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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: 2015 SURVEY ON DROUGHT-RELATED JOB IMPACTS

The Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) and the Employment Development Department (EDD) introduce a new, streamlined survey to report drought-related job impacts. Collecting "real-time" drought-related information is essential for the LWDA and the Governor's Drought Relief Task Force to identify the drought's impact on California's industries, employers, and workers. Through this survey, the LWDA will again be reporting drought survey results to the Task Force on a monthly basis.

The EDD asks that Local Workforce Development Areas (Local Area) and workforce partners complete the <u>Workforce Development Community Drought Survey</u> at regular monthly intervals to help keep the Governor's Drought Relief Task Force current on drought-related job and economic impacts.

Please include any workforce impacts occurring as a direct or indirect result of the drought. Drought-related impacts may extend beyond agriculture or water resources. For example, a trucking company might delay hiring drivers that in normal years would be transporting certain agricultural products, or a resort hotel might reduce work hours for employees when dry conditions result in reduced tourism.

The EDD suggests that Local Areas and workforce partners also encourage employers to take the <u>Employer Survey</u>, specifically for employers to relate the drought's impacts on their businesses. Local Areas and workforce partners may use the <u>Employer Invitation Template</u> to invite employers to participate in this survey.

Should you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Greg Gibson at 916-654-6206 or <u>Greg.Gibson@edd.ca.gov</u>.

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