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MAYOR

December 26, 2006

Mr. Lester A. Snow  
Director  
California Department of Water Resources  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, California 94236-0001

Re: Letter of Support for the Draft Funding Recommendations for Proposition 50  
Chapter 8 Implementation Grants

Dear Mr. Snow:

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I am writing to express my support for the Greater Los Angeles County Region's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and ask that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) approve the preliminary \$25 million grant award to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, as recommended by DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board.

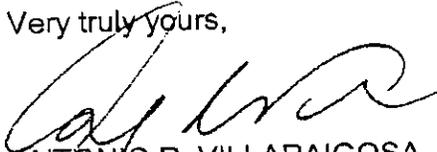
The City of Los Angeles supports and is actively involved in the IRWMP process. In partnership with various City and non-City agencies, the City has taken a leadership role in unifying the Los Angeles County Region in integrated water planning. The proposed funding award of \$25 million will provide important seed money that will be leveraged at a better than 3:1 ratio to bring 13 water resource projects in the Greater Los Angeles County Region to fruition at a total cost of over \$112 million. The City itself has proposed multi-use, multi-benefit projects which will preserve and restore a wetlands ecosystem in the Dominguez Channel Watershed; restore an urban stream in an existing park to improve water quality; and convert a former maintenance facility into a multi-benefit community resource including open space, a constructed treatment wetlands, habitat, and a community and education center.

The IRWMP sets ambitious goals to meet the City's and the Greater Los Angeles County Region's future needs, and the recommended funding award will help in our efforts to create healthy, sustainable watersheds for the benefit of our citizens and the State.

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As such, I strongly support the efforts of the Greater Los Angeles County Region and urge you to award the recommended \$25 million grant.

Very truly yours,



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cc: The Honorable Eric Garcetti, President, Los Angeles City Council  
Commissioners, Board of Water and Power  
Commissioners, Board of Public Works  
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