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Dear Sirs or Madams:

THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH) COMMENTS ON  
2009 IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – SIGNAGE  
REQUIREMENTS FOR RECYCLED WATER

This is to provide you with comments for consideration of signage requirements at recycled water use sites pursuant to Section 60310 (g) of the Recycled Water Criteria (California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 22). We are providing these comments for your consideration for inclusion in the 2009 Irrigation Equipment Performance Standards.

**Alternative for Signage of Recycled Water Use Areas**

Section 60310 (g) of CCR Title 22 provides for two allowable signage alternatives for recycled water use areas as follows:

1. All use areas where recycled water is used that are accessible to the public shall be posted with signs that are visible to the public, in a size no less than 4 inches high by 8 inches wide that include the following wording: "RECYCLED WATER – DO NOT DRINK". Each sign shall display an international symbol similar to that shown in Figure 60310-A.
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Please note the following regarding these alternative signage proposals:

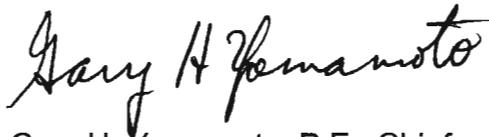
- a. Each alternative is interpreted on a site-specific basis.
- b. Each signage proposal must convey the same message as that required by Alternative No. 1. It must explain that the water is in fact "recycled water", as opposed to classifying it simply as non-potable water.
- c. Each signage proposal must clearly state that it is not for drinking purposes.
- d. Each signage proposal must include the recognized international symbol in Figure 60310-A.
- e. It is acceptable to enhance the appearance of the signs as long as the basic 'advisory' type of information is clearly displayed in a prominent fashion. For example, some utilities have enhanced the appearance of signs by using wood-grain backing, laser cut lettering, visually appealing colors, and inclusion of additional information.

**Requirements for Placement of Signs**

The requirements for signage at each site are to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, considering that the intent of signage is to provide reasonable notice to the public that the site does utilize recycled water not suitable for uses such as drinking and hand washing.

If you have any questions please contact Jeff Stone of my staff at (805) 566-9767 or [jeff.stone@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:jeff.stone@cdph.ca.gov)

Sincerely,



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