

Attachment 2 – Eligible Applicant Documentation

Attached is a description of Regional Water Authority's eligibility as an applicant.

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1. LOCAL AGENCIES

1. *Is the applicant a local agency as defined in Appendix B of the Guidelines?*

Regional Water Authority (RWA) is a joint powers authority and is, therefore, a local agency as defined in Appendix B of the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Guidelines.

2. *What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?*

RWA was formed and is authorized to operate under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, California Government Code sections 6500 through 6599.3 (the “JPA Act”). RWA’s powers and purposes are more fully described in the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, Regional Water Authority, dated July 1, 2001 (the “RWA JPA”).

3. *Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?*

RWA is authorized under section 6053 of the JPA Act and section 7(a)(7) of the RWA JPA to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California.

4. *Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.*

Sections 21 and 22 of the RWA JPA authorize RWA to develop projects and project agreements to carry out specific activities with RWA members and non-members. The specific agreement between the participating agencies to ensure performance of the Proposal was authorized in April, 2004, and is referred to as the “Regional Water Master Plan and Operational System Program.” This project agreement has served as the foundation to develop RWA’s initial IRWM adopted in May 2006, and was the foundation for RWA’s successful application and subsequent completion of a Proposition 50 IRWM Planning Grant through DWR. The project agreement ensures that a mechanism to provide local cost share and funding of work activities is in place. In each RWA project, funds are tracked in a distinct cost center and are subject to annual independent audits.

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