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California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
Attn: Mr. Trevor Joseph
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SUBJECT: LETTER OF INTENT TO ENTER MOU FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO'S
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN GRANT APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Joseph:

The Nipomo Community Services District (NCSD) 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 the region. Several important integrated water resource projects exist within the County of San Luis Obispo, especially the NCSD Waterline Intertie Project.

The NCSD Waterline Intertie Project involves the construction of an interconnect under the Santa Maria River to the City of Santa Maria water system, located in Santa Barbara County, approximately five miles of new waterlines, a pump station and a water tank designed to transport up to 3000 acre-feet of supplemental water from the City of Santa Maria to the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area. The project is designed to:

1. Slow the depletion of the above-sea-level groundwater in storage beneath the Nipomo Mesa Groundwater Management Area (NMMA) of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin to reduce the potential for sea water intrusion by using supplemental water consistent with the settlement stipulation that was incorporated into the judgment related to the adjudication of the groundwater basin.
2. Assist in stabilizing the groundwater levels in the NMMA by reducing pumping in the NMMA.
3. Augment current water supplies available to the water purveyors on the Nipomo Mesa by 3000 acre-feet per year as follows: NCSD (2169 AFY), Woodlands Mutual Water Company (415 AFY), Golden State Water Company (208 AFY) and Rural Water Company (208 AFY).
4. Increase the reliability of NCSD and regional water purveyor water supplies by providing a diversity of regional water sources.

The Nipomo Community Services District is committed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of San Luis Obispo for administration of Proposition 84 grant funds for the construction of Waterline Intertie Project. The MOU will include:

- Roles and responsibilities of County and NCSD for administration of the grant and distribution of the grant funds for the construction of the Waterline Intertie Project consistent with the Proposition 84 grant agreement;
- Interest of the signatories that water resources are responsibly managed and conserved to the extent feasible; and
- Interest of the signatories to coordinate and share information concerning the Waterline Intertie Project.

The Nipomo Community Services District is committed to working with the County of San Luis Obispo and the other regional partners to preserve our precious water and environmental resources.

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.

Very truly yours,

NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT



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