

August 10, 2021

Re: Wholesale Water Supply for California Department of Corrections and Department of State Hospitals Facilities in Coalinga

Honorable _____:

This is a request for your assistance to find more wholesale water for the City of Coalinga, specifically for the California Department of Corrections Facility and Department of State Hospitals Facility served by Coalinga's water system: Pleasant Valley State Prison (PVSP) and Coalinga State Hospital (CSH). The combined water usage for these two facilities is 20 percent of the city's total. This is the largest demand on the city's water system.

Coalinga has one source of water: The United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR). The water source is primarily Lake Shasta delivered through the Central Valley Project. Because of the drought, the volume of water presently made available by Reclamation is inadequate to meet this year's projected requirements for the city. Based on the volume of water presently made available by Reclamation, the City of Coalinga will run out of Reclamation water in early December, leaving three months of demand to get to the end of the water year on February 28, 2022.

Whereas during the 2015 drought both PVSP and CSH were able to conserve significantly, they have both maintained conservation practices since then, and therefore have expressed to the city that they cannot further conserve in this present historic drought. While at the same time these facilities are unable to further conserve, Coalinga's residents are struggling to meet the stringent 30 percent conservation requirements, as proclaimed by City Council in an emergency resolution. Water is in demand because folks are still at home due to COVID-19, and because of the extremely hot weather we have been experiencing. The City requests your assistance in finding wholesale water for the two state facilities that the city is servicing that are not participating in the conservation efforts required of the city's residents and businesses.

We appreciate any help you can provide. If you have any questions or would like to set up a meeting please contact Marissa Trejo, City Manager at 559-935-1533 x111.

Sincerely,

Ron Ramsey, Honorable Mayor, City of Coalinga