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Dear DWR:

It is my understanding that the DWR may require the completion and the availability of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) at the time of grant application submission for the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Funding Program. In my opinion, the requirement of completion and availability of a GSP at the time of grant application submission is a road blocker and impede many groundwater agencies from pursuing Proposition1 IRWM Implementation Grant. Instead, I suggest that the funding guidelines of Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Program state that “a copy of the approved and adopted GSP be provided to the DWR PRIOR to the completion of construction of the awarded project.” Stated differently, the requirement of an approved and adopted GSP becomes a part of the IRWM Implementation Grant retention of the awarded project.

Thank you for your consideration of my comment.

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