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January 9, 2007

Mr. Lester Snow, Director  
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Re: Proposition 50, Chapter 8 First Funding Cycle Recommended Project List

As a legislative representative of a district served by the Mojave Water Agency (MWA), I am writing in response to the draft recommendations for funding under Step 2 for the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Implementation grants. Specifically, I am writing to request that additional funds be allocated in round one of the grant process.

I am aware that Mojave Water Agency has provided substantial responses to DWR with respect to the details of their integrated plan.

With respect to the process, I believe that several factors must be considered as DWR works to determine how to make additional round one allocations, including:

- Additional monies must be allocated to Southern California. Specifically, DWR has indicated that \$91 million would have to be allocated to qualified proposals from Southern California regions to meet the legislative mandate for geographical distribution. It is likely that only 2 to 3 qualified plans exist in the Southern California region, allowing all – including MWA – to be potentially funded using remaining Proposition 50 round one funds.
- High-quality plans that are ready for implementation should be funded to ensure timely allocation of funds and prevent the expenditure of additional administrative costs.
- It has been four years since Proposition 50 was passed by the voters and timely implementation of bond programs is important. Additionally, Proposition 84 will provide DWR with additional opportunities to consider and fund integrated regional water management plan projects.
- MWA has been a model for implementing the vision articulated in the California Water Plan. In fact, MWA was the first - and possibly only - region to develop a unified, comprehensive Preliminary Environmental Impact Report, Integrated

Regional Water Management Plan, Groundwater Management Plan and Urban  
Water Management Plan.

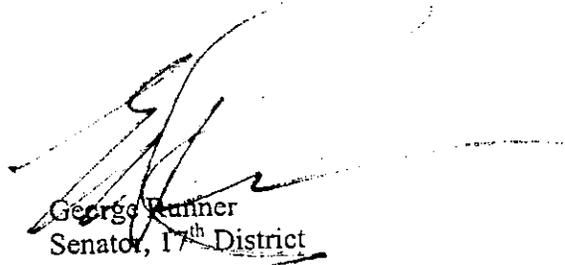
Again, I urge you to allocate remaining round one funds to the MWA and other high-  
quality Southern California region projects that are ready for implementation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Assemblywoman, 36<sup>th</sup> District



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Senator, 17<sup>th</sup> District