

October 30, 2009

**RE: AGRICULTURE PROGRAM RECERTIFICATION**

Dear Valued Customer:

You are currently purchasing water under the Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) Agricultural Water Program. This program was established by OMWD more than 35 years ago to support and promote the agricultural producers in OMWD's service area. Because the agricultural water rate is available only to customers who meet specific program requirements, OMWD has an obligation to all of its ratepayers to review and verify the eligibility of agricultural customers on a regular basis.

**OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL GUIDELINES**

OMWD's Agricultural Water Program guidelines limit water use purchased under this program for:

*"the growing or raising, in conformity with recognized practices of husbandry, for the purposes of commerce, trade or industry, or agricultural, horticultural, or floricultural products and produced (1) for human consumption or for the market or (2) for the feeding of fowl or livestock produced for human consumption or for the market, or (3) for the feeding of fowl or livestock for the purposes of obtaining their products for human consumption or for the market, such products to be grown or raised on a parcel of land having an area of not less than **one acre utilized exclusively therefore.**"*

OMWD's Agricultural Water Program enables qualified participants to purchase water at a discounted rate provided the property meets the minimum requirement that one acre is dedicated exclusively to agriculture as well as other guidelines outlined above and on the OMWD Recertification and Opt-Out Form (attached).

**CURRENT PROGRAM STATUS**

The Olivenhain Municipal Water District continues to support its agricultural customers with a discounted agricultural rate. Due to changes in property ownership and use that occur over time, recertification and/or random site verifications are necessary to ensure that properties continue to meet the agricultural guidelines agreed to during the application process.

**RECERTIFICATION PROCESS**

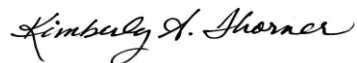
Within the next 30 days, OMWD Agricultural customers who wish to remain in the program must recertify that their properties continue to meet the program's agricultural guidelines. You must complete the attached OMWD Recertification and Opt-Out Form and submit it along with a sales verification document so that it is received in our office at 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, CA 92024 no later than 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, December 1, 2009.**

***If you do not return the attached form with the required sales verification document by the above date and time, your enrollment in this program will automatically be cancelled.***

If your property/operation no longer meets the criteria outlined above, or if you wish to opt out of the OMWD Agricultural Water Program at this time, please indicate this in Section 5 of the Recertification and Opt-Out Form. Customers who no longer qualify for the program, who do not recertify and are cancelled, or those who wish to exit the program at this time will be reclassified as residential or commercial customers beginning with the January 1, 2010 billing period.

OMWD appreciates your business and understanding as we work through the difficult challenges that accompany the current water supply shortage. If you have any questions concerning the agriculture program or recertification process, please contact Joseph Randall at 760-753-6466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly A. Thorner".

Kimberly A. Thorner  
General Manager

Enclosures: OMWD Agricultural Water Program Recertification and Opt-out Form