

1 Authorization and Eligibility Requirements

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1.1 Authorizing Documentation

Authorizing Documentation – The applicant must provide a resolution adopted by the applicant’s governing body designating an authorized representative to submit the application and execute an agreement with the State of California for an IRWM Implementation Grant.

A copy of Mojave Water Agency Board Resolution No. 969-13 is presented below.

RESOLUTION NO. 969-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MOJAVE WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
IN SUPPORT OF FILING AN APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSITION 84
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT ROUND 2
IMPLEMENTATION GRANT, AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ENTER INTO A
PROPOSITION 84 GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in 2009 approved Mojave Water Agency (MWA) as the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Group for the Mojave IRWM Region; and,

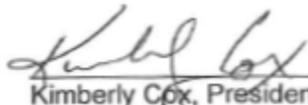
WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Local Groundwater Assistance grant program pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84); and

WHEREAS, the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management grant program is administered by DWR, and DWR has made ROUND 2 IMPLEMENTATION funding available; and,

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee to the Mojave Water Agency supported including the Hi-Desert Water District Wastewater Treatment Plant and Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority Subregional Wastewater Reclamation Plants in an application for said grant

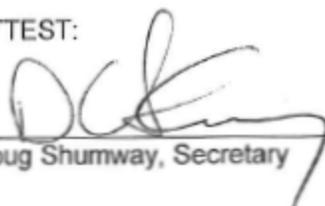
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Mojave Water Agency, that application be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain an Integrated Regional Water Management grant pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code (PRC) Section 75001 *et seq.*), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the Mojave Water Agency. The General Manager of the Mojave Water Agency is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement with California Department of Water Resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors this 14th day of March 2013.



Kimberly Cox, President

ATTEST:



Doug Shumway, Secretary

1.2 Eligible Applicant Documentation

Eligible applicants are local agencies or non-profit organizations (Local Public Agency)

1. *Is the applicant a local public agency as defined in Appendix B of the 2012 Guidelines? Please explain.*
2. *What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?*
3. *Does the applicant have legal authority 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.*

1.2.1 Local Agency

The Mojave Water Agency (MWA) is a Local Agency as defined in Section III of the guidelines. The MWA was formed in 1959 by an act of the California legislature and was activated by a vote of the residents in 1960 to manage declining groundwater levels in the Mojave Basin Area, Lucerne Valley, and El Mirage Basin. MWA was expanded to include the Johnson Valley and Morongo Basin areas, and today covers an area of over 4,900 square miles. The MWA Regional Water Management Group was accepted into the IRWM Grant Program through the 2009 Region Acceptance Process (RAP).

The MWA has the legal authority to enter into grant agreements with the State of California. MWA serves as Watermaster for the Mojave Basin Area Judgment, and is the wholesaler for imported State Water Project (SWP) supplies. MWA has a contractual relationship for serving the Morongo Basin area (including HDWD) with SWP supplies. Grant funds will be administered through MWA and the Regional Water Management Group Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

1.2.2 Urban Water Management Planning Act Compliance

Urban water suppliers that will include funding from the proposed grant are:

- Hi-Desert Water District

The Hi-Desert Water District submitted a complete 2010 Urban Water Management Plan to DWR and has been verified as complete by DWR.

The Hi-Desert Water District will submit an updated 2015 Urban Water Management Plans to DWR, to be verified by DWR as complete, prior to execution of a grant agreement.

Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority is not currently an urban water supplier. When the proposed project is completed VVWRA will provide water for landscape irrigation as part of a municipal supply. However, the volume of water expected to be treated and supplied by both proposed treatment facilities is 2,240 afy and is less than the 3,000 afy (or 3,000 connections) required for an urban water supplier to create an Urban Water Management Plan.

No additional water suppliers, including those that might meet the urban water supplier definition threshold for the first time, will receive funding through this grant application.

1.2.3 **CWC 525 Compliance**

Urban water suppliers that will include funding from the proposed grant are:

- Hi-Desert Water District

The Hi-Desert Water District is fully metered, and has provided self-certification documents for CWC Section 525 compliance, which are included in Attachment 11.

Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority is not currently an urban water supplier. When the proposed project is completed VVWRA will provide water for landscape irrigation as part of a municipal supply. However, the volume of water expected to be treated and supplied by both proposed treatment facilities is 2,240 acre-feet per year and is less than the 3,000 acre-feet per year (or 3,000 connections) required for an urban water supplier to create an Urban Water Management Plan.

1.2.4 **AB 1420 Compliance**

Urban water suppliers that will include funding from the proposed grant are:

- Hi-Desert Water District

The Hi-Desert Water district is AB 1420 and has provided self-certification documents, which are included in Attachment 11.

Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority is not currently an urban water supplier. When the proposed project is completed VVWRA will provide water for landscape irrigation as part of a municipal supply. However, the volume of water expected to be treated and supplied by both proposed treatment facilities is 2,240 acre-feet per year and is less than the 3,000 acre-feet per year (or 3,000 connections) required for an urban water supplier to comply with AB 1420.

The Hi-Desert Water District

1.2.5 GWMP Compliance

For groundwater projects or other projects that directly affect groundwater levels or quality, the applicant or the participating agency responsible for such projects must provide in Attachment 1 the following, as applicable:

- a) If the Proposal does not contain a groundwater project or other project that directly affect groundwater levels or quality, so indicate, and include in Attachment 1 the justification for such a conclusion.*
- b) Identification of projects in the Proposal that involve any groundwater projects or other projects that directly affect groundwater levels or quality.*
- c) The agency(ies) that will implement such project(s).*
- d) The status of the applicable GWMP compliance option as described on pg. 18 of the PSP Guidelines.*

This application includes projects that involve groundwater management and groundwater infiltration, and will have positive groundwater impacts. These projects and their implementing agencies are:

- The Hi-Desert Water District Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Project, which will treat wastewater from 5,500 connections, eliminate use of septic tanks, and reclaim and recharge the treated effluent into the groundwater basin.
- The Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority Subregional Reclamation Project will treat wastewater to serve recycled water to customers in the City of Hesperia and the Town of Apple Valley.

The Mojave Water Agency addresses all relative components of a Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) in 2004 as required by California Water Code Sections 10750-10753.10, including relevant changes and additions required by AB 3030 and SB 1938, as well as components recommended by DWR in *California's Groundwater*, Bulletin 118.³ The GWMP is fully integrated in the MWA IRWMP and meets the requirements of CWC §10753.7.

Two basins are adjudicated within the MWA IRWM Region. The applicant, participating agencies and projects fully conform to the requirements of these adjudications. The applicant Mojave Water Agency serves as Watermaster for the Mojave Basin Area Judgment. The participating agency Hi-Desert Water District serves as Watermaster for the Warren Basin Judgment.

³ DWR, 2003. *California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118 Update 2003*.

1.2.6 Progress on Meeting Current IRWM Plan Standards

All applicants in the process of updating their IRWM Plan must complete the Overview of Selected IRWM Plan Standards in Table 1 and include it as part of Attachment 1, to demonstrate that its respective region will adopt an IRWM Plan that meets the IRWM Plan Standards contained in Appendix C of the 2012 Guidelines.

Please keep responses to each standard in Table 1 to less than one page, 12-point font. Section II.B of this PSP presents two possible scenarios whereby projects within an IRWM Plan are eligible for Implementation Grant funding. If eligibility for this criterion is being established using an IRWM Plan that meets current plan standards as explained in the 2012 Guidelines that plan must be submitted as part of Attachment 1. If eligibility is being established using an IRWM Plan adopted prior to September 30, 2008 the Plan does not need to be submitted.

Table 1-1 Status of Meeting Current IRWM Plan Standards

Standard	Specific Standard Questions	Status/Response
Governance	Will the governance structure need to be altered in the Updated IRWM Plan in order to ensure that balanced access and opportunity for participation in the IRWM effort is provided?	Yes. We will be specifically inviting land use agencies to participate as stakeholders in the process of developing the IRWMP. Consideration will be given to planned land uses as it relates to the climate change/greenhouse evaluation, to the modeling in our Salt/Nutrient Management Plan, to Flood Planning and Flood Management, and consideration of new water supply or groundwater recharge projects to accommodate new land uses. Additionally, water use projections will incorporate the latest growth projection data produced by San Bernardino Association of Governments which incorporates the land and population data provided by the cities and the county.
Region Description	Has the regional description changed significantly from the current IRWM Plan?	No. The region boundaries are the same. Basic land and water uses are the same.
Objectives	Will your objectives change from those in the current IRWM Plan? If so, how?	The RWMG will evaluate the current objectives and consider modifying or updating them. Consideration will be given to the IRWM guidelines, which state the objectives should address the water-related issues and conflicts in the region, should be measurable by some means, and should be prioritized unless there is a reason not to do so.
Resource Management Strategies	Will the Updated IRWM Plan consider the resource management strategies from the California Water Plan, Update 2009?	Yes. The Work Plan for the IRWMP update includes consideration of the resource management strategies (RMS). The RMS will be reviewed and considered when identifying potential projects to be included in the IRWMP update.
Integration	Will the process used in the Updated IRWM Plan allow, encourage, and actively pursue integration in both the planning process and project formulation and implementation?	The project review process will occur primarily with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to MWA. This is a stakeholder group that is open to the public and all interested stakeholders have been invited to come to these meetings. All project ideas will be discussed during the TAC

Standard	Specific Standard Questions	Status/Response
		meetings. Early in the process our facilitator will work with the group to identify overlapping needs and project alternatives. We anticipate a high level of integration will occur through this process.
Project Review Process	Will the project review process consider climate change vulnerabilities and greenhouse gas emissions (for both construction and operation)?	The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will be preparing a Climate Change assessment which will include an evaluation of the CC vulnerabilities and greenhouse gas emissions of project alternatives identified by the stakeholder group. CC vulnerability/GHG emissions will be considered when evaluating and prioritizing project alternatives.
Technical Analysis	Have any data gaps been identified and how will the Updated IRWM Plan help fill the gaps?	Data gaps have not been identified at this time.
Relation to Local Water Use Planning	Will changes to the existing IRWM Plan be needed in order to improve coordination with local water use planning efforts?	A great deal of coordination already occurs between the RWMG and other local water planning efforts. During the 2010 Urban Water Management Planning update process, MWA's UWMP was developed in a collaborative manner with the other water planning agencies. Agreement was reached on how regional water supply and demand forecasts would be developed, and those methodologies were carried through the retailers' UWMPs. The information compiled during the 2010 UWMP development will be used as a base
Relation to Local Land Use Planning	Will changes to the existing IRWM Plan be needed in order to improve coordination with land use planning efforts?	Yes. We will be specifically inviting land use agencies to participate as stakeholders in the process of developing the IRWMP. Consideration will be given to planned land uses as it relates to the climate change/greenhouse evaluation, to the modeling in our Salt/Nutrient Management Plan, to Flood Planning and Flood Management, and consideration of new water supply or groundwater recharge projects to accommodate new land uses. Additionally, water use projections will incorporate the latest growth projection data produced by San Bernardino Association of Governments which incorporates the land and population data provided by the cities and the county.
Stakeholder Involvement	Will changes or improvements to the stakeholder involvement process be needed to ensure effective stakeholder participation?	Yes. Our stakeholder outreach efforts have been bolstered significantly for this IRWMP update. We will be inviting representatives from all of the stakeholder groups listed on page 22 of the IRWM Guidelines. Additionally, we are directing resources to our DAC outreach efforts, which has included discussions with community organizations that serve DACs, identifying the needs of water systems that serve DACs. We will be holding several public outreach meetings



Standard	Specific Standard Questions	Status/Response
		throughout the region, with particular attention given to making sure DAC members attend and provide input. Members of the public will also be able to provide input via our IRWMP website at mywaterplan.com.
Coordination	Has the RWMG identified a need for changes/improvements to the ongoing coordination efforts?	The RWMG has begun coordination meetings with neighboring IRWM regions. As of this date, we have held several coordination meetings with IRWM regions in both the Lahontan and Colorado River regions. We plan to continue these meetings as we develop the update to the IRWMP.
Climate Change	<p>Will the Updated IRWM Plan contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A climate change vulnerability assessment of the IRWM region that is at least equivalent to the qualitative check list assessment in the Climate Change Handbook for Regional Water Planning (Handbook) ? • A list of prioritized vulnerabilities derived from the vulnerability assessment and the IRWM's decision making process? • A plan, program, or methodology for further data gathering/analyzing of the prioritized vulnerabilities? 	MWA has partnered with US Bureau of Reclamation to prepare a Climate Change assessment that will address all required CC elements for IRWMPs. The work that is being prepared by USBR will include a CC vulnerability assessment, list of prioritized vulnerabilities, and data gathering/analyzing plan. Additionally, the USBR scope includes an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions of current and planned water supply projects and an evaluation of CC impacts to flood management.

1.2.7 Consistency with an Adopted IRWM Plan

Consistency with the adopted IRWM Plan means either the project is included as an implementation project in the IRWM Plan, or the project has been added to the IRWM Plan after adoption, but in accordance with the procedures in the adopted IRWM Plan. In Attachment 1, the applicant must provide a listing of projects proposed for funding and how those projects are consistent with the adopted IRWM Plan. In cases where the project has been added post adoption, please discuss how the addition of the project(s) was consistent with the procedures established in the adopted IRWM Plan. Applicant must provide documentation indicating that project(s) added post adoption were vetted by the IRWM group. Meeting minutes and/or project approval letters from the IRWM group are considered acceptable documentation for submittal.

The two projects included in this application were identified and prioritized in the 2004 MWA IRWM Plan⁴.

- Hi-Desert Water District Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Project (RWMP p. 9-26⁵)

⁴ MWA, 2004 Regional Water Management Plan Update, Chapter 9 (included in this application as Att2_IG2_Adopt_2of2).

- Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority Subregional Reclamation Project (RWMP p. 9-25)

Both projects will treat wastewater effluent water for reuse. HDWD will also use the water for groundwater recharge purposes, and VVWRA will serve irrigation, commercial, and industrial customers, with excess effluent discharged to percolation ponds. Groundwater aquifers in both areas have been overdrafted and are supplemented with imported water from the State Water Project (SWP). Recycling and reuse will improve water quality and reduce the need for imported supplies.

Groundwater aquifers in the Warren Valley (HDWD area) are currently being contaminated with nitrates from the widespread leaching of septic systems; recharging aquifers with high-quality, tertiary treated water will benefit the groundwater quality.

Water supply costs in the VVWRA area will be considerably less when supplied from treated wastewater than if water was purchased from the SWP. Every acre-foot of reclaimed water reclaimed to serve appropriate uses will eliminate the need for the importation of an acre-foot of SWP water.

Attachment 7 and Attachment 8 discuss these items in further detail.

Table 1-2 IRWMP Objectives Addressed by Proposed Projects

Project No. and Title	IRWMP Objectives					
	Water Supply Reliability	Ground-water Levels	Ground-water Quality	Water Supply Costs	Environmental Resources	Flood Control
1 HDWD Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Project	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2 VVWRA Subregional Reclamation Project	✓	✓		✓		

⁵ Listed in the IRWMP as “Local Wastewater Treatment Plant (Yucca Valley)”



Figure 1-2 City of Adelanto Letter of Support



Cari Thomas
Mayor

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Mayor Pro Tem

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Council Member

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Council Member

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City Manager

February 11, 2013

Keith Wallace
Program Manager, IRWA Implementation Grants
CA Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 947836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001
Via email: Keith.Wallace@water.ca.gov

Regarding: Support for Mojave Water Agency's Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant Application

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Adelanto in support of Mojave Water Agency's (MWA) application for Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant funding for the Hi-Desert Water District (HDWD) Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWRA) sub-regional Treatment Plants. Both projects were identified in MWA's IRWMP as high priority projects. Furthermore, the region's stakeholder advisory group, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), voted in November 2012 to support including these projects in the grant application.

Both the VWRA and HDWD projects will provide tremendous benefits to the Mojave IRWN Region. The VWRA sub-regional wastewater treatment plants will be located in the Lantoran Funding Area, and will expand the use of recycled water in the region and allow for better management of water resources. The HDWD wastewater treatment plant will be located in the Colorado River Funding Area, and will alleviate groundwater quality issues in Yuca Valley.

We ask that the Department of Water Resources consider providing Proposition 84 funding toward these projects so they can move forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. James Hart", is written over a light blue background.

D. James Hart, Ph.D.,
City Manager

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Figure 1-3 Town of Apple Valley Letter of Support



Town of Apple Valley

Town of Apple Valley

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November 7, 2012

Mr. Kirby Brill
Mojave Water Agency
13846 Conference Center Drive
Apple Valley, CA 92307

RE: Proposition 84 Grant Funding for Subregionals

Dear Mr. Brill:

This letter is to inform you that the Town of Apple Valley is in support of Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VVWRA) and Mojave Water Agency (MWA) pursuing proposition 84 grant funding for the subregional water reclamation plant located in Apple Valley.

The Town of Apple Valley has been planning for a sub-regional wastewater treatment plant for more than 25 years and it was specifically addressed in the Town's sewer master plan which was completed in 1993. Access to treated effluent, as an alternative to potable drinking water, for parks and other turf irrigation needs will allow the Town to reduce its purchased water expense, which is some of the most expensive water in our region and allow for increased spending on parks programs and facility improvements to serve our local and regional community.

In addition, construction of a sub-regional wastewater treatment facility in the Town of Apple Valley is anticipated to create 1.5 new full time jobs (FTE's) and more than 100 temporary jobs during the construction phase. The Victor Valley in general and the Town of Apple Valley in particular have been hit extremely hard by the recession. Unemployment rates have hovered at or near 14% for several years now. The addition of these jobs and the resulting turnover of these dollars spent within our community can be of great assistance to our residents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (760) 240-7000 ext. 7051.

Sincerely,

Frank Robinson,
Town Manager

Dennis L. Cron,
Assistant Town Manager, Municipal Operations and Contract Services

cc: Logan Olds, VVWRA General Manager

Figure 1-4 Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Letter of Support

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency

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A Public Agency

February 13, 2013

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Via email: Keith.Wallace@water.ca.gov

RE: Support for Mojave Water Agency's Proposition 84 Implementation Grant Application

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I am writing on behalf of the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency's (MWA) application for Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant funding for the Hi-Desert Water District (HDWD) Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWVRA) Sub-regional Treatment Plants. Both projects are identified in the MWA's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan as high priority projects. Furthermore, the region's stakeholder advisory group, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), voted in November 2012 to support the inclusion of these projects in the grant application.

As the Morongo Basin Representative of the Executive TAC, I personally supported these projects because they will provide tremendous benefits to the region which encompasses two Regional Water Quality Control Board Funding Areas. The HDWD wastewater treatment plant is located within the Colorado River Funding Area and will alleviate further threats to groundwater quality in Yucca Valley. Since Yucca Valley is the "economic hub" of the Morongo Basin area solving their water quality threats is a benefit to all who utilize services in the Town of Yucca Valley. The VWVRA sub-regional wastewater treatment plants is located in the Lahontan Funding Area and will expand the use of recycled water in the region to allow for better management of water resources in that region. While outside of the Morongo Basin we still strongly support this project for the benefits it provides to the Victor Valley Region.

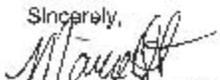
Sincerely,

Marina D. West, PG
General Manager

Figure 1-5 City of Hesperia Letter of Support



City of Hesperia

Gateway to the High Desert

November 6, 2012

Kirby Brill, General Manager
Mojave Water Agency
13846 Conference Center Drive
Apple Valley, CA 92307-4377

RE: Support for Subregional Wastewater Reclamation Plant

Dear Mr. Brill:

On behalf of the City of Hesperia, I am pleased to write this letter supporting the Mojave Water Agency's (MWA) and the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority's (VWVRA) efforts to pursue Proposition 84 grant monies for the Subregional Wastewater Reclamation Plant in the City of Hesperia.

Hesperia's current sewer infrastructure is not adequate, and the ability to send over one million gallons of wastewater per day to this new facility will take the pressure off the current system and help improve efficiency. With purple pipe installed throughout the City in preparation for the day that reclaimed water becomes available, we are poised and ready to construct the proposed Subregional Wastewater Reclamation Plant.

Hesperia's goal to use reclaimed water for irrigation in new developments has been recognized as a project of regional significance because it will reduce wastewater overflows; conserve potable resources; reduce long-term dependence on fresh water as the sole source of irrigation; and contribute to reduced flows in existing interceptors which are shared with neighboring cities.

For these reasons, the City of Hesperia wholeheartedly supports VWVRA and MWA in their pursuit of Proposition 84 funds for the Subregional Wastewater Reclamation plant for our city and we urge your utmost consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Russell Blewett
Mayor

Russell Blewett, Mayor
Bill Holland, Mayor Pro Tem
Paul Rosarick, Council Member
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Therese Smith, Council Member
Mike Padgett, City Manager

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Figure 1-6 Joshua Basin Water District Letter of Support



February 19, 2013

Mr. Keith Wallace
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Via email: Keith.Wallace@water.ca.gov

Regarding: Support for Mojave Water Agency's Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant Application

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I am writing on behalf of Joshua Basin Water District in support of Mojave Water Agency's (MWA) application for Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant funding for the Hi-Desert Water District (HDWD) Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWVRA) Subregional Treatment Plants. Both projects were identified in MWA's IRWMP as high priority projects. Furthermore, the region's stakeholder advisory group, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), voted in November 2012 to support including these projects in the grant application.

Both the VWVRA and HDWD projects will provide tremendous benefits to the Mojave IRWM Region. The VWVRA subregional wastewater treatment plants will be located in the Lahontan Funding Area, and will expand the use of recycled water in the region and allow for better management of water resources. The HDWD wastewater treatment plant will be located in the Colorado River Funding Area, and will alleviate groundwater quality issues in Yucca Valley. We ask that the Department of Water Resources consider providing Proposition 84 funding toward these projects so they can move forward. Thank you for your consideration.

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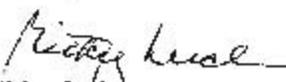

Mickey Lockman
President

Figure 1-7 Mojave Water Agency Letter of Support

March 21, 2013

Keith Wallace, Program Manager
Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
1416 9th Street, Room 338
Sacramento, CA 95814

Letter Supporting Neighboring IRWM Regions' Proposition 84 Round 2 Grant Applications

Dear Mr. Wallace,

The Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Regions within the Lahontan Funding Area have recently engaged in a collaborative process to discuss options regarding our applications for Proposition 84 Round 2 Implementation Grants. Through this process we have learned about our neighboring IRWM regions' stakeholder involvement processes, top priorities, and proposed projects. As of this date, the Antelope Valley, Inyo-Mono, Mojave, and Tahoe-Sierra IRWM Regions have been involved in these discussions. These conversations were beneficial to all IRWM groups in the Lahontan region and we plan on continuing these discussions, inviting all other IRWM groups within our region as well.

We support our neighboring IRWM Regions' projects and grant applications. We intend to pursue even greater collaboration in Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation funding rounds, including potential agreement on an equitable distribution of funds among the IRWM groups in the region.

We have found that this collaborative effort with neighboring regions has been valuable to our IRWM planning processes, and we wanted to share these efforts with Department of Water Resources.

Sincerely,

Antelope Valley Region
Inyo-Mono Region
Mojave Region
Tahoe-Sierra Region



Kirby Brill, General Manager
Mojave Water Agency

CC: Fremont Valley Region, Lahontan Region

Figure 1-8 San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Letter of Support

**Board of Supervisors
County of San Bernardino**

ROBERT A. LOVINGOOD
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT



February 8, 2013

Keith Wallace
Program Manager, IRWM Implementation Grants
CA Department of Water Resources
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Regarding: Support for Mojave Water Agency's Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant Application

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I am writing on behalf of Mojave Water Agency in support of Mojave Water Agency's (MWA) application for Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant funding for the Hi-Desert Water District (HDWD) Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWRA) Subregional Treatment Plants. Both projects were identified in MWA's IRWMP as high priority projects.

Furthermore, the region's stakeholder advisory group, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), voted in November 2012 to support including these projects in the grant application.

Both the VWRA and HDWD projects will provide tremendous benefits to the Mojave IRWM Region. The VWRA subregional wastewater treatment plants will be located in the Lahontan Funding Area, and will expand the use of recycled water in the region and allow for better management of water resources. The HDWD wastewater treatment plant will be located in the Colorado River Funding Area, and will alleviate groundwater quality issues in Yucca Valley.

We ask that the Department of Water Resources consider providing Proposition 84 funding toward these projects so they can move forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Lovingood, Supervisor
San Bernardino County, First District

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Figure 1-9 Senator Emerson Letter of Support

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CALIFORNIA DEBT AND
INVESTMENT REFORM
COMMISSION

California State Senate

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BILL EMMERSON
TWENTY-THIRD SENATE DISTRICT

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March 27, 2013

Kerth Wallace
Program Manager, IRWM Implementation Grants
CA Department of Water Resources
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Regarding: **Support for Mojave Water Agency's Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I would like to express my support of Mojave Water Agency's (MWA) application for Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant funding for the In-Desert Water District (IDWD) wastewater treatment plant and the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWVRA) subregional treatment plant. Both projects were identified in MWA's IRWMP as high priority projects. Furthermore, the region's stakeholder advisory group, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), voted in November 2012 to support including these projects in the grant application.

Both the VWVRA and IDWD projects will provide tremendous benefits to the Mojave IRWM Region. The VWVRA subregional wastewater treatment plant will be located in the Lahontan Funding Area and will expand the use of recycled water in the region and allow for better management of water resources. The IDWD wastewater treatment plant will be located in the Colorado River Funding Area and will address groundwater quality issues in Yucca Valley.

I encourage the Department of Water Resources to consider providing Proposition 84 funding toward these projects so they can move forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

BILL EMMERSON
Senator, 23rd District

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Figure 1-10 California Legislature Letter of Support

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March 25, 2013

Keith Wallace
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P.O. Box 942836
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Regarding: Support for Mojave Water Agency's Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant Application

Dear Mr. Wallace:

We are writing in support of Mojave Water Agency's (MWA) application for Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant funding for the In-Desert Water District (IDWD) Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWVRA) Sub-regional Treatment Plants. Both projects were identified in MWA's IRWMP as high priority projects. Furthermore, the region's stakeholder advisory group, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), voted in November 2012 to support including these projects in the grant application.

Both the VWVRA and IDWD projects will provide tremendous benefits to the Mojave IRWM Region. The VWVRA sub-regional wastewater treatment plants will be located in the Lahontan Funding Area, and will expand the use of recycled water in the region and allow for better management of water resources. The IDWD wastewater treatment plant will be located in the Colorado River Funding Area, and will alleviate groundwater quality issues in Yucca Valley.

We ask that the Department of Water Resources consider providing Proposition 84 funding toward these projects so they can move forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


SENATOR JEAN FULLER
18th Senate District


SENATOR STEVE KNIGHT
21st Senate District

Mr. Keith Wallace
Program Manager, IRWM Implementation Grants
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Regarding: **Support for Mojave Water Agency's Proposition 84
IRWM Implementation Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I am writing on behalf of the Mojave Water Agency (MWA) Technical Advisory Committee in support of MWA's application for Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant funding for the Hi-Desert Water District (HDWD) Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWVRA) Subregional Treatment Plants. The Technical Advisory Committee, comprised of the region's stakeholders, reviewed a number of potential projects and voted in November 2012 to support these projects in the grant application. These treatment plants also were identified in MWA's 2004 IRWMP as high priority projects.

Both the VWVRA and HDWD projects will provide tremendous benefits to the Mojave IRWM Region. The VWVRA subregional wastewater treatment plants will be located in the Lahontan Funding Area, and will expand the use of recycled water in the region and allow for better management of water resources. The HDWD wastewater treatment plant will be located in the Colorado River Funding Area, and will alleviate groundwater quality issues in Yucca Valley.

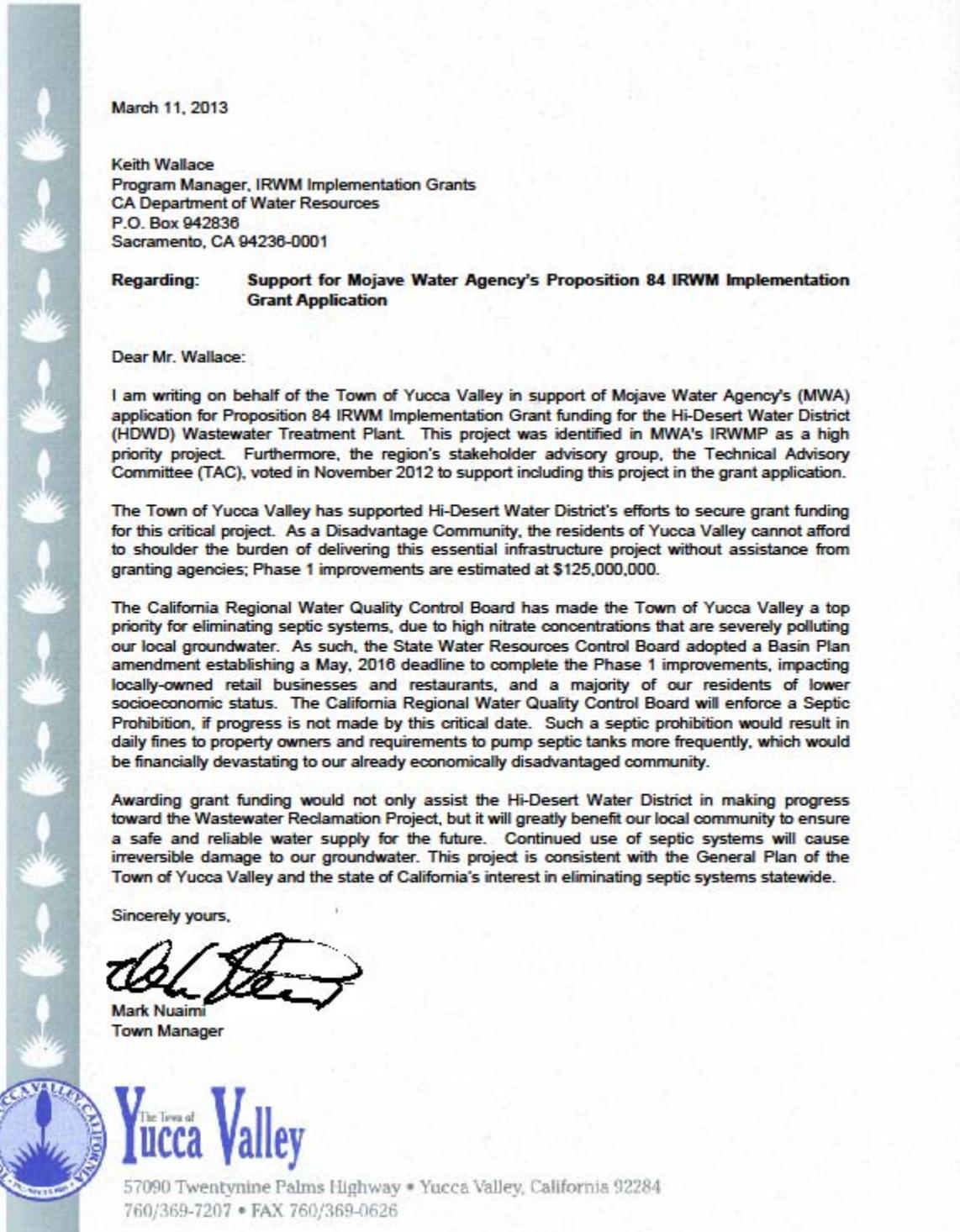
We ask that the Department of Water Resources consider providing Proposition 84 funding toward these projects so they can move forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Scott Weldy
Chairman

Figure 1-12 Town of Yucca Valley City Manager Letter of Support



March 11, 2013

Keith Wallace
Program Manager, IRWM Implementation Grants
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P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Regarding: Support for Mojave Water Agency's Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant Application

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Yucca Valley in support of Mojave Water Agency's (MWA) application for Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant funding for the Hi-Desert Water District (HDWD) Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project was identified in MWA's IRWMP as a high priority project. Furthermore, the region's stakeholder advisory group, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), voted in November 2012 to support including this project in the grant application.

The Town of Yucca Valley has supported Hi-Desert Water District's efforts to secure grant funding for this critical project. As a Disadvantage Community, the residents of Yucca Valley cannot afford to shoulder the burden of delivering this essential infrastructure project without assistance from granting agencies; Phase 1 improvements are estimated at \$125,000,000.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board has made the Town of Yucca Valley a top priority for eliminating septic systems, due to high nitrate concentrations that are severely polluting our local groundwater. As such, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a Basin Plan amendment establishing a May, 2016 deadline to complete the Phase 1 improvements, impacting locally-owned retail businesses and restaurants, and a majority of our residents of lower socioeconomic status. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board will enforce a Septic Prohibition, if progress is not made by this critical date. Such a septic prohibition would result in daily fines to property owners and requirements to pump septic tanks more frequently, which would be financially devastating to our already economically disadvantaged community.

Awarding grant funding would not only assist the Hi-Desert Water District in making progress toward the Wastewater Reclamation Project, but it will greatly benefit our local community to ensure a safe and reliable water supply for the future. Continued use of septic systems will cause irreversible damage to our groundwater. This project is consistent with the General Plan of the Town of Yucca Valley and the state of California's interest in eliminating septic systems statewide.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Nuaimi
Town Manager



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Figure 1-13 Town of Yucca Valley Town Council Letter of Support



March 26, 2013

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FUND YUCCA VALLEY'S TREATMENT PLANT DESIGN!

Dear Mr. Wallace:

The Town of Yucca Valley and her residents & businesses need your help! Last year, our community was facing significant challenges at the heart of the Great Recession – elimination of Redevelopment Agencies, cost increases for public safety, and severe impacts to property values due to high foreclosure rates throughout our entire region. On top of that, the community was also handed a Septic Prohibition and a state mandate that a solution be provided by 2016.

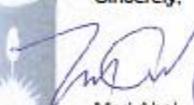
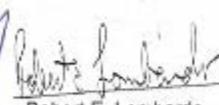
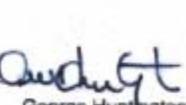
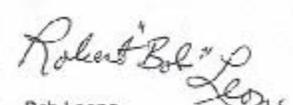
Yucca Valley is not a wealthy community. We have a disproportionate percentage of retirees on fixed incomes and median household incomes well below the County and State averages. We're certain that our community qualifies as a Disadvantaged Community consistent with state standards for determining such declarations. So to place the burden entirely on the backs of our residents is simply unfair. We need your help.

To date, the Town and Hi-Desert Water District have searched for viable funding sources to deliver the sewer system to our residents. We are writing you today to support the Hi-Desert Water District's application for Proposition 84 funding to assist in the design of the regional wastewater treatment plant. Time is of the essence to move this project forward and this grant is essential in delivering this necessary improvement.

At a time when Redevelopment was eliminated across the state, the Yucca Valley Redevelopment Agency was looking to assist in the design costs. Needless to say, those funds have dried up or are frozen due to the State's actions. We need these Prop 84 funds now in order to meet the deadline established by the state water board.

We appreciate your time and attention to this matter!

Sincerely,

				
Merl Abel Mayor	Robert E. Lombardo Mayor Pro Tem	Dawn Rowe Council Member	George Huntington Council Member	Bob Leone Council Member



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