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The Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

**Subject: "Water Budgets, Not Water Rationing"
MWDOC Response**

The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) wishes to thank the 2008 Orange County Grand Jury for its report, "Water Budgets, Not Water Rationing." We believe that your report has helped to demonstrate the progress made over the years on implementation of water conservation efforts in Orange County by both MWDOC and its Client Agencies.

In accordance with your report, MWDOC was requested to respond to Finding F-1 and Recommendation R-1. Our response is provided below:

Grand Jury Finding: F-1 Opportunities for further water conservation exist especially with regard to landscape watering.

o MWDOC agrees with the finding.

Grand Jury Recommendation: R-1 Continue to emphasize methods and availability of tools that assist the customers in understanding weather-based irrigation practices by:

- Providing a hotline for assisting the public with landscape irrigation information
 - Providing a countywide soil texture map on the MWDOC website
 - Developing an Orange County specific water calculator on the MWDOC website
- o MWDOC notes that the recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented by November 20, 2008.

Please note that MWDOC's commitment to implement the R-1 recommendations on a regional basis in Orange County also completes that recommendation on behalf of the retail agencies in Orange County. Anything to be posted on the MWDOC website will also be offered to any retail agency in the County.

MWDOC appreciates the interest and expertise of the Grand Jury in preparing its report and anticipates reporting in November on implementation of the R-1 Recommendation.

Very truly yours,

Kevin P. Hunt, P.E.
General Manager

cc: Orange County Grand Jury
MWDOC Board of Directors
MWDOC Client Agencies