

## Attachment 1

### Letters of Support

Note: This application originally contained a project entitled, “Disadvantaged Community Water Supply, Water Quality, and Water Conservation Program,” which included water supply and wastewater improvement projects for three different small disadvantaged communities in the Salinas Valley. Unfortunately that project had to be removed from the application, just one week prior to the application due date. The letters of support that follow were written in support of both projects, “Disadvantaged Community Water Supply, Water Quality, and Water Conservation Program” and “Castroville Water Supply and Conservation (Well #6).” Letters of support have been obtained from the following individuals:

Congressman Sam Farr – US Congressional District 20  
Senator Bill Monning – California State Senate District 17  
Assemblymember Luis Alejo – California State Assembly District 30  
Assemblymember Mark Stone – California State Assembly District 29  
Supervisor Simón Salinas – Chair, Monterey County Board of Supervisors, District 3  
Ray Bullick – Director of Health, Monterey County Department of Health  
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July 27, 2015

Ms. Tracie Billington  
California Department of Water Resources  
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Dear Ms. Billington:

I am writing to draw your attention to the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group's application for 2015 Implementation Grant funds under the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The Greater Monterey County Region's proposal will address critical water supply and wastewater needs for four disadvantaged communities within the region. The proposal will: provide potable drinking water supplies for two communities, address a public health threat in one community due to a failed septic system, and enable a fourth community to construct a stormwater diversion project to prevent seasonal flooding and to move forward with planning for a recycled water facility. All four communities will also benefit from water conservation programs, consisting of installation of "water saver" plumbing fixtures, grey water connections, rainwater collection features, and low-water use landscaping, and education.

The proposal will support local water supply resiliency, long-term drought preparedness, and healthy living conditions for disadvantaged communities in Monterey County, and will help the Region address the Human Right to Water Policy – providing clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. I urge the Department of Water Resources to consider funding the full amount of this budget request.

Therefore, I am writing to request that you give the Greater Monterey County Region's grant proposal full due consideration. Should you have any further questions please contact my Salinas office at (831) 424-2229.

Sincerely,

  
SAM FARR  
Member of Congress

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Mark W. Cowin, Director  
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Dear Director Cowin:

This letter is to express my support for the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group's application for \$4.9 million from the Integrated Regional Water Management's 2015 Implementation grant for the Castroville Water Supply Well #6 Project and Disadvantaged Community Water Supply, Water Quality, and Water Conservation Program.

The Castroville Water Supply Well #6 Project will provide water supply from a deep aquifer that is not susceptible to seawater intrusion. Funds would also support the Disadvantaged Community Water Supply, Water Quality, and Water Conservation Program, which consists of projects for three disadvantaged communities in the Salinas Valley.

The Greater Monterey County Region's proposed Castroville Water Supply Well #6 and Disadvantaged Community Water Supply, Water Quality, and Water Conservation Program will provide clean, affordable and accessible water for human consumption, and I ask that you give all due consideration to its request for Integrated Regional Water Management 2015 Implementation grant funds.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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July 21, 2015

Ms. Tracie Billington  
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Dear Ms. Billington,

As the California State Assembly representative of the 30th District, I am writing to express my strong support of the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group's application for 2015 Implementation Grant funds under the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

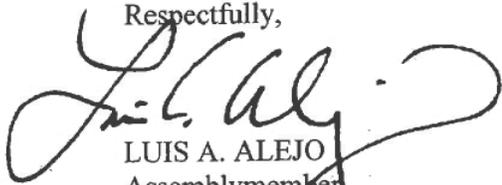
The Greater Monterey County Region's proposal will address critical water supply and wastewater needs for four disadvantaged communities within the region. The proposal will enable two communities to obtain safe drinking water, will address a public health threat concerning wastewater, and will enable another community to move forward with planning for a recycled water facility. All four communities will also benefit from water conservation programs. The proposal will support local water supply resiliency, long-term drought preparedness, and healthy living conditions for these disadvantaged communities.

As you may know, as Chair of the Environmental, Safety and Toxic Materials Committee, I have taken a leadership role at the state level in addressing the drinking water and wastewater needs of disadvantaged communities. I was instrumental in obtaining funds for the Greater Monterey County IRWM region to conduct a major planning effort to identify drinking water and wastewater issues for disadvantaged communities within the Salinas Valley, and to identify potential solutions. That study is currently underway. Two of the projects contained with the Region's IRWM Implementation Grant proposal – Alpine Court (failed septic system) and San Vicente Road (high nitrates in drinking water) – were identified through the planning study. In following through with our commitment to these communities, I urge the Department of Water Resources to consider funding the full amount of this budget request.



I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for the Greater Monterey County Region's grant proposal. The proposal will help the Greater Monterey County Region address the Human Right to Water Policy – providing clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes – and will enable four disadvantaged communities to enjoy healthier living conditions. If you have any questions, please contact me at my District Office at (831) 759-8676. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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LUIS A. ALEJO  
Assemblymember  
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July 24, 2015

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Dear Ms. Billington:

I am writing in support for the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group's (Group) application for 2015 Implementation Grant funds under the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program. This proposal will address critical water supply and wastewater needs for four disadvantaged communities within the region.

Monterey County faces substantial challenges in providing drinking water to residents due to minimal available water supply and significant water contamination. In addition to helping provide clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, this proposal will launch a water conservation program at each location included in the project. These conservation efforts will consist of the installation of "water saver" plumbing fixtures, grey water connections, rainwater collection features, and low-water use landscaping, paired with education.

The Castroville Water Supply Well #6 project will serve one of the most vulnerable populations within my district. The community's drinking water supply is under imminent threat of contamination by seawater intrusion, a situation increasing in urgency due to the drought. Likely within the next year, the Castroville Community Services District (District) expects that seawater intrusion will contaminate the District's existing wells. The proposed Well #6 will provide a more sustainable, reliable, potable water supply sourced from the deep aquifer. Without this project, customers will face significant rate increases, making water unaffordable for most members of this low-income community. The District may need to truck in bottled water to their 7,000 customers as an emergency short-term solution. State assistance for this project is urgently needed, and I encourage you to consider fully funding the Group's request.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (831) 649-2832.

Sincerely,

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Mark Stone  
Assemblymember  
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# MONTEREY COUNTY



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July 17, 2015

Ms. Tracie Billington  
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Dear Ms. Billington:

This letter is to express my support for the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group's application for 2015 Implementation Grant funds under the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program. The proposal will address critical water supply and wastewater needs of four disadvantaged communities within Monterey County, including three communities that are within my district.

One of those communities, San Vicente Road, is on a Bottled Water Order from the County due to excess nitrates in their drinking water. This project will create a new water supply connection with the City of Soledad and provide a long-term solution to this community's drinking water problems. A second community, Alpine Court, is in critical need of a new septic system, which has failed. The County has ordered the community to get a new system, recognizing it as a serious public health threat, but the community is unable to purchase a new system without financial assistance. The third project, located at San Jerardo Cooperative, consists of a small stormwater diversion project to prevent seasonal flooding of roadways, and planning for a recycled water treatment facility. The reclaimed water will be used for irrigation, providing greater water supply reliability for the community.

The proposal will help the Greater Monterey County Region address the Human Right to Water Policy, providing clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes, and will enable disadvantaged communities in Monterey County to enjoy healthier living conditions.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for the greater Monterey County Region's grant proposal. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Simón Salinas, Chair  
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# MONTEREY COUNTY



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July 17, 2015

Ms. Tracie Billington  
California Department of Water Resources  
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Dear Ms. Billington:

This letter is to express my support for the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group's application for 2015 Implementation Grant funds under the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The Greater Monterey County Region's proposal will address critical water supply and wastewater needs for four disadvantaged communities within the region. The proposal will enable two communities to obtain safe drinking water, will address a public health threat concerning wastewater, and will enable another community to move forward with planning for a recycled water facility. All four communities will also benefit from water conservation programs. The proposal will support local water supply resiliency, long-term drought preparedness, and healthy living conditions for these disadvantaged communities.

As you may know, the Environmental Health Bureau has been actively working to address the drinking water and wastewater problems of disadvantaged communities within the County of Monterey. We are supporting the Greater Monterey County IRWM regional planning effort to identify drinking water and wastewater issues for disadvantaged communities within the Salinas Valley, and to identify potential solutions. That study is currently underway. Two of the projects contained with the Region's IRWM Implementation Grant proposal – Alpine Court (failed septic system) and San Vicente Road (high nitrates in drinking water) – are included in the planning study. In following through with our commitment to these communities, we encourage the Department of Water Resources to consider funding the full amount of this budget request.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for the Greater Monterey County Region's grant proposal. The proposal will help the Greater Monterey County Region address the Human Right to Water Policy – providing clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes – and will enable four disadvantaged communities to enjoy healthier living conditions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ray Bullick  
Director of Health  
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# MONTEREY COUNTY

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July 24, 2015

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Dear Ms. Billington:

On behalf of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, I would like to express support for the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group's application for 2015 Implementation Grant funds under the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program. The proposal will address critical water supply and wastewater needs for four disadvantaged communities within Monterey County, and will provide long-term drought preparedness, water supply resiliency, and healthier living conditions for these communities.

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency has a special interest in the project, "Castroville Water Supply Well #6." The disadvantaged community of Castroville is located on the "front line" of seawater intrusion. Although the Agency has successfully implemented major infrastructure projects to slow the advancement of seawater intrusion, seawater has continued to advance in the county's coastal aquifers. If advancement continues we estimate that the community of Castroville's water supply will be contaminated in the near future. State funds will enable the Castroville Community Services District to dig a deeper well where seawater intrusion will pose no threat, now or in the future, to the water supply for their 7,000 customers.

I appreciate this opportunity to express my support for the Greater Monterey County Region's grant proposal. I urge the Department of Water Resources to consider funding the full amount of this budget request to resolve this urgent problem. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Robert Johnson  
Deputy General Manager



July 30, 2015

Ms. Tracie Billington  
California Department of Water Resources  
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management  
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Dear Ms. Billington:

This letter is to express my support for the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group's application for 2015 Implementation Grant funds under the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The Greater Monterey County Region's proposal will address critical water supply needs for a disadvantaged community within the region. The proposal will enable the town of Castroville, an unincorporated community, to obtain safe drinking water and benefit from water conservation programs. Ecology Action is pleased to contribute to the water conservation engagement campaign that will support Castroville residents and businesses to adopt appropriate water conservation technologies and increase water efficiency. Ecology Action is the leading provider of hands-on conservation workshops the region on greywater installation, rainwater harvesting, irrigation efficiency, turf removal and climate appropriate landscaping, and many other ecological landscaping practices. These workshops are primarily funded and take place the more affluent areas of the Monterey Bay, and there has never been funding for workshops specific to the community of Castroville. Castroville residents must currently travel more than ½ hour one way to Santa Cruz or Monterey to attend conservation-related public education events that are taught in English. We are thrilled to have the opportunity offer Castroville residents bilingual resources and direct installation support to achieve their conservation potential. The Castroville community lies in the heart of an aquifer that is threatened by seawater intrusion. A successful water conservation and green infrastructure campaign focusing on practical and low-cost strategies to conserve potable water will support local water supply resiliency, long-term drought preparedness, and healthy living conditions for this disadvantaged community.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for the Greater Monterey County Region's grant proposal. The proposal will help the Greater Monterey County Region address the Human Right to Water Policy - providing clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes - and will enable residents of the Castroville disadvantaged community to enjoy healthier living conditions. I urge the Department of Water Resources to consider funding the full amount of this budget request. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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**Subject: Support for the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group's application for 2015 Implementation Grant funds under the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program**

Dear Ms. Billington:

This letter is to express the support of The Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW) for the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group's application for 2015 Implementation Grant funds under the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

As you know, EJCW is both a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and a statewide coalition of community-based organizations, building a movement for just, fair, and democratic water governance. EJCW has played a particularly pronounced and direct role in the development of the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group's approach to disadvantaged communities. EJCW's work includes having conducted significant outreach and education to disadvantaged communities and tribes during the planning phase and, now, includes leading the Salinas Valley Disadvantaged Community Pilot Planning Project.

The Greater Monterey County Region's proposal will address critical water supply and wastewater needs for four disadvantaged communities within the region. The proposal will enable two communities to obtain safe drinking water, will address a public health threat concerning wastewater, and will enable another community to move forward with planning for a recycled water facility. All four communities will also benefit from water conservation programs. The proposal will support local water supply resiliency, long-term drought preparedness, and healthy living conditions for these disadvantaged communities.

Two of the projects contained with the Region's IRWM Implementation Grant proposal – Alpine Court (failed septic system) and San Vicente Road (high nitrates in drinking water) – were identified through

the planning project. In following through with our commitment to these communities, EJCW urges the Department of Water Resources to consider funding the full amount of this budget request.

The Greater Monterey County Region's grant proposal will help the Greater Monterey County Region advance the realization of the Human Right to Water (AB 685) – clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes – and will enable four disadvantaged communities to enjoy healthier living conditions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Colin Bailey, J.D.