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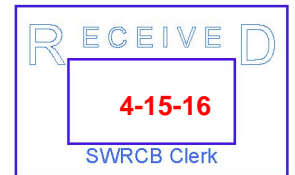


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**Public Comment  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Deadline: 5/2/16 by 12:00 noon**

Chair Felicia Marcus  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

April 15, 2016



Chair Marcus,

Desert Water Agency (DWA) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Notice of Proposed Settlement with Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD). We're pleased to see that all communities in the Coachella Valley will benefit from the work that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and CVWD put into reaching this Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Liability Order.

We believe this agreement will yield a greater awareness of water issues by those that influence large landscapes the most, and ultimately save a significant amount of water in our region. This program will share responsible, sustainable practices with local landscapers, and hopefully our shared customers.

Making the course mandatory for business license renewal and the offering of the course in both English and Spanish are keys to reaching a considerable base of landscape professionals. DWA believes that the partnership between CVWD, College of the Desert and Coachella Valley Association of Governments will yield quality curriculum and knowledgeable program graduates.

Thank you again for the efforts to develop this agreement with CVWD. We look forward to seeing this program launched, and having the opportunity to benefit from it.

Thank you,

Mark Krause  
General Manager-Chief Engineer  
Desert Water Agency