



April 8, 2016
California Natural Resources Agency
Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

Attn: Craig Cross and Melissa Sparks

Dear Craig and Melissa:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Request for Proposals. We are providing this comment on behalf of the six IRWM regions of the Lahontan funding region regarding the section in the draft DAC RFP encouraging grantees "to limit direct administrative costs to no more than 5 percent of the total grant share amount". After gaining clarification from DWR staff that these "direct administrative costs" should be all-inclusive of developing the grant agreement, contracting, reporting & invoicing, as well as any overhead expenses, based on our experiences with other DWR-IRWM grants, we feel that five percent is an unrealistic and unattainable goal, and our recollection is that this allowable rate is lower than in previous Proposal Solicitation Packages. We request that the allowable administrative rate be increased to 10 percent, as this is a more realistic goal and is a fairly standard administration rate. Given that we will be coordinating the DAC grant projects of five or six IRWM regions through a single IRWM region that will be working with a single grantee, 10 percent may still be ambitious, but it at least gives us a more reasonable goal to aim for. Thank you for considering this change.

Sincerely,

Representatives of the Lahontan Funding Area IRWM Groups:

Antelope Valley
Mojave
Fremont Valley
Inyo-Mono
Tahoe-Sierra
Lahontan Basins