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TO: Members of the California State Legislature Rural Caucus
FROM: Assemblyman Dave Cogdill
DATE: October 17, 2003
RE: California Rural Water Association

I am pleased to introduce (or possibly) reintroduce you to the California Rural Water Association (CRWA). Incorporated in 1990, CRWA is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization committed to serving the needs of rural water and wastewater systems throughout California. They offer many programs that will be of great assistance to your district staff and your rural constituents.

CRWA focuses on training and technical assistance for California's rural water and wastewater systems. What is unique about CRWA is that the organization is approximately 80 percent funded by federal and state grants permitting it to offer services either at no fee or very low fee. CRWA services include:

- EPA Training and Technical Assistance
- EPA Groundwater Source and Wellhead Protection
- EPA Sourcewater Protection
- USDA/RUS Circuit Rider Water Technical Assistance
- USDA Wastewater Technical and Training Assistance
- USDA/RUS Native American and Wastewater Training Assistance
- DHS State Revolving Fund Assistance

If you have a water or wastewater system in your rural district that needs help, they can contact CRWA for hands-on expert assistance that will be delivered in a timely manner. There is literally no water or wastewater issue facing a rural system that CRWA field staff cannot personally address or refer them to another resource which will result in the issue being resolved at no cost to your constituents.

CRWA offers hundreds of training sessions each year in rural areas on administrative, governance and technical issues that are, again, at no charge or just a materials charge.

We are dedicated to advocating for, assisting and training California's rural water and wastewater systems. CRWA is excited about partnering with the Rural Caucus and increasing the visibility of its services to more rural communities.

CRWA can be reached at (916) 553-4900 or (800) 833-0322. Additional information can also be found on the website www.calruralwater.org.

