

Section I: Preparation and Adoption

This Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) represents the first update to the 2012 Plan prepared by Berrenda Mesa Water District (BMWWD or District) to comply with the requirements of the SB X7-7 (the Water Conservation Act of 2009). The District has, however, been involved in other water management efforts, as itemized below.

A. Description of Previous Water Management Activities

On October 12, 2004, the District Board of Directors (Board) adopted a Water Management Plan (WMP) prepared in compliance with AB 3616 Agricultural Water Suppliers Efficient Water Practices Act of 1990, in accordance with the January 1, 1999 Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Efficient Water Management Practices by Agricultural Water Suppliers in California. The WMP was endorsed by the Agricultural Water Management Counsel on August 17, 2005.

In 2012, the District prepared and submitted the “2012 Agricultural Water Management Plan” in compliance with SB X7-7. The objectives of the AWMP were to evaluate the District’s current water management practices and identify areas where significant improvements have been made, identify areas to improve the efficiency of water use within the District, and consider past and future water management strategies to increase the reliability of water deliveries to the District. The 2012 report concluded that the District had fully implemented all of the critical and the applicable conditional EWMPs.

The purposes for preparing the 2015 update to the 2012 Plan for the District are to:

1. Incorporate the requirements from the Governor’s April 1, 2015 Executive Order (B-29-15) to include in the AWMP a detailed drought management plan in addition to quantification of water supplies and demands for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 years to the extent data is available.
2. Continue to evaluate the District’s water management practices.
3. Identify areas to improve the efficiency of water use within the District
4. Consider past and future water management strategies to increase the reliability of water deliveries to the District.

B. Coordination Activities

1. Notification of AWMP Preparation

The Plan was prepared in cooperation with public entities including the Lost Hills Water District (LHWD) and the Belridge Water Storage District (BWSD). Table 1 summarizes the agencies and parties notified regarding the coordination, adoption, and submittal activities of the AWMP.

BMWD solicited public input by inviting oral and written comments prior to and during a public hearing on November 5, 2015. No comments were received during the public hearing and the hearing was continued to December 3, 2015.

Table 1. Summary of Coordination, Adoption, and Submittal Activities						
Potential Interested Parties	Notified of Plan Preparation	Requested Copy of Draft (Optional)	Commented on Draft/Action Taken by Supplier (Optional)	Notified of Public Meetings	Attended Public Meetings (Optional)	Copy of Adopted Plan/ Amendment Sent
Local City(s) - none						
Local County(s) Kern County						x
Groundwater Management Entity						
Urban Water Supplier(s) Lost Hills UD						
City or County Library						x
Local Agency Formation Commission						
DWR	x					x
Local Newspaper/ Equivalent Process Bakersfield Californian						
Other Local Government Agency						
Other Special Districts Lost Hills D (LHWD) Belridge WSD (BWSD) Central Coast WA (CCWA) Dudley Ridge WD (DRWD)	x					x
Regional Agency Kern County Water Agency (KCWA)	x					x
Environmental Citizen Group						
Land Use Agencies						
Business Group						
Social Citizen Group						
Other State Government Agency						
Federal Government Agency						
Other (identify) District Landowners /Water Users						
Website						Plan to Post by February 5, 2016

2. Public Participation

The District provided notice of public meeting to approve and adopt the AWMP in the Bakersfield Californian on November 8 and 15, 2015 (Appendix 1). This notice included the notification of preparation and the notification of the date of the public meeting to be held to review and consider adopting the AWMP.

The District received responses and comments from several landowners regarding the AWMP via email, phone calls, and at a landowner meeting held on December 3, 2015. This AWMP incorporates their input.

C. AWMP Adoption, Submittal, and Availability

1. AWMP Adoption

The District is submitting the AWMP included in this document in accordance with SB X7-7 requirements and which has been adopted by the Board of Directors on December 3, 2015. Resolution of Plan Adoption by the Board is included in Appendix 2.

2. AWMP Submittal

Copies of the finalized AWMP have been sent to the following agencies:

- DWR
- Kern County
- California State Library
- Lost Hills UD, Lost Hills WD, and Belridge WSD

3. AWMP Availability

The AWMP will be posted on the District's web site on or before February 5, 2016 and can be viewed in the following link: <http://www.bmwd.org>.

D. AWMP Implementation

Plan implementation began with Board adoption on December 3, 2015 and will continue until the next update. Further details on water use efficiency implementation schedule and documentation are described in Sections VII and VIII.