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Dear Mayors:

Attached please find the final version of the Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Water Conservation and Stewardship adopted by consensus of the Metro Mayors Caucus on April 28, 2005.

The BMPs are a menu of options for water providers and municipalities that wish to voluntarily add to or improve upon their conservation efforts. They also fulfill, in part, a commitment made within our Memorandum of Understanding on Water Conservation and Stewardship executed by 27 members on January 22, 2005. Signers on the MOU pledged to, "... use our best efforts to continue to identify and adopt, or urge the water utilities that serve us to adopt, best management practices that achieve efficient water use through conservation, reuse, and/or new technologies."

For the past three months a working group comprised of representatives of the Caucus, Colorado WaterWise Council and Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) has researched, evaluated and modified BMPs for commercial-industrial and municipal (residential) use. We sincerely appreciate the careful review and comments submitted by staff from our member jurisdictions and our final document reflects many of the suggestions received during the March and April comment periods. It is important to note that the intent of this process was to outline the options available for any provider or community considering the implementation of conservation programs. Each community and provider is different; each has unique systems and community goals. Some suggested changes were not incorporated as using one community's experience to define the possibilities for others would have needlessly removed options. It is the belief of the working group that because adoption of the BMPs is completely voluntary, all viable options should be made available for consideration. The resulting BMPs are intended to provide a range of implementation options and represent the consensus of the working group and the members of the Caucus on the state of the art in water conservation practices.

We are particularly pleased that we were able to complete the review and revisions in a timely manner and can now provide the BMPs to the CWCB for their use in developing the Model Water Conservation Plan. The model plan will be a reference document that can be used by a water provider to assist them in creating a new or revised water conservation plan. The provisions of the model plan will be strictly voluntary and serve to illustrate current planning methodology. A water entity that chooses to follow the model plan may be eligible for increased grant amounts, if they seek financial assistance through the CWCB.

Thank you for your time and that of your staff on this important effort.

Best Regards,

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