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November 9, 2015

Attn: Keith Wallace
California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
Post Office Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

Subject: Draft Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) 2015
Implementation Grant Recommendations

Dear Mr. Wallace:

On behalf of the San Luis Obispo (SLO) County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the local Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) Lead Agency, I would like to thank you and your department for a thorough review of the numerous Proposition 84 IRWM 2015 Implementation Grant applications submitted for your consideration. We are very pleased to be recommended for funding and are anxious to move forward with the high priority projects that were included in our proposal.

The proposed projects will function to support local IRWM planning and implementation and will greatly assist the SLO County IRWM Region in achieving long-term drought resilience and addressing the Human Right to Water Policy. These projects will strengthen the region by helping to achieve the 2014 IRWM Plan's strategic, long-term vision:

- Greater resilience in the face of uncertain hydrology and climactic fluctuations,
- Integration and improvement of our existing supplies and infrastructure; and
- Improved sustainability.

The projects do this by working at the sub-regional scale to address geographically-unique challenges and to strengthen each sub-region's ability to improve its long-term water resources management. Understanding that your recommendation is draft, we respectfully urge you to maintain the level of funding to support our Region's critical projects to strengthen local water supply reliability.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to develop a grant agreement work plan, schedule and budget that address all of the items noted in the proposal evaluation.

Thank you for considering this comment letter and for recommending funding to the SLO County IRWM Region.

Sincerely,



WADE HORTON
Director of Public Works

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November 5, 2015

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Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
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Post Office Box 942836
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Attn: Keith Wallace

**Subject: San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management 2015 Implementation Grant Proposal: Strengthening Local Water Supply Reliability
Draft Funding Recommendations October 29, 2015**

Dear Mr. Wallace:

On behalf of the Templeton Community Services District, I would like to thank you and your department for a thorough review of the numerous Proposition 84 IRWM 2015 Implementation Grant applications submitted for your consideration. The projects contained in the San Luis Obispo County IRWM proposal will support our local Plan's strategic, long-term vision in achieving long-term drought resilience and addressing the Human Right to Water Policy. The projects do this by working at the sub-regional scale to address geographically-unique challenges and to strengthen each sub-region's ability to improve its long-term water resources management.

We are anxious to move forward with the high priority projects included in our proposal and are looking forward to working with you and your staff to develop a grant agreement work plan, schedule and budget that address all of the items noted in the proposal evaluation.

Thank you for considering this comment letter and recommending funding to the SLO County IRWM Region. We respectfully request that you maintain the level of funding that is contained in the October 29, 2015 draft recommendation, and consider fully funding the proposal to support our Region's critical projects to strengthen local water supply reliability.

Sincerely,

Jeff Briltz
General Manager



Oceano Community Services District

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Attn: Keith Wallace

Subject: Draft Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) 2015 Implementation Grant Recommendations

Dear Mr. Wallace:

On behalf of the Oceano Community Services District (OCSD), a disadvantaged community, I would like to thank you and your department for a thorough review of the numerous Proposition 84 IRWM 2015 Implementation Grant applications submitted for your consideration. We are very pleased to be recommended for funding of the proposal from the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and are anxious to move forward with the high priority work efforts that were included in our proposal.

The proposed efforts of OCSD will function to support local IRWM planning and implementation and will greatly assist the SLO County IRWM Region in achieving long-term drought resilience and addressing the Human Right to Water Policy. These projects will strengthen the region by helping to achieve the 2014 IRWM Plan's strategic, long-term vision:

- Greater resilience in the face of uncertain hydrology and climactic fluctuations,
- Integration and improvement of our existing supplies and infrastructure, and
- Improved sustainability.

In addition to supporting regional efforts, the funding will help to address unique challenges for OCSD, which has limited funding due to our disadvantaged status. The IRWM funding will strengthen our ability to improve groundwater recharge, and reduce leaks in our system infrastructure. Understanding that your recommendation is draft, we respectfully urge you to maintain the level of funding to support our Region's critical projects to strengthen local water supply reliability.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to develop a grant agreement work plan, schedule and budget that address all of the items noted in the proposal evaluation.

Thank you for considering this comment letter and for recommending funding to the SLO County IRWM Region.

Sincerely,



Mary Lucey, President
Oceano Community Services District

San Simeon Community Services District



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November 5, 2015

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Attn: Keith Wallace

Subject: Draft Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) 2015 Implementation Grant Recommendations

Dear Mr. Wallace:

On behalf of San Simeon Community Services District I would like to thank you and your department for a thorough review of the numerous Proposition 84 IRWM 2015 Implementation Grant applications submitted for your consideration. We are very pleased to be recommended for funding and are anxious to move forward with the high priority projects that were included in our proposal.

The proposed projects will function to support local IRWM planning and implementation and will greatly assist the SLO County IRWM Region in achieving long-term drought resilience and addressing the Human Right to Water Policy. These projects will strengthen the region by helping to achieve the 2014 IRWM Plan's strategic, long-term vision:

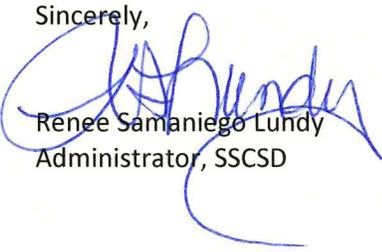
- Greater resilience in the face of uncertain hydrology and climactic fluctuations,
- Integration and improvement of our existing supplies and infrastructure, and
- Improved sustainability.

The projects do this by working at the sub-regional scale to address geographically-unique challenges and to strengthen each sub-region's ability to improve its long-term water resources management. Understanding that your recommendation is draft, we respectfully urge you to maintain the level of funding to support our Region's critical projects to strengthen local water supply reliability.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to develop a grant agreement work plan, schedule and budget that address all of the items noted in the proposal evaluation.

Thank you for considering this comment letter and for recommending funding to the SLO County IRWM Region.

Sincerely,


Renee Samaniego Lundy
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November 3, 2015

California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
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Post Office Box 942836
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Attention: Keith Wallace

**Re: San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management 2015 Implementation
Grant Proposal: Strengthening Local Water Supply Reliability
Draft Funding Recommendations October 29, 2015**

Dear Mr. Wallace,

As the State Assemblyman for California's 35th District I write to you today in strong support of the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management 2015 Implementation Grant Proposal. The suite of projects proposed by the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District the RWMG Lead Agency, was included in the Draft Funding Recommendations issued on October 29, 2015. The draft recommendations call for 75% of the 2015 IRWM Grant funding request for the suite of selected projects.

This suite of projects will function to support local IRWM planning and implementation and will assist the SLO County IRWM Region in achieving long-term drought resilience and addressing the Human Right to Water Policy. These projects will strengthen the region by helping to achieve the 2014 IRWM Plan's strategic, long-term vision of: greater resilience in the face of uncertain hydrology and climactic fluctuations, integration and improvement of our existing supplies and infrastructure, and improved sustainability. The projects do this by working at the sub-regional scale to address geographically-unique challenges and to strengthen each sub-region's ability to improve its long-term water resources management. The proposal includes one project in each of the three IRWM sub-regions.

I appreciate the selection of the SLO County IRWM 2015 Implementation Grant Proposal and respectfully urge you to consider 100% funding to support our Region's critical projects to strengthen local water supply reliability.

Sincerely,

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Khatchik H. "Katcho" Achadjian
35th Assembly District

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November 6, 2015

Mark W. Cowin, Director
California Department of Water Resources
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Dear Director Cowin:

This letter is to express my support for the San Luis Obispo (SLO) County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's request for a \$4.9 million Integrated Regional Water Management 2015 Implementation Grant.

The grant proposal is a package of three local projects that will be implemented in coordination with local community service districts in SLO County to improve long term water access for underserved communities. Specifically, the Templeton Community Services District Upper Salinas River Basin Conjunctive Use Project will implement conjunctive use and conservation projects in rural inland communities to offset groundwater level decline; the San Simeon Community Service District Well Head Treatment Project focuses on water treatment to reduce chloride levels in the homes of disadvantaged residents; and the Oceano Community Service District Water Resources Reliability Program Planning Study will develop a report to evaluate the community's current water supply, opportunities for improvement to access water and prioritize needed water projects.

The Integrated Regional Water Management grant funds requested by the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will directly benefit rural, underserved communities and I ask that you give all due consideration to its request.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William W. Monning".

WILLIAM W. MONNING
Senator, 17th District

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