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**SUBJECT: ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE
SELF-CERTIFICATION OF WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY**

On May 5, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Resolution 2015-0032, an Emergency Regulation for Statewide Urban Water Conservation (Emergency Regulation) pursuant to Water Code section 1058.5. On May 9, 2016, the Governor issued Executive Order B-37-16 that directed the State Water Board to adjust and extend its emergency water conservation regulations through the end of January 2017 in recognition of the differing water supply conditions for many communities. In response to the Governor's order, the State Water Board adopted a revised Emergency Regulation on May 18, 2016, that required urban water suppliers to submit information certifying supply reliability for three additional years of drought pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 864.5.

The State Water Board's Office of Research, Planning, and Performance has reviewed the self-certification documents submitted by the City of Santa Maria (City) and has determined that additional information is required to assess supply under the assumptions of section 864.5(b).

Section 866(b) of the Emergency Regulation provides the State Water Board with the authority to issue Information Orders requiring urban water suppliers to submit additional information related to water production, water use, or water conservation.

I am issuing you an Information Order under section 866(b) that requires you to provide the State Water Board with additional information. Please revise and re-submit the supporting analysis document such that the following items are addressed:

- If there is adequate groundwater available to make up for reduced State Water Project water in 2018 and 2019,
- If seawater intrusion would affect the aquifer, and,
- If seawater intrusion would affect the ability to extract non-saline water from the City's wells.

Please provide this information electronically by August 26, 2016, to Ms. Jasmine Oaxaca at jasmine.oaxaca@waterboards.ca.gov. If you anticipate difficulty in meeting this deadline, please contact us as soon as possible. Failure to provide the information within 30 days, or any

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additional time extension granted, is a violation of this order subject to civil liability of up to \$500 per day, for each day the violation continues.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Matthew Buffleben at (916) 341-5891, or by email at matthew.buffleben@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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