important topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James M. Parks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J" and a horizontal line extending to the right.

James (Jim) M. Parks
Chair, Region C Water Planning Group

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