

Water Code 10610 – 10650
The Urban Water
Management Planning Act

Urban water supplier =

Supplier providing water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers; or

Supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually

Plans must be updated in years ending in 5 and 0 – i.e. 2010, 2015, etc.

-Note that next year will be the first post-Vineyard updates to UWMPs

Urban water suppliers must notify cities and counties of UWMPs and updates

In preparing the plans, the supplier may consult with, and obtain comments from any city or county that receives notice pursuant to the Code provisions

Water Code 10631 – The requirements of an UWMP

Service area, including population, climate, and other demographic factors affecting the water supplier's water management planning

Existing and planned sources of water available to the supplier

Any groundwater management plan, as applicable

Reliability of the water supply and vulnerability to seasonal or climatic change, with data for average, single dry and multiple dry years

Past and current use

Water Code 10635 – *“This water supply and demand assessment shall compare the total water supply sources available to the water supplier with the total projected water use over the next 20 years, in five-year increments, for a normal water year, a single dry water year, and multiple dry water years.”*

Plans to supplement or replace sources, as appropriate

Opportunities for exchanges or transfers on a short-term or long-term basis

Describe demand management measures (i.e. conservation, recycled water use)

- Actions or proceedings alleging that a plan, or action taken pursuant to a plan, does not comply with the UWMP provisions, must be commenced within 90 days after filing of the plan or amendment or the taking of the action
- Inquiry is whether there is prejudicial abuse of discretion – urban water supplier has not proceeded in the manner required by law or action is not supported by substantial evidence
- CEQA does not apply to preparation and adoption of plans
- Urban water supplier will be ineligible for certain funding if it fails to prepare UWMP

C-WIN v. Newhall County Water District

A water supply assessment “does not create a right or entitlement to water service or impose, expand, or limit any duty concerning the obligation of a public water system to provide certain service.”