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**COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT – DEPARTMENT DETERMINATION
SYSTEM NUMBER 1310014, IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

Dear Mr. Silva:

The Department has reviewed the compliance by Imperial Irrigation District (IID) with the terms of the October 27, 1998 Compliance Agreement and subsequent Amendments No. 1 and No. 2. According to the Compliance Agreement, IID chose to implement the exclusions as stated in Section 116275(s) of the California Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). In response to Paragraph II.C. of the Compliance Agreement, IID has submitted a report, dated March 13, 2000, indicating the status of all its customers as of March 8, 2000.

IID has a total of 3,543 piped service customers. The number of customers that have been excluded from being considered as a service connection is 3,543. The breakdown by type of exclusion is as follows: the water is used for purposes other than residential use—110 customers; they receive water from a public or permitted water system—219 customers; the account is vacant—152 customers; or an alternative water supply is provided for drinking and cooking—3,062 customers. Upon review of this information, the Department has determined that on March 8, 2000, IID is in compliance with Section 116275 (s) of the SDWA. Therefore, IID has met the requirements of Paragraph II.C. of the Compliance Agreement and is not required to submit an application for a Public Water Supply permit.

IID has implemented methods to ensure ongoing monitoring of their customers to continue meeting the exclusion requirements. We understand that IID will continue to monitor compliance of their customers in accordance with the submitted July 1999 Operations Manual for the SDWA. We understand that IID has hired a SDWA Operations Analyst who will keep the SDWA database program updated on a weekly basis and will follow procedures to ensure compliance with the exclusions to meet the criteria of the SDWA for new connections and when illegal connections are found. If it is determined through your routine tracking system, or by the Department, that you have served a total of 15 or more service connections that have not met the exclusion

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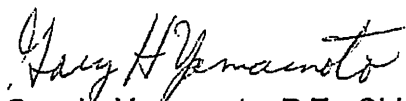
Per the Operations Manual, IID will continue to use water haulers that have signed an agreement with IID to provide the alternative water supply to the IID customers. This agreement states that haulers shall not terminate, suspend, revoke or otherwise discontinue service of bottled or hauled water to any party identified on the IID customer list for any reason without prior written consent of IID. If a customer refuses to comply with the requirements for service pipe connections, a Notice of Disconnection to Customers will be issued.

On or before May 1 of each year, IID will submit an annual report to the Department for the previous calendar year, of a summary of failures that occurred during the year and other documentation that the Department may need to assure that IID continues to implement the exclusions as stated in Section 116275(s) of the California Safe Drinking Water Act. The annual report outline submitted with the IID Operations Manual is acceptable to the Department (Attachment 1). IID must submit the first annual report by May 1, 2001.

We have reviewed the submitted IID Conditional Notice Concerning Availability of a Canal Water Connection notice. Please omit the California State Department of Health Services as a condition of approval of water service in item number four as this is Local County jurisdiction.

We commend you on your willingness to work with the Department in assuring that a safe alternative water supply is provided to each of your customers. We look forward to working with you and your staff on developing a long-term plan for providing a domestic water supply to all rural water users. If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Coates Hedberg, P.E., M.P.H. at (619) 525-4395.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Annual Report Outline

cc: Imperial County Environmental Health Services