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## ***CAL/EPA Issues Statement on Waterless Urinals***

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.:** Cal/EPA strongly advocates the use of waterless urinal technology in all buildings, new and old, whenever feasible and supported by the building's plumbing systems. This innovative green technology reduces unnecessary water consumption and increases sustainability.

The Cal/EPA Headquarters' building was originally equipped with 1.6 gallon-per-flush urinals. In an effort to reduce water consumption, in 2006 the building's management decided to explore the use of waterless urinal technology. This technology was evaluated for a number of years, and it has since been determined that, unfortunately, the building's core plumbing systems are not compatible with that waterless urinal technology. Cal/EPA, as part of its continued effort to save water and promote sustainability, has since installed new 0.5 gallon-per-flush urinals.

Cal/EPA strives to spur innovation such as waterless urinals which are a phenomenal technology for saving water. We remain committed to supporting new methods to reduce water consumption, emissions, and waste. The Agency encourages the continued use of waterless urinal technology, and commends these businesses for their technological innovation. The use of waterless urinal technology is an effective way to reduce unnecessary water consumption and promote sustainability.