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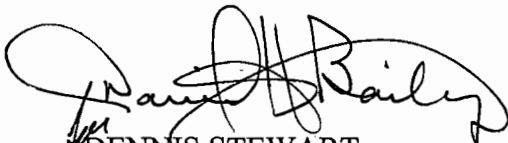
To:

Arthur T. Foley, Director
Program Development Division
Food Stamp Program

This transmits for your approval California's March 14, 2003 request to waive able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) work requirements. The request is for **Alpine, Del Norte, Mendocino, Modoc, and San Joaquin Counties**, who qualify as Labor Surplus Areas (LSAs) based on the Department of Labor's Fiscal Year 2003 list of LSAs. The request for **Mono and Tuolumne Counties** is based on their having, respectively, an unemployment rate exceeding the national average by 20 percent for 24 months. The State's supporting documentation is attached to its request.

California anticipates additional ABAWD waiver requests, which will be forwarded to you after our review.

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Cruise of my staff at (415) 705-1361, extension 307.



DENNIS STEWART
Regional Director
Food Stamp Program
Western Region

Attachment

cc: CA SPO, POI, FSP w/a

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



March 14, 2003

Mr. Dennis Stewart, Regional Director
Western Region
Food and Nutrition Service
Food Stamp Program
550 Kearny Street, Room 400
San Francisco, California 94108-2518

Dear Mr. Stewart:

In accordance with 7 USC Section 2015(0)(4)(A)(ii), the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) requests a partial state waiver from the Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) work requirements from April 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004. Because many counties in California do not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for individuals, the ABAWD waiver is based on two criteria: (1) the labor surplus areas (LSA) classified by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2003 and (2) the unemployment rates exceeding the national average by 20 percent for a 24-month consecutive period.

For the DOL LSAs, the ABAWD waiver is for Alpine, Del Norte, Mendocino, Modoc, and San Joaquin counties based on the LSA list published by DOL on February 13, 2003. LSA classifications are based on the national average unemployment rate falling below five percent from January 2000 through December 2001. As a result, the six percent "floor" rate went into effect for FFY 2003. The DOL LSA list is enclosed with each eligible county underlined.

Under the 20 percent criteria, CDSS is requesting an ABAWD waiver for Mono and Tuolumne counties based on each county's unemployment rate exceeding the national average by 20 percent for 24 months. The 24-month period for all 20 percent counties is the same time DOL used to designate LSA classifications for FFY 2003. Also enclosed is the Employment Development Department's Monthly Labor Force Data for Counties Annual Average lists for 2001 and 2002 with each county's unemployment rate underlined, and a chart showing the 20 percent calculations.

We anticipate additional requests for ABAWD waivers will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Sullivan, Special Projects Manager, Employment Bureau, at (916) 654-1464.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charr Lee Metsker".

CHARR LEE METSKER, Chief
Employment and Eligibility Branch

Enclosures

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS
OCTOBER 01, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

ELIGIBLE LABOR SURPLUS

CIVIL JURISDICTIONS INCLUDED

ARKANSAS (CONT'D)

PINE BLUFF CITY

POINSETT COUNTY
RANDOLPH COUNTY
SHARP COUNTY
ST. FRANCIS COUNTY
VAN BUREN COUNTY
WOODRUFF COUNTY

CALIFORNIA

PINE BLUFF CITY IN
JEFFERSON COUNTY
POINSETT COUNTY
RANDOLPH COUNTY
SHARP COUNTY
ST. FRANCIS COUNTY
VAN BUREN COUNTY
WOODRUFF COUNTY

ALPINE COUNTY

AZUSA CITY

BAKERSFIELD CITY

BALDWIN PARK CITY

BANNING CITY

BELL CITY

BELL GARDENS CITY

BALANCE OF BUTTE COUNTY

CALAVERAS COUNTY
CALEXICO CITY

CERES CITY

CHICO CITY

CLOVIS CITY

COLTON CITY

COLUSA COUNTY

ALPINE COUNTY

AZUSA CITY IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BAKERSFIELD CITY IN
KERN COUNTY
BALDWIN PARK CITY IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BANNING CITY IN
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
BELL CITY IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BELL GARDENS CITY IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BUTTE COUNTY LESS
CHICO CITY
PARADISE CITY
CALAVERAS COUNTY
CALEXICO CITY IN
IMPERIAL COUNTY
CERES CITY IN
STANISLAUS COUNTY
CHICO CITY IN
BUTTE COUNTY
CLOVIS CITY IN
FRESNO COUNTY
COLTON CITY IN
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
COLUSA COUNTY

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LABOR SURPLUS AREAS
OCTOBER 01, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

ELIGIBLE LABOR SURPLUS

CIVIL JURISDICTIONS INCLUDED

CALIFORNIA (CONT'D)

LAKE COUNTY
LAKE ELSINORE CITY

LASSEN COUNTY
LODI CITY _____

LOS ANGELES CITY

LOS BANOS CITY

LYNWOOD CITY

MADERA CITY

BALANCE OF MADERA COUNTY

MANTECA CITY _____

MARINA CITY

MARIPOSA COUNTY
MAYWOOD CITY

MENDOCINO COUNTY
MERCED CITY

BALANCE OF MERCED COUNTY

MODESTO CITY

MODOC COUNTY
BALANCE OF MONTEREY COUNTY

OXNARD CITY

PARAMOUNT CITY

LAKE COUNTY
LAKE ELSINORE CITY IN
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
LASSEN COUNTY

LODI CITY IN
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

LOS ANGELES CITY IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
LOS BANOS CITY IN

MERCED COUNTY
LYNWOOD CITY IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

MADERA CITY IN
MADERA COUNTY
MADERA COUNTY LESS
MADERA CITY

MANTECA CITY IN
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MAYWOOD CITY IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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MERCED COUNTY
MERCED COUNTY LESS
LOS BANOS CITY

MERCED CITY
MODESTO CITY IN
STANISLAUS COUNTY
MODOC COUNTY

MONTEREY COUNTY LESS
MARINA CITY
MONTEREY CITY
SALINAS CITY
SEASIDE CITY
OXNARD CITY IN
VENTURA COUNTY
PARAMOUNT CITY IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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LABOR SURPLUS AREAS
OCTOBER 01, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

ELIGIBLE LABOR SURPLUS

CIVIL JURISDICTIONS INCLUDED

CALIFORNIA (CONT'D)

BALANCE OF SUTTER COUNTY

TEHAMA COUNTY

TRACEY CITY

TRINITY COUNTY

TULARE CITY

BALANCE OF TULARE COUNTY

TURLOCK CITY

VICTORVILLE CITY

VISALIA CITY

WATSONVILLE CITY

YUBA CITY

YUBA COUNTY

COLORADO

CONEJOS COUNTY

COSTILLA COUNTY

DOLORES COUNTY

RIO GRANDE COUNTY

SAGUACHE COUNTY

SAN JUAN COUNTY

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON DC CITY

SUTTER COUNTY LESS

YUBA CITY

TEHAMA COUNTY

TRACEY CITY IN

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

TRINITY COUNTY

TULARE CITY IN

TULARE COUNTY

TULARE COUNTY LESS

PORTERVILLE CITY

TULARE CITY

VISALIA CITY

TURLOCK CITY IN

STANISLAUS COUNTY

VICTORVILLE CITY IN

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

VISALIA CITY IN

TULARE COUNTY

WATSONVILLE CITY IN

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

YUBA CITY IN

SUTTER COUNTY

YUBA COUNTY

CONEJOS COUNTY

COSTILLA COUNTY

DOLORES COUNTY

RIO GRANDE COUNTY

SAGUACHE COUNTY

SAN JUAN COUNTY

WASHINGTON DC CITY IN

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

(CONTINUED)

February 28, 2003

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
ANNUAL AVERAGE 2002 (Revised); 2002 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	RANK	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL		17,404,600	16,241,800	1,162,800	6.7%
ALAMEDA	27	767,900	715,800	52,100	6.8%
ALPINE	38	510	460	50	9.0%
AMADOR	7	15,940	15,240	700	4.4%
BUTTE	34	91,000	84,000	7,000	7.7%
CALAVERAS	30	16,590	15,430	1,160	7.0%
COLUSA	57	9,950	8,320	1,630	16.4%
CONTRA COSTA	14	523,800	496,700	27,100	5.2%
DEL NORTE	40	9,620	8,730	890	9.2%
EL DORADO	11	82,300	78,200	4,100	5.0%
FRESNO	53	398,100	340,900	57,200	14.4%
GLENN	45	11,960	10,740	1,220	10.2%
HUMBOLDT	24	60,200	56,300	3,900	6.5%
IMPERIAL	58	55,800	45,100	10,700	19.2%
INYO	21	7,460	7,020	440	5.9%
KERN	49	297,100	262,000	35,100	11.8%
KINGS	55	47,950	40,980	6,970	14.5%
LAKE	36	25,330	23,200	2,130	8.4%
LASSEN	25	11,710	10,930	780	6.7%
LOS ANGELES	27	4,696,200	4,378,100	318,100	6.8%
MADERA	50	56,600	49,400	7,200	12.7%
MARIN	2	134,400	129,100	5,300	4.0%
MARIPOSA	20	8,840	8,330	510	5.8%
MENDOCINO	31	44,370	41,190	3,180	7.2%
MERCED	53	89,100	76,300	12,800	14.4%
MODOC	25	4,920	4,590	330	6.7%
MONO	18	6,920	6,530	390	5.6%
MONTEREY	46	198,600	177,700	20,900	10.5%
NAPA	5	70,200	67,200	3,000	4.3%
NEVADA	8	48,510	46,320	2,190	4.5%
ORANGE	3	1,560,700	1,496,100	64,600	4.1%
PLACER	8	138,900	132,600	6,300	4.5%
PLUMAS	38	10,120	9,210	910	9.0%
RIVERSIDE	22	794,100	745,400	48,700	6.1%
SACRAMENTO	15	643,100	608,200	34,900	5.4%
SAN BENITO	43	27,810	25,030	2,780	10.0%
SAN BERNARDINO	19	852,800	804,300	48,500	5.7%
SAN DIEGO	5	1,469,000	1,406,000	63,000	4.3%
SAN FRANCISCO	32	423,000	392,100	30,900	7.3%
SAN JOAQUIN	43	274,500	246,900	27,600	10.0%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	1	122,700	118,500	4,200	3.4%
SAN MATEO	11	382,700	363,500	19,200	5.0%
SANTA BARBARA	4	206,000	197,300	8,700	4.2%
SANTA CLARA	36	959,600	879,000	80,600	8.4%
SANTA CRUZ	35	143,700	132,200	11,500	8.0%
SHASTA	33	80,800	74,800	6,000	7.4%
SIERRA	47	1,400	1,240	160	11.1%
SISKIYOU	42	17,620	15,890	1,730	9.8%
SOLANO	16	210,700	199,100	11,600	5.5%
SONOMA	8	266,600	254,600	12,000	4.5%

20 PERCENT COUNTIES

California Department of Social Services

	Unemployment Rates		24 Month	National
	2000	2001	Average	Plus 20%
National	4.00	4.80	4.40	5.3
Mono	5.60	5.20	5.40	
Tuolumne	6.00	5.50	5.75	

$5.290 = 2070$ above

5.4917

5.7958

24 mo. avg