

## 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

**WHEREAS**, the CALIFORNIA WATER/WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (CalWARN) 2007 OMNIBUS MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT is a continuation of the WARN 1996 OMNIBUS MUTUAL AID and 2001 OMNIBUS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT and sets forth the mutual covenants and agreements for water and wastewater agencies to provide mutual assistance to one another in times of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, State OES regulates the SEMS program, and this agreement is consistent with SEMS, and that it is necessary to have a mutual assistance agreement in place to support requests to FEMA for costs of using assistance during an emergency, and

**WHEREAS**, the water or wastewater agency hereto has determined that it would be in its best interests to enter into an agreement that implements that plan and sets forth procedures and the responsibilities of the agency whenever emergency personnel, equipment and facility assistance are provided from one agency to the other; and

**WHEREAS**, no water or wastewater agency should be in a position of unreasonably using its own resources, facilities, or services providing such mutual assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of WARN to revise this agreement as necessary and to annually publish a list of all water and wastewater agencies participating in this agreement, as posted on [www.calwarn.org](http://www.calwarn.org); and

**WHEREAS**, such an agreement is in accord with the California Emergency Services Act set forth in Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 7 (Section 8550 et seq.) of the Government Code and specifically with Articles 14 and 17 (Section 8630 et seq.) of the Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the conditions and covenants contained therein, the

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(Utility)

agrees to abide by the current CalWARN Omnibus Mutual Assistance Agreement and the CalWARN ACS Chapter Governance Document.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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