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Attachment 2 is mandatory and consists of proof of formal adoption (i.e. a signature page, with dates of signature) for all Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) entities and project proponents adopting the IRWM Plan and other documentation that the IRWM Plan was adopted consistent with CWC §10543 (applicable only to those establishing eligibility with a plan meeting current plan standards and Guideline provisions).

As stated in the previous section, the Kaweah River Basin IRWM group has a functionally equivalent plan. This plan is made up of several management documents and agreements between member agencies that have been developed over time into a regional management framework that functionally equates an IRWM plan. DWR reviewed the elements (management documents and partnering agency agreements) that collectively make-up the Kaweah River Basin IRWM plan and deemed that they were “functionally equivalent” to an IRWM plan. Please review **Attachment 1, Appendix D** for a copy of this confirmation from DWR. Therefore, there is no formal adoption date associated with the Kaweah River Basin IRWM plan because the elements of the plan have been in place for some time and were adopted at different times. However, in a separate effort, DWR evaluated the Kaweah River Basin IRWM region, conditionally approved the region, and documented that the region was eligible for IRWM Planning and Implementation grants from Proposition 84. Please review **Attachment 1, Appendix D** for a copy of this confirmation from DWR. Therefore, it is concluded by the applicant that for the terms of this proposal, the Kaweah River Basin IRWM Plan was adopted prior to September 30, 2008 and therefore the IRWM Plan was not required to be included in this submittal. If this determination has been made in error, the Kaweah Delta WCD is willing to provide a copy of all the management documents and partnering agency agreements that make-up the Kaweah River Basin IRWM plan at DWR’s request.

Also, on January 16, 2013, the District Manager, Mark Larson, met with DWR staff to discuss whether progress since the conditional approval of the Region in 2009 was to a level that was acceptable to allow the District to apply for Round 2 Prop 1E or Implementation Grant funds. DWR staff confirmed that the progress to date was acceptable and that if certain goals were achieved in the next few months then the Region’s application would be considered for funding if it scored competitively against other applicants. Tracie Billington followed up after the meeting and sent a letter to the District dated January 30, 2013 that states the following:

KAWEAH RIVER BASIN IRWM GROUP 2013 PROP 1E GRANT PROPOSAL

Kaweah Delta WCD

“Based on your update and assurances regarding the RAP conditions, DWR will allow the Kaweah River Basin IRWM region to compete in Round 2 IRWM Grant Program solicitations – both SWFM and IRWM Implementation grant programs. As we discussed in the meeting, you must submit the consolidation evaluation report to DWR in June 2013. Upon review of the report, DWR will reassess your RAP conditional approval status.”

You can find a copy of the letter in **Attachment 2, Appendix A**.

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APPENDIX A

**Letter from Tracie Billington regarding Kaweah River Basin
eligibility for grant funds**

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January 30, 2013

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Status of Kaweah River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region

Dear Mr. Larsen:

Thank you very much for meeting with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on January 16, 2013 to discuss the status of Kaweah River Basin IRWM Region and your local coordinated efforts to develop an IRWM Plan and manage comprehensive regional water management activities. During that meeting, we discussed the eligibility of Kaweah River Basin IRWM Region to compete for Round 2 of the Proposition 1E Stormwater Flood Management (SWFM) and Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant Program solicitations.

In September 2009, DWR conditionally accepted the Kaweah River Basin IRWM Region into the IRWM grant program and allowed it to compete in Round 1 solicitations. However, that acceptance was conditional; DWR asked the Kaweah River Basin and Tule IRWM regions to explore options on how to structure the regional boundaries in this area. DWR's intent was to facilitate future communication and cooperation between the regions to develop a single IRWM region that fosters integration and cooperation, and does not result in overlapping and competing planning efforts. Also, nearby "gap" areas, not covered by Kern, Poso Creek, Tule, Kaweah River Basin, or Southern Sierra IRWM regions should be evaluated.

DWR appreciates Kaweah River Basin IRWM Region's efforts to diligently meet the requirements mentioned above. You mentioned that one of the elements of the ongoing Kaweah River Basin IRWM Plan development effort is a thorough evaluation of the possibility and effectiveness of the consolidation of the Kaweah and Tule IRWM regions. You also mentioned that this evaluation effort is scheduled to be reviewed by the two regions in June 2013.

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DWR is committed to foster IRWM in your region and will provide necessary cooperation and support to make your region successful.

If you have any questions, please contact Zaffar Eusuff at (916) 651-9266 or meusuff@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tracie L. Billington".

Tracie L. Billington, P.E., Chief
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