



## NORTH COAST INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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RE: Comments on the Draft Funding Recommendations for Proposition 1E Round 1 Stormwater Flood Management Grant Program, Released on September 21, 2011

Dear Mr. Cross:

The North Coast Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan (NCIRWMP) Policy Review Panel (PRP) would like to thank the Department of Water Resources for your hard work administering the Proposition 1E Stormwater Flood Management (SWFM) Round 1 Grant Program. The NCIRWMP was excited to learn that one of our signatories to the NCIRWMP, the City of Fortuna, was selected by DWR for partial funding through the Proposition 1E Program.

State support for projects like Fortuna's is important to achieving the goals in the NCIRWMP. The City's project is consistent with the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, and is included on the Plan's list of projects. Making the City of Fortuna's project whole by funding the full grant request helps out the entire North Coast IRWMP region, and the mutual goals developed through our collaborative partnership.

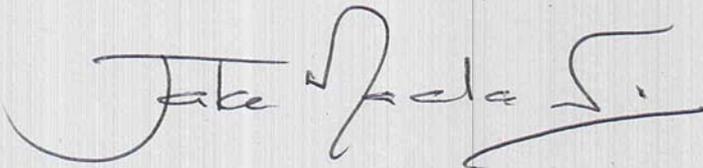
To realize the complete benefits of the project, DWR could fully fund the City's Prop 1E grant request. The City initially requested \$3,394,652 in grants funds to match \$3,507,112 in local funds to implement the improvement project. It would be very difficult for the City of Fortuna to achieve the project goals of addressing flooding in a disadvantaged neighborhood, enhancing salmonid populations, and reducing erosion and sediment loads as stated in the application without the full funding requested.

Proposition 1E, the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, authorized the Legislature to appropriate \$300,000,000 for grants for Stormwater/ Flood Management (SWFM) projects. The targeted available funding in Prop 1E Round 1 was \$212,000,000. Of that total only \$163,248,000 was recommended by DWR for funding on the draft funding recommendations list.

It appears based on DWR's draft funding recommendations list that not all of the \$100,000,000 in funds targeted for projects to address seismic safety issues were allocated to projects. The City's proposed project includes replacement of 3 bridges that cross Rohner Creek, all of which do not meet current seismic standards, as discussed in Attachment 9 of the application. When these bridges fail during an earthquake event they will obstruct the channel causing a backwater effect that will exacerbate flooding in adjacent neighborhoods and commercial areas. One option to restore the City's full grant request is to fund the remaining 29% out of the seismic safety targeted funds.

The NCIRWMP endorses the Rohner Creek Flood Control and Riparian Habitat Restoration Project and is grateful to DWR's ongoing support of the North Coast communities and natural resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Mackenzie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Vice Mayor Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park  
Chair, NCIRWMP Policy Review Panel