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RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND RELEASE OF PUBLIC DRAFT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY DRAFT 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, DRAFT 2021 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN, AND DRAFT APPENDIX J TO THE 2015 UWMP

Dear Recipient,

The Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) is releasing its Public Draft 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and 2021 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) as required by the Urban Water Management Planning Act (Act). In addition, AVEK has prepared an Appendix to both the 2015 UWMP and 2020 UWMP to demonstrate consistency with the Delta Plan Policy WR P1, Reduced Reliance on the Delta Through Improved Regional Water Self-Reliance (California Code Reg., tit.23, §5003). The 2015 UWMP is being amended only to report reduced reliance on the Delta and this action is separate from adoption of the 2020 UWMP and adoption of the 2021 WSCP.

AVEK is notifying its retailers as well as cities, and counties within its service areas that it is releasing its 2020 UWMP, 2021 WSCP, and Appendix J of the 2015 UWMP for public review and comment prior to holding a public hearing. The public hearing is scheduled as part of a regularly scheduled AVEK Board meeting on June 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. online via teleconference.

A copy of the Public Draft 2020 UWMP and mentioned documents will also be made available for public review on the Agency website at: www.avek.org.

This notice serves as your official public hearing notice and intent to adopt the 2020 UWMP, 2021 WSCP and Appendix J of the 2015 UWMP before the July 1, 2021 deadline. If you have any questions or comments regarding the documents or this process, please contact Matt Knudson/Tom Barnes at 661-943-3201 or <u>info@avek.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Dwayne Chisam General Manager

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