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Mr. Lester Snow, Director
 California Department of Water Resources
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Re: Proposition 50, Chapter 8: 1st Funding Cycle Recommended Project List: SAWPA inclusion

Dear Director Snow:

As one of the agencies benefiting from western's critical Integrated Regional Water Project, the Riverside-Corona Feeder, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) respectfully requests that DWR swiftly move to allocate remaining Proposition 50, Chapter 8 funds to those who had high ranking plans that qualified for round 2, but did not receive grant awards. Given the need for DWR to allocate more grant funding to Southern California to meet the geographic distribution requirements of Prop 50, the delay in awarding these grants and the recent passage of Proposition 84, it makes sense to award these funds now.

SAWPA's Integrated Plan is ranked as first runner up on the DWR preliminary list of recommended plans for the first funding cycle of State Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Implementation Grant Program. SAWPA has projects waiting for funding that are ready to go forward immediately.

The SAWPA application includes Western's Riverside-Corona Feeder, a long-term drought-proofing project yielding 40,000 acre feet of new water while integrating water resources and multiple benefits from a wide variety of agencies and organizations in three counties. In a watershed renown for its successful stakeholder collaboration and use of inter-agency cooperation, Western's project is integrated with many others in a portfolio ranked among the top 16 submitted under Step 2 implementation.

Beyond any other region in the state, rapidly growing portions of the Santa Ana watershed demand commensurate investment in integrated regional water infrastructure. Underscoring the critical need to expedite Prop 50 funding is the fact that Santa Ana watershed agencies suffered severe losses of vital infrastructure funding in recent years as a direct result of the state stripping a disproportionate share of local property taxes from this region to backfill state general fund deficits. This state action devastated over \$80 million in local agency revenues otherwise dedicated to advancing many of the integrated projects.

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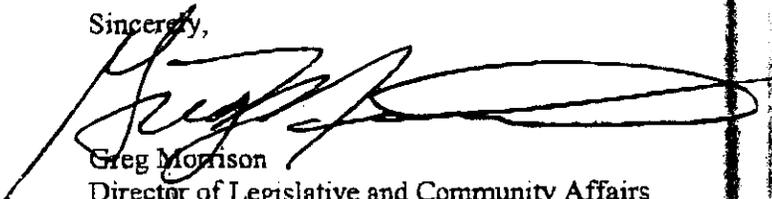
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Given these facts, timely state funding of SAWPA's grant application in the current recommended list for Round One funding would clearly implement IRWMP in accordance with the wishes of voters who approved Prop 50, while serving the best interests of the state and region.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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cc: Western Municipal Water District



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