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To: Applicants and Agents for Commercial Medical Cannabis Permits Cannabis Cultivation Permit Processing Update

Subject June 30, 2017

Several of you have expressed concern over "meeting the June 30, 2017 application deadline", so I would like to provide some additional information for clarity. There are TWO distinct and independent activities that share the June 30, 2017 date. The first is indeed a deadline from the State Water Resources Control Board, primarily related to direct diversion and diversion to storage, where we encourage all applicants to take an active role in determining and understanding how State Water Board requirements apply to your project. Your questions should be directed to the Division of Water Rights staff at WB-DWR-CannabisReg@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-5300.

The second activity involving June 30, 2017 is NOT a deadline, but is a commitment which I made to you all in my May 18, 2017 letter which stated "All applications deemed complete by June 30, 2017 will be processed to decision by December 31, 2017." That commitment still stands and is in no measure a deadline to applicants. Rest assured, the department will continue to process completed applications when we receive them, well after this date.

In fact, to assist processing your applications to meet these commitments and enable you to be ready to apply for State Licensing in 2018 we have enlisted the help of several consulting firms. Should you be contacted by someone from Transcon Environmental, Inc., Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. or Michael Baker International please respond to them as if you were talking to one of our planners as we are all working together processing your complete applications. We do not expect the consultant work to cost more than if it were done in house. These consultants give the department greater band width to process a higher number of applications.

Sincerely

John H. Ford
Director of Planning and Building