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Thank you for your comments. They will be taken into consideration.

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Memorandum

To: Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board,
Tracie Billington, Department of Water Resources

From: Don Neubacher, Superintendent

Subject: IRWM Program – Draft Funding Recommendations

Point Reyes National Seashore is an active stakeholder and member of the Tomales Bay Watershed Council, a coalition of 30 groups, agencies and individuals dedicated to the effective stewardship of Tomales Bay. The TBWC is a recipient of a \$469,000 planning grant (# 05-227-550-0) for preparation of an Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan (ICWMP).

The TBWC entered into the planning grant process with the expectation that preparation of the Plan would position us to apply for Phase 2 Implementation funds to accomplish needed, prioritized projects within the watershed. Our group has invested 100's of hours in pursuit of our final plan, which is well on the way towards completion and adoption by June of 2007.

We have just learned of several important decisions that will be made in the next few months concerning future funding for the Prop 50 program and wish to make the following comments:

1. Please reserve funding for the second cycle of implementation grants for the Prop 50 program.
2. Please do not narrow the funding consideration for the next cycle of Phase 2 Implementation Funding only to the groups that have already submitted Phase 1 Implementation Grant applications for their adopted RWMP's. This would exclude groups that are currently in the planning grant cycle from any further Prop 50 funding opportunities. There are a number of entities that are currently invested in, and working under this Phase 2 cycle and they should remain eligible for future

consideration. Any changes to the funding consideration or cycle should accommodate consideration of entities currently working under the Phase 2 Implementation funds.

3. Please consider allocation of a portion of the second cycle of Phase 2 Implementation funds to the unique and relatively small group of planning grants that cover ICWMP's. There are a number of critical and sensitive coastal areas that are currently working on ICWMPs.

Allocating a portion of funds to implementation of ICWMPs would enable these smaller areas to competitively apply for implementation funds for prioritized projects identified in these unique and important areas.

The Tomales Bay Watershed Council is an effective and proven stakeholder based organization, and has conducted extensive work towards protection and restoration in the Coastal Marin area. Any questions regarding these comments should be directed to Brannon Ketcham at (415) 464-5192. Thank-you for your consideration.

/s/ Don L. Neubacher
(signed original on file)
Don L. Neubacher