

San Luis Obispo County Integrated Proposal Consent Form

Consent Form

Attachment 14 consists of a signed Consent Form (Exhibit A) and supporting documentation for the Consent Form. Supporting documentation includes San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (County) Resolution 2010-357 (Exhibit B). This resolution was adopted on December 7, 2010 and designates the Director of Public Works of the County of San Luis Obispo as an authorized representative to submit the application and execute an agreement with the State of California for an Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant. Regional Water Management Group support and other letters of support are also included in this attachment and discussed below.

Regional Water Management Group

The following table lists the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) members as of the date of this proposal. Copies of the executed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) are included as Exhibit C. As outlined in the MOU, RWMG members participate in IRWM activities for the region via Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) meetings and actions. A WRAC support letter for the County's authorization of the Director of Public Works to submit this proposal is included as Exhibit D.

San Luis Obispo County Region Regional Water Management Group Members

Agency or Group	Date
Los Osos CSD	4/20/2009
Nipomo CSD	4/9/2009
Oceano CSD*	5/27/2009
Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District	7/17/2009
San Luis Obispo (SLO) County	4/21/2009
SLO County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	4/21/2009
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Morro Bay National Estuary Program	12/2/2009
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Letter of Support

Letters of support are included with this proposal as Exhibit E, which includes a letter of support from Assemblyman Khatchik Achadjian, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, the County Board of Supervisors, the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District, Morro Bay National Estuary Program, and the Sierra Club.

Exhibit A

Consent Form
IRWM Plan Update

Applicant: San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

IRWM Region: San Luis Obispo County Region

RWMG: San Luis Obispo County RWMG

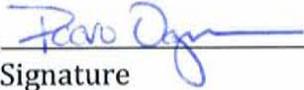
Date of Adoption: December 6, 2005

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Paavo Ogren
Name of Authorized Representative


Signature

Director of Public Works
Title of Authorized Representative

12/16/2010
Date

Exhibit B

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
of the
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD
CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

Tuesday December 7, 2010

PRESENT: Supervisors Bruce S. Gibson, Adam Hill, James R. Patterson and
Chairperson Frank Mecham

ABSENT: Supervisor K.H. 'Katcho' Achadjian

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-357

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
TO FILE APPLICATIONS AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS
FOR INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, the State of California has established an Integrated Regional Water Management grant program pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 75001 et seq.) (Also known as Proposition 84); and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment 1), which has been signed by the agencies listed in Attachment 2 and who constitute the Regional Water Management Group for the San Luis Obispo County Region as of the date of this resolution, designates the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, as the lead agency, to submit Integrated Regional Water Management grants; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works is especially suited to ensure that grant application materials related to water projects are prepared in a complete, efficient, and adequate manner; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has the authority to ensure that projects are carried out in full compliance with the applicable permits and agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Flood Control and Water Conservation District of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, that applications be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management Planning or Implementation Grants pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 75001 et seq.), and to enter into agreements to receive grants for the San Luis Obispo County Region's Integrated Regional Water Management Program. The Director of Public Works of the County of San Luis Obispo is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, make investigations, file such applications, sign the consent form required for Round 1 Implementation Grant Funding (Attachment 3), and execute grant agreements (approved as to form by County Counsel) with the California Department of Water Resources.

Upon motion of Supervisor Patterson, seconded by Supervisor Gibson, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Patterson, Gibson, Hill and Chairperson Mecham

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor K.H. 'Katcho' Achadjian

ABSTAINING: None

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Frank Mecham
Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie L. Rodewald
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: /s/Sandy Currens
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

WARREN R. JENSEN
County Counsel

By: /s/Patrick J. Foran
Deputy County Counsel
Dated: 11/18/2010

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of San Luis Obispo,

I, Julie L. Rodewald, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this 10th day of December, 2010.

(SEAL)

County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
of Supervisors

By Sandy Currens Deputy Clerk.

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Memorandum of Mutual Understandings

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signatories anticipate the potential need for future agreements on specific projects or programs that may be considered for grant applications.

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5.1 Need for the Region's IRWMP

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5.2 Subject matter scope of the IRWMP. The IRWMP focuses on water supply, water quality protection and improvement, ecosystem preservation and restoration, groundwater monitoring and management, and flood management as these are the most prevalent water resource issues facing the Region.

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The Salinas Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan region borders the Region to the north and the Santa Barbara County IRWMP region border the Region on the South. Coordination with agencies in Kern County developing an IRWMP region at the time of initial execution of this MOU will be important for identifying any water resources issues overlapping with the Region in the future.

Water resources issues that overlap with neighboring regional boundaries are either covered by existing cooperative water management plans (i.e. Nacitone Watershed Management Plan), adjudication (i.e. Santa Maria Groundwater Basin), and operational agreements (i.e. Nacimiento and Salinas Reservoirs), or there is no defining water resource management issue at this time (i.e. Kern County region boundary). All of these items are to be included in the Region's IRWM Plan consistent with the IRWMPs of neighboring regions. The RWMG will continue to coordinate with neighboring regions to address additional water resources issues in our respective IRWMPs.

5.4 Approach to developing and implementing the IRWMP

5.4.1 Signatories. Signatories to this MOU, including the District, that make up the RWMG are responsible for the development of the IRWMP.

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5.4.3 RWMG Member Responsibilities. All members, in a timely fashion, will provide information sufficient to meet State guidelines for their regional projects and programs to be included in the IRWMP and participate in the review of the IRWMP. All Members will participate in the process to select IRWMP regional projects and programs for grant applications. Members responsible for the implementation of regional projects and programs awarded grant funding will be responsible, through contract with the District, for complying with the provisions of the District's grant agreement with the State. Members will provide the District with their designated representative's contact information. Members will adopt the IRWMP in accordance with 5.5 and 5.6 below.

5.4.4 Stakeholder Participation. RWMG Members and other regional stakeholder groups participate in the IRWMP development process by way of presentations to the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC). Stakeholders that are not WRAC members will be notified of when an IRWMP item will be reviewed by the WRAC. Sub-regional meetings may be required to ensure all stakeholders, including disadvantaged communities, who may not necessarily be able to attend WRAC meetings, can participate in IRWMP development.

5.4.5 IRWMP Development and Implementation. The Region's IRWMP that was adopted by the District, developed in coordination with and approved by stakeholders in 2005, and updated in 2007, will be the basis for the next and subsequent adopted IRWMPs for the Region. The RWMG will propose changes to the previous versions of the IRWMP to comply with new State guidelines and incorporate new information and projects, for review and approval in accordance with 5.5 and 5.6 below. Since a key element of the IRWM Program is integration, the RWMG will work with other WRAC Members to identify water management strategies for the region and the priority projects that demonstrate how these strategies work together to protect and improve water quality; improve regional water supply reliability and security; protect, enhance and restore the region's natural resources; monitor, protect, and improve the region's groundwater; and develop, fund, and implement an integrated, watershed approach to flood management. Regional projects and programs would be categorized and opportunities to identify regional benefits of linkages between multiple water management strategies among projects and programs of separate service functions and to see where projects and programs of separate service functions may further interrelate, e.g. wastewater treatment and water recycling or habitat restoration.

5.5 Decision-making. The WRAC will serve as the main advisor to the RWMG on decisions to be made on the IRWMP. Written consensus will be sought between the representatives of RWMG members in the event the need for a decision arises that cannot be brought forth to the WRAC before a decision needs to be made.

5.6 Adoption of the IRWMP. IRWMP approval and adoption will occur by the governing bodies of RWMG Members. IRWMP updates to meet new State guidelines, add new RWMG Members, add or remove regional projects and programs, or other updates to information do not require IRWMP re-adoption. Significant changes to the IRWMP, including revised goals and objectives, revised regional boundaries, or other changes deemed significant by the RWMG, will require re-adoption of the IRWMP.

5.7 Non-binding nature. This document and participation in this IRWMP effort are nonbinding, and in no way suggest that a RWMG Member may not continue its own planning and undertake efforts to secure project funding from any source. An agency may withdraw from participation at any time.

5.8 Personnel and financial resources. It is expected that RWMG members will contribute the resources necessary to fulfill the responsibilities in 5.4.3 above.

5.9 Other on-going regional efforts. Development of the IRWMP is separate from efforts of other organizations to develop water-related plans on a regional basis. As the IRWMP is developed, work products can be shared with these separate efforts to provide them with current information. Cooperative agreements between specific RWMG members for implementation of specific projects or programs are included as attachments to this MOU.

5.10 Reports and communications. The WRAC, an IRWM contact list and the District's website will serve as the forum for updates and correspondence relating to the development of the IRWMP.

5.11 Termination. Because the IRWMP will require periodic review and updating for use into the future, it is envisioned that the joint efforts of those involved will be ongoing in maintaining a living document. Thus this MOU will remain as a reflection of the understandings of the RWMG Members. As indicated, individual signatories of this MOU may terminate their involvement at any time.

6. SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS

We, the undersigned representatives of our respective agencies, acknowledge the above as our understanding of how the San Luis Integrated Regional Water Management Plan will be developed.

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
FLOOD CONTROL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: BRUCE S. GIBSON
Chairman,
Board of San Luis Obispo County
Flood Control and
Water Conservation District

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Dated: 4/10/09

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San Luis Obispo County Region
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Regional Water Management Group

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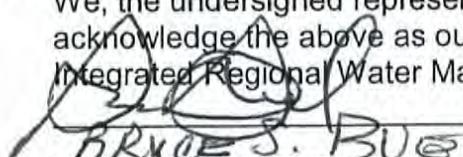
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San Luis Obispo County
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
Memorandum of Mutual Understandings

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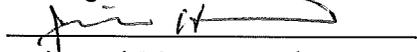
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Oceano Community Services District agency
December 27, 2010 date

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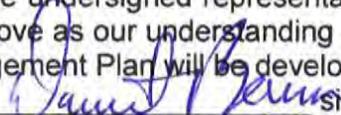
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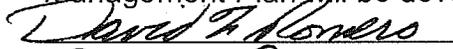
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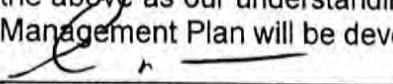
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2.1 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). A comprehensive plan for a defined geographic area, in this case the San Luis Obispo County Region, the specific development, content, and adoption of which shall satisfy requirements of California's IRWM Program and relevant codes. At a minimum, an IRWMP describes the major water-related objectives and conflicts within a region, considers a broad variety of water management strategies, identifies the appropriate mix of water demand and supply management alternatives, water quality protections, and environmental stewardship actions to provide long-term, reliable, and high-quality water supply and protect the environment, and identifies disadvantaged communities in the region and takes the water-related needs of those communities into consideration.

2.2 San Luis Obispo County Region (Region). The geographic area, which is coterminous with the San Luis Obispo County and the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District boundary, covered by the IRWMP.

2.3 Local Agency. Any city, county, city and county, special district, joint powers authority, or other political subdivision of the state, a public utility as defined in Section 216 of the Public Utilities Code, or a mutual water company as defined in Section 2725 of the Public Utilities Code.

2.4 Regional Water Management Group (RWMG). A group in which three or more local agencies, at least two of which have statutory authority over water supply or water management, as well as those other persons who may be necessary for the development and implementation of an IRWMP, participate by means of a joint powers agreement, memorandum of understanding, or other written agreement, as appropriate, that is approved by the governing bodies of those local agencies. The Region's RWMG Members are signatories to this MOU and may designate a representative to participate in RWMG activities.

2.5 Regional Projects or Programs. Projects or programs to be implemented by signatories of this MOU identified in an IRWMP that accomplish any of the following:

(a) Reduce water demand through agricultural and urban water use efficiency.

(b) Increase water supplies for any beneficial use through the use of any of the following, or other, means:

- (1) Groundwater storage and conjunctive water management.
- (2) Desalination.
- (3) Precipitation enhancement.
- (4) Water recycling.
- (5) Regional and local surface storage.
- (6) Water-use efficiency.
- (7) Stormwater management.

(c) Improve operational efficiency and water supply reliability, including conveyance facilities, system reoperation, and water transfers.

(d) Improve water quality, including drinking water treatment and distribution, groundwater and aquifer remediation, matching water quality to water use, wastewater treatment, water pollution prevention, and management of urban and agricultural runoff.

(e) Improve resource stewardship, including agricultural lands stewardship, ecosystem restoration, flood plain management, recharge area protection, urban land use management, groundwater management, water-dependent recreation, fishery restoration, including fish passage improvement, and watershed management.

(f) Improve flood management through structural and nonstructural means, or by any other means.

2.6 Local Projects or Programs. Cooperative agreements between specific RWMG members for implementation of specific projects or programs that are approved by the RWMG are included in the definition of Regional Projects or Programs.

2.6 Regional Reports or Studies. Reports or studies relating to any of the matters described in 3.5 (a) to (f), that are identified in the IRWMP.

2.7 Service Function. A water-related individual service function provided by an agency, i.e. water supply, water quality, wastewater, recycled water, water conservation, stormwater/flood control, watershed planning, and aquatic habitat protection and restoration.

2.8 Integration. Assembling into one document the water-related management strategies, projects and plans in the Region. The first phase would be to identify water management strategies for the region and the priority projects that demonstrate how these strategies work together to provide reliable water supply, protect or improve water quality, provide watershed protection and planning, and provide environmental restoration protection. Projects and plans would be categorized and opportunities to identify regional benefits of linkages between multiple water management strategies among projects and plans of separate service functions and to see where projects and plans of separate service functions may further interrelate, e.g. wastewater treatment and water recycling or habitat restoration.

2.9 Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC). This is the committee comprised of water purveyor, resource conservation district, environmental and agricultural representatives that was originally established in the 1940's to advise the Board of Supervisors for the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water

Conservation District (District) on water resource issues. The WRAC meets monthly, with the exception of July and August, and is subject to the Brown Act. The members of the WRAC with the authority to enter into an MOU are the same agencies that would comprise a RWMG to support the region's IRWM planning efforts. Therefore, RWMG Members and other regional stakeholder groups participate in the IRWMP development process by way of presentations to the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC).

3. GOALS OF THE IRWMP

The goals of the IRWMP are to without unfairly burdening communities, neighborhoods, or individuals:

3.1 Protect and improve water quality for beneficial uses consistent with regional interests and the Basin Plan in cooperation with local and state agencies and regional stakeholders.

3.2 Improve regional water supply reliability and security, reduce dependence on imported water, reduce water rights disputes and protect watershed communities from drought with a focus on interagency conjunctive use of regional water resources.

3.3 Protect, enhance and restore the region's natural resources including open spaces; fish, wildlife and migratory bird habitat; special status and native plants; wetlands; estuarine, marine, and coastal ecosystems; streams, lakes, and reservoirs; forests; and agricultural lands.

3.4 Monitor, protect, and improve the regions groundwater through a collaborative approach designed to reduce conflicts.

3.5 Develop, fund, and implement an integrated, watershed approach to flood management through a collaborative and community supported process.

4. IRWMP PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

Development and implementation of the Region's IRWMP is a collaborative effort undertaken by the RWMG. The RWMG is being led by the District, in partnership with other signatories to this MOU. The IRWMP will be developed in coordination with the WRAC. However, only regional projects and programs to be implemented by signatories to this MOU will be eligible for grant applications. The signatories entering into this MOU are specifying their shared intent to coordinate and collaborate on water management issues as expressed in Section 3. Goals of the IRWMP and in accordance with Section 5, Mutual Understandings. The signatories anticipate the potential need for future agreements on specific projects or programs that may be considered for grant applications.

5. MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS

5.1 Need for the Region's IRWMP

5.1.1 To improve communication and cooperation between public and private agencies and minimize conflict-generated solutions.

5.1.2 To enhance our existing water management efforts by increasing stakeholder awareness of important issues, providing more opportunities for

collaborative efforts and improving efficiencies in government and water management.

5.13 To qualify for state grants and other funding opportunities only available to those regions which have developed an IRWMP.

5.2 Subject matter scope of the IRWMP. The IRWMP focuses on water supply, water quality protection and improvement, ecosystem preservation and restoration, groundwater monitoring and management, and flood management as these are the most prevalent water resource issues facing the Region.

5.3 Geographical scope of the IRWMP. The Region for this memorandum is coterminous with the boundary of San Luis Obispo County. This is an appropriate geographic region for integrated regional water management planning because it encompasses all aspects of water management generally within the same physical, political, environmental, social, and economic boundaries.

The Salinas Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan region borders the Region to the north and the Santa Barbara County IRWMP region border the Region on the South. Coordination with agencies in Kern County developing an IRWMP region at the time of initial execution of this MOU will be important for identifying any water resources issues overlapping with the Region in the future. Water resources issues that overlap with neighboring regional boundaries are either covered by existing cooperative water management plans (i.e. Nacitone Watershed Management Plan), adjudication (i.e. Santa Maria Groundwater Basin), and operational agreements (i.e. Nacimiento and Salinas Reservoirs), or there is no defining water resource management issue at this time (i.e. Kern County region boundary). All of these items are to be included in the Region's IRWM Plan consistent with the IRWMPs of neighboring regions. The RWMG will continue to coordinate with neighboring regions to address additional water resources issues in our respective IRWMPs.

5.4 Approach to developing and implementing the IRWMP

5.4.1 Signatories. Signatories to this MOU, including the District, that make up the RWMG are responsible for the development of the IRWMP.

5.4.2 Lead Agency. The District will act as the lead agency, ultimately responsible for the final production of the Region's IRWMP, presentations to stakeholders, submittal of IRWM grant applications, execution of grant agreements with the State, and execution of agreements with RWMG members responsible for the implementation of projects that are awarded grants.

5.4.3 RWMG Member Responsibilities. All members, in a timely fashion, will provide information sufficient to meet State guidelines for their regional projects and programs to be included in the IRWMP and participate in the review of the IRWMP. All Members will participate in the process to select IRWMP regional projects and programs for grant applications. Members responsible for the implementation of regional projects and programs awarded grant funding will be responsible, through contract with the District, for complying with the provisions of the District's grant agreement with the State. Members will provide the District with their designated representative's contact information. Members will adopt the IRWMP in accordance with 5.5 and 5.6 below.

5.4.4 Stakeholder Participation. RWMG Members and other regional stakeholder groups participate in the IRWMP development process by way of presentations to the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC). Stakeholders that are not WRAC members will be notified of when an IRWMP item will be reviewed by the WRAC. Sub-regional meetings may be required to ensure all stakeholders, including disadvantaged communities, who may not necessarily be able to attend WRAC meetings, can participate in IRWMP development.

5.4.5 IRWMP Development and Implementation. The Region's IRWMP that was adopted by the District, developed in coordination with and approved by stakeholders in 2005, and updated in 2007, will be the basis for the next and subsequent adopted IRWMPs for the Region. The RWMG will propose changes to the previous versions of the IRWMP to comply with new State guidelines and incorporate new information and projects, for review and approval in accordance with 5.5 and 5.6 below. Since a key element of the IRWM Program is integration, the RWMG will work with other WRAC Members to identify water management strategies for the region and the priority projects that demonstrate how these strategies work together to protect and improve water quality; improve regional water supply reliability and security; protect, enhance and restore the region's natural resources; monitor, protect, and improve the region's groundwater; and develop, fund, and implement an integrated, watershed approach to flood management. Regional projects and programs would be categorized and opportunities to identify regional benefits of linkages between multiple water management strategies among projects and programs of separate service functions and to see where projects and programs of separate service functions may further interrelate, e.g. wastewater treatment and water recycling or habitat restoration.

5.5 Decision-making. The WRAC will serve as the main advisor to the RWMG on decisions to be made on the IRWMP. Written consensus will be sought between the representatives of RWMG members in the event the need for a decision arises that cannot be brought forth to the WRAC before a decision needs to be made.

5.6 Adoption of the IRWMP. IRWMP approval and adoption will occur by the governing bodies of RWMG Members. IRWMP updates to meet new State guidelines, add new RWMG Members, add or remove regional projects and programs, or other updates to information do not require IRWMP re-adoption. Significant changes to the IRWMP, including revised goals and objectives, revised regional boundaries, or other changes deemed significant by the RWMG, will require re-adoption of the IRWMP.

5.7 Non-binding nature. This document and participation in this IRWMP effort are nonbinding, and in no way suggest that a RWMG Member may not continue its own planning and undertake efforts to secure project funding from any source. An agency may withdraw from participation at any time.

5.8 Personnel and financial resources. It is expected that RWMG members will contribute the resources necessary to fulfill the responsibilities in 5.4.3 above.

5.9 Other on-going regional efforts. Development of the IRWMP is separate from efforts of other organizations to develop water-related plans on a regional basis. As the IRWMP is developed, work products can be shared with these separate

efforts to provide them with current information. Cooperative agreements between specific RWMG members for implementation of specific projects or programs are included as attachments to this MOU.

5.10 Reports and communications. The WRAC, an IRWM contact list and the District's website will serve as the forum for updates and correspondence relating to the development of the IRWMP.

5.11 Termination. Because the IRWMP will require periodic review and updating for use into the future, it is envisioned that the joint efforts of those involved will be ongoing in maintaining a living document. Thus this MOU will remain as a reflection of the understandings of the RWMG Members. As indicated, individual signatories of this MOU may terminate their involvement at any time.

6. SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS

We, the undersigned representatives of our respective agencies, acknowledge the above as our understanding of how the San Luis Integrated Regional Water Management Plan will be developed.

<u><i>Chuck Pritchard</i></u>	signature
<u>Chuck Pritchard, Board President</u>	printed name
<u>Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District</u>	agency
<u>The <i>28th</i> day of <i>May</i>, 2009</u>	date

Exhibit D



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December 1, 2010

Honorable Frank Mecham
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
County of San Luis Obispo
976 Osos Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040

Subject: Proposition 84 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management
Implementation Grant Application for the San Luis Obispo County
Region

Dear Chairperson Mecham:

The County Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) in its July 2010 meeting voted unanimously to support the projects to be included in a Proposition 84 Round 1 Implementation Grant Application for the Integrated Regional Water Management Program for the San Luis Obispo County Region. The WRAC in its December 2010 meeting voted unanimously to recommend that your Board authorize the Director of Public Works to submit the grant application for the San Luis Obispo County Region.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL WINN
Chairperson, Water Resources Advisory Committee

cc: SLO County Board of Supervisors w/attachments

Purpose of the Committee:

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the SLO County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. To recommend to the Board specific water resource programs. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

Excerpts from WRAC By-Laws dated 3/6/07

Exhibit E

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California Legislature



KATCHO ACHADJIAN
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT

December 13, 2010

California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
Attn: Mr. Trevor Joseph
PO Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Subject: Support for the County of San Luis Obispo's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Grant Application

Dear Mr. Joseph,

As a member of the California state assembly representing San Luis Obispo County, I write in support of the County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department (County) in their effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding for their region. Several important integrated water resource projects exist within the County of San Luis Obispo, especially the Los Osos Wastewater Project (LOWWP).

In the 12 years in which I previously served on the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors and in my four years of service on the California Coastal Commission, I have been impressed with the planning and foresight of the County in regard to these projects.

The LOWWP includes Title 22 tertiary treatment, 100% beneficial reuse, and no ocean outfall, making the LOWWP an important water resource project within the Central Coast Region. The LOWWP will be the first wastewater system in the County of San Luis Obispo to implement agricultural reuse. Grant funding will help reduce the burden rate payers in Los Osos are expected to pay, which is currently estimated to be over 4% of Median Household Income.

Thank you for your consideration of San Luis Obispo County's IRWM application as it will address numerous water resource issues within the County of San Luis Obispo.

Sincerely,

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KHATCHIK H. "KATCHO" ACHADJIAN
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Governor

December 22, 2010

California Department of Water Resources
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Dear Mr. Joseph:

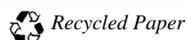
LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO'S INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN GRANT APPLICATION IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE LOS OSOS WASTEWATER PROJECT

The Central Coast Water Board supports the County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department (County) in their effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding for this project. Although we understand the County identifies several important integrated water resource projects, we strongly support the Los Osos Wastewater Project (LOWWP).

The community of Los Osos contains approximately 15,000 residences and is located near the Morro Bay National Estuary in San Luis Obispo County. Due to a high density of septic systems in the shallow groundwater area, the upper groundwater aquifer has demonstrated high levels of nitrate and other pollutants. Nitrate in the upper aquifer exceeds safe drinking water levels. As a result, local water purveyors have resorted to drilling deeper wells accessing an uncontaminated lower aquifer, which is now causing seawater intrusion. Currently, the Los Osos community does not have a community wastewater treatment system to address the continued discharge of septic system wastewater.

For many years the Los Osos community, with help from the County as well as the Los Osos Community Services District, has been actively pursuing a wastewater system to address existing septic system discharges and associated groundwater pollution. One of the biggest obstacles to completion of a community wastewater system has been funding. However, the County recently proposed and permitted the LOWWP, which includes Title 22 tertiary treatment allowing for 100 percent beneficial water reuse (i.e., urban and agricultural reuse) and no ocean outfall. The LOWWP will be the first wastewater system in the County of San Luis Obispo to implement an agricultural water

California Environmental Protection Agency



reuse program. Grant funding will help reduce the burden rate payers in Los Osos will be expected to pay, which is currently estimated to be over 4% of the median household income criterion.

Construction of the LOWWP is vital to addressing wastewater treatment and is a critical step to facilitate improving the water supply in the community. Please make the funding of the County's IRWM application a top priority, as it will address numerous water resource issues within the County of San Luis Obispo.

Sincerely,

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Roger W. Briggs
Executive Officer

cc:

Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer
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California Department of Water Resources
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Attn: Mr. Trevor Joseph
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Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

**Subject: Support for the County of San Luis Obispo's Integrated Regional
Water Management Plan Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Joseph,

The Board of Supervisors strongly supports the County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department (County) in their effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding for their region. Several important integrated water resource projects exist within the County of San Luis Obispo, especially the Los Osos Wastewater Project (LOWWP).

The LOWWP includes Title 22 tertiary treatment, 100% beneficial reuse, and no ocean outfall, making the LOWWP an important water resource project within the Central Coast Region. The LOWWP will be the first wastewater system in the County of San Luis Obispo to implement agricultural reuse. Grant funding will help reduce the burden rate payers in Los Osos are expected to pay, which is currently estimated to be over 4% of Median Household Income.

Please make the funding of the County's IRWM application a top priority, as it will address numerous water resource issues within the County of San Luis Obispo.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. MECHAM, Chairman
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors



January 7, 2011

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California Department of Water Resources
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Attn: Mr. Trevor Joseph
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**Subject: Support of San Luis Obispo County's Grant Application for
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**

Dear Mr. Joseph:

The Los Osos Community Services District strongly supports the County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department (County) in their effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding for our region. Several important integrated water management projects exist within the County of San Luis Obispo. The most important of these to the community of Los Osos is the Los Osos Waste Water Project (LOWWP) that is being constructed in compliance with Regional Water Quality Control Board Resolution 83-13 to address the ongoing pollution of the underlying groundwater basin by septic tanks. Resolution 83-13 established a Groundwater Prohibition Zone (commonly known as the "Prohibition Zone") and prohibits discharges from septic tanks within the Prohibition Zone. In adopting Resolution 83-13, the Regional Water Quality Control Board included the following findings:

- Los Osos Basin ground waters are suitable for agricultural, municipal, domestic, and industrial water supply; and
- A Regional Board staff report finds that the beneficial uses of Los Osos ground and surface waters are adversely affected by individual sewage disposal system discharges, that there appears to be a trend of increasing degradation, and that public health is jeopardized by occurrences of surfacing effluent; and
- Chemical analysis of wells in the Los Osos/Baywood Park community indicates that 38% of the shallow wells tested in the Phase I study, taking water from the Old Dune Sand deposits portion of the aquifer, contain nitrate concentrations that exceed the State Health Department Drinking Water Standard of 45 milligrams per liter; and

- A letter from the California Health and Welfare Agency, Department of Health Services, states their concerns regarding the high nitrate levels in the waters of the Los Osos/Baywood Park area, and recommends adequate measures be taken to correct the nitrate problems to bring the waters into compliance with the California Drinking Water Standards; and
- The “Los Osos/Baywood Park Phase I Water Quality Management Study” cites conditions which constitute contamination and pollution, as defined in Section 13050 of the California Water Code.

The underlying groundwater basin is the sole water source serving the community of Los Osos, and it is currently being threatened by seawater intrusion.

In 2006, the California Legislature authorized San Luis Obispo County to proceed with the LOWWP by adopting AB 2701, which added Section 25825.5 to the California Government Code. In adopting AB 2701, the California Legislature made the following findings:

1. There are ongoing discharges to the Los Osos Discharge Prohibition Zone established in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coast Basin; and
2. There is an urgent need to protect the public health and safety by eliminating these discharges, and the most feasible alternative is best accomplished by a temporary realignment of certain wastewater collection and treatment powers between the Los Osos Community Services District and the County of San Luis Obispo.

It should be noted that Section (c) of Govt. Code Section 25825.5 includes the following:

(c) The county may undertake any efforts necessary to construct and operate a community wastewater collection and treatment system to meet the wastewater collection and treatment needs within the district. **These efforts may include programs and projects for recharging aquifers, preventing saltwater intrusion, and managing groundwater resources to the extent that they are related to the construction and operation of the community wastewater collection and treatment system.** These efforts shall include any services that the county deems necessary, including, but not be limited to, any planning, design, engineering, financial analysis, pursuit of grants to mitigate affordability issues, administrative support, project management, and environmental review and compliance services. The county shall not exercise any powers authorized by this section outside the district. [Emphasis added.]

Consistent with Govt. Code Section 25825.5 (c) the County is participating with other water purveyors, including the Los Osos Community Services District, Golden State Water Company and S&T Mutual Water Company in formulating a Basin Management Plan that includes the use of the LOWWP discharges to assist in managing the ground water basin and addressing seawater intrusion. The LOWWP includes Title 22 tertiary treatment, 100% beneficial reuse, and no ocean outfall, making the LOWWP an important water resource project within the Central Coast

Region. The LOWWP will be the first wastewater system in the County of San Luis Obispo to implement agricultural reuse.

Grant funding for this project will help reduce the burden the rate payers in Los Osos are expected to pay, which is currently estimated to be over 4% of Median Household Income. The project is also critical to the protection of the Morro Bay National Estuary, which is a rare and unique environmental resource of local, state, and national significance.

Please make the funding of the County's IRWM grant application a top priority, as it will address numerous water resource issues within the County of San Luis Obispo.

Sincerely,



Marshall E. Ochylski,
President of the Board of Directors

Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

545 Main Street, Suite B-1, Morro Bay, CA 93442 805-772-4391

December 17, 2010

California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
Attn: Mr. Trevor Joseph
PO Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

RE: San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management Program
(IRWMP) Implementation Grant Application

Dear Mr. Joseph:

The purpose of this letter is to convey our support for the grant application submitted by the San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department for Integrated Regional Water Management Program grant funding. The County has included projects that address important water resource issues for this region. Among the projects that this grant application includes is the funding for the Zone 1/1A Arroyo Grande Creek Waterway Management Program.

The Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District has worked closely with the County and the community residents along lower Arroyo Grande Creek for almost ten years. It is an area where the water resource and flood protection issues are very complicated. The County's Program addresses the need to provide flood protection while taking into account the protection and safeguarding of habitat and aquatic species. Funding for this program will be a vital step in addressing those goals.

The San Luis Obispo County application reflects the major commitment that has been made to improve the water resource issues of this county. Support through the IRWMP will provide the ability to move these projects forward.

Thank you for your consideration of San Luis Obispo's application.

Sincerely,


Linda Chipping
Board Director



December 27, 2010

Trevor Joseph
California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
PO Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Subject: Support for the County of San Luis Obispo's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Grant Application

Dear Mr. Joseph,

The Morro Bay National Estuary Program strongly supports the County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department (County) in their effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding to support the Los Osos Wastewater Project (LOWWP). The lack of effective wastewater treatment in Los Osos is polluting the groundwater that the community relies on as a sole water supply, and impacting the bay itself, which is recognized as a State and National Estuary because of its biological significance. This project is a top priority for the Estuary Program, and is called out as such in our state and federally approved Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Morro Bay (CCMP).

The LOWWP includes Title 22 tertiary treatment, 100% beneficial reuse, and no ocean outfall, making the LOWWP an important water resource project within the Central Coast Region. Grant funding will help reduce the burden to rate payers in Los Osos, which is currently estimated to be over 4% of Median Household Income. The Estuary Program has contributed \$100,000 of our own limited funds to assist low income residents of Los Osos with the anticipated wastewater project expenses. We strongly encourage your support of the County's grant application for the proposed LOWWP. Grant funding of this project will allow the County to support the disadvantaged community members and fund this project, which will alleviate the ongoing pollution of the Los Osos groundwater basin and the Morro Bay State and National Estuary.

Sincerely,

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Adrienne Harris
Program Director



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December 21, 2010

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Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

**Subject: Support for the County of San Luis Obispo's Integrated Regional
Water Management Plan Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Joseph,

The Sierra Club, the nation's oldest and largest grass-roots environmental organization, strongly supports the County of San Luis Obispo in the effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding for our region. Several important integrated water resource projects exist within the County, especially the Los Osos Wastewater Project (LOWWP).

In addition to curbing the pollution of a National Estuary, the LOWWP includes Title 22 tertiary treatment, 100% beneficial reuse, and no ocean outfall, making the LOWWP an important water resource project within the Central Coast Region. The LOWWP will be the first wastewater system in the County of San Luis Obispo to implement agricultural reuse of treated effluent. Grant funding will reduce the burden Los Osos rate payers are expected to pay, which is currently estimated at over 4% of Median Household Income.

Please make the funding of the County's IRWM application a top priority, as it will address numerous water resource issues within the County of San Luis Obispo.

Sincerely,

Andrew Christie
Chapter Director