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**SUBJECT: DRAFT PROPOSITION 84 IRWM
IMPLEMENTATION GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dear Mr. Joseph:

The Nipomo Community Services District (District), a San Luis Obispo Region Project Proponent, would like to thank your department for the significant effort to review and make recommendations for the Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant Applications. As a Project Proponent of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (County) proposal, the District is extremely pleased that DWR recommended funding of the San Luis Obispo Region and is anxious to move forward with the Nipomo Waterline Intertie Project. Implementation of the Nipomo Waterline Intertie Project will deliver high quality drinking water, implement an inter-agency project, protect groundwater resources for the San Luis Obispo Region, and will help alleviate the San Luis Obispo Region's groundwater conflicts—meeting numerous San Luis IRWMP objectives and benefitting the San Luis Obispo Region.

The District supports the County's request that DWR award "Funding Area Balance Points" to the San Luis Obispo Region proposal—placing it as the highest scoring proposal in the funding area, above regions which already received Proposition 50 funding and are recommended for additional Proposition 84 funding, and ask that the DWR rationale of fully funding the area's highest scoring proposal be applied.

The District continues its commitment to work with the County and other regional partners during implementation of the Nipomo Waterline Intertie Project and future projects that preserve precious water and environmental resources. Thank you for the chance to provide comment and for recommending funding to the San Luis Obispo Region.

Very truly yours,

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