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Public Water Systems

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (USEPA)
2007 DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS SURVEY**

The USEPA is in the process of conducting the 2007 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey to determine the financial needs of public water systems nationwide to meet drinking water standards. The results of the 2007 Needs Survey will be used to establish each state's future allocation of the annual federal Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF).

Based upon the USEPA 2003 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey, California received 8.15 percent of the Drinking Water Fund SRF national allocation. This is a reduction from what was allocated from the 1999 Needs Survey – 10.24%. Also, our statewide needs in the 2003 Needs Survey were underreported in the area of the 20-year needs for infrastructure in Distribution; resulting in our allocation being approximately \$17 Million lower than it should have been.

The USEPA and the California Department of Health Services (Department) is requesting your participation in the USEPA 2007 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey. The Department has hired Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. to assist you in completing the 2007 Needs Survey Questionnaire. Please work with them when they contact you. Public water systems that omit or understate their infrastructure needs jeopardize the amount of California's SRF allocations for future years. For Large Water Systems that do not return the questionnaire, EPA will consider the infrastructure needs to be zero dollars. Therefore, the Department, in an effort to ensure that California is allocated its share of funds to address public water system infrastructure problems strongly urges you to work with Malcolm Pirnie to adequately complete and return the USEPA 2007 infrastructure needs survey questionnaire. Malcolm Pirnie will deliver your completed Survey to the California Department of Health Services.



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Should you have any questions pertaining to the questionnaire or the Needs Survey please contact Mr. David Mason of the Drinking Water Program at (916) 449-5158.

Sincerely,

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