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Mr. Zaffar Eusuff
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Dear Mr. Eusuff,

On behalf of the City of Guadalupe, the Project Proponent for the "Secondary Treatment Reliability Project" included in the Santa Barbara Region's Prop 84, 2nd Round Implementation Grant Application, we would like to state our full support for this project. The City of Guadalupe is a DAC and the "Treatment Reliability Improvement Project will provide numerous benefits to the community including:

- Improving operational reliability and treatment performance of the existing WWTP for the production of consistent, high-quality secondary effluent. This effluent is used for the irrigation of neighboring pastureland and also provides incidental percolation, a use which is "encouraged" in the Basin Plan for the Central Coast.
- Extension of the useful life of the WWTP in that the project will reduce maintenance demands on the existing facility.
- Reduction of operational costs in the routine operation of the WWTP.

The City of Guadalupe has been very involved in the advancement of IRWM aims in the region through membership in the governance structure, specifically the Cooperating Partners (RWMG), the Steering Committee and participation in a focus study for the IRWM Plan Update, partially funded by a Round 1 IRWM Planning Grant.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (805) 356-3891.

Sincerely,

Andrew Carter
City Administrator
City of Guadalupe