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Mr. Lester Snow, Director
California Department of Water Resources
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Re: Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Support of DWR and SWRCB Additional Funding Request

Dear Mr. Snow

At the workshops held in January, the California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board presented their recommendations for additional projects to be funded under the first funding cycle of State Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Implementation Grant Program. The Chino Basin Watermaster, as well as other stakeholders throughout the Santa Ana region, is supportive of the DWR and SWRCB Proposition 50 Implementation Grant recommendations. Within the Santa Ana region, this action will effectively leverage local funds that are available to implement the projects now, recognize the significant effort and expense associated with preparing these grants, and addresses concerns regarding the statewide funding split. It is our belief that the recommendation for increased first round funding is beneficial to the region and the State.

The rapid growth within the Santa Ana Watershed has placed strains upon the critical water infrastructure that serves the demand. The projects within the SAWPA grant application respond to these demands and assure the region will be prepared to respond in the case of drought or catastrophic event. In addition, the implementation of the integrated regional management approach, directed originally by SAWPA, provides multiple benefits to water supply, water quality improvement and environmental restoration.

As a stakeholder and strong supporter of the Santa Ana IRWMP and the priority projects for the region included in its Proposition 50, Chapter 8 IRWMP grant application, we support the findings of DWR staff and the SWRCB staff. We believe as they do that it is important to support the SAWPA grant submittal and other Step 2 grant applicants for inclusion in the first funding cycle of Proposition 50.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Manning
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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