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Ms. Tracie Billington, Department of Water Resources

Ms. Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Quality Control Board

RE: Comments Additional Grant Awards for the Prop 50 IRWM

Grant Program Dear Ms. Billington and Ms. Farahnak: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Resources Quality Control Board (SWQRCB) Additional Funding Recommendations for the Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWM) Proposition 50/Chapter 8 implementation funds. We appreciate the response by both your agencies to comments and suggestions that DWR and SWQRCB make grant awards to the remaining nine finalist applicants. We support the recommended funding allocations as announced at the Public Workshop held in Sacramento on January 23, 2006 and believe the awards will be of benefit to the State and the applicants in the following ways:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->The recommended funding awards will decrease the burden placed on staff at DWR and SWQRCB by allowing them to process applications which they have already commented on and reviewed;

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->The capital improvement and water quality projects of the applicants will not have to wait for another funding cycle to be implemented. Immediately awarding the funds will serve as a benefit to the residents of the respective jurisdictions, and meet the intent of Prop 50 to improve statewide water infrastructure in a timely manner.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->These funding awards will save the finalist IRWM partnerships from having to re-submit and duplicate

efforts.

Due to the time, effort and resources required to prepare the original Tahoe Sierra IRWMP application, we would prefer the application be funded as submitted. However, we applaud the State's goal to meet an equitable geographic distribution of funds, even though this created less funding per applicant in "Northern California". We urge DWR and SWRQCB to finalize these additional recommended funding awards and look forward to hearing your decision.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kathleen Eagan,  
Chair of the Board