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CMUA Applauds Decision to Include Water Leaders on Building Standards

Sacramento - Today, the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) revised Title 24 giving water efficiency representatives a stronger voice in the development of water-related building standards. Sponsored by the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), the CBSC action will add a "local government water efficiency official" to CBSC's Green Building Committee and Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical and Energy Committee. These committees make recommendations on water conservation fixtures, recycled water, greywater, permeable pavement and many other water-related building codes and standards to the CBSC.

"Increasing water efficiency in residential and commercial buildings is a critical step in achieving the state's goal of reducing water use 20 percent by 2020," said Jennifer West, Director for Water, CMUA." Allowing the water community a seat at the decision-making table ensures that water efficiency and conservation measures will be considered in the development of all new building codes."

CMUA co-sponsored this regulatory effort with member-agency Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET). For more legislative information on municipal utility issues, please visit www.cmua.org.

The California Municipal Utilities Association represents the common interests of a diverse coalition of California's publicly owned utilities before statewide jurisdictional bodies and provides a forum to develop and discuss statewide policy issues affecting its members.