

I am a member of the Tomales Bay Watershed Council and was the chair for the Council's first three years. We're a group of 30 including all the local, state and federal agencies that have jurisdiction in the watershed, e.g., Calif. DHS, Marin County, NPS, Calif. State Parks, Cal DFG, RWQCB, etc, as well as all other stakeholder groups. We by consensus adopted our stewardship plan three years ago. The TBWC is a recipient of a \$469,000 planning grant for preparation of an ICWMP (grant # 05-227-550-0).

We entered the planning grant process understanding that the Plan would prepare us to apply for Phase 2 Implementation funds to accomplish rank-ordered necessary projects within the watershed. We have spent hundreds of hours in developing our final plan to be adopted by June 2007. I have just learned that the State planning process might reduce our chances for project funding within the Prop 50 program and I have some comments as follows:

1. Please include for funding consideration for the next cycle of Phase 2 those groups such as ours that are currently in the planning cycle. Implementation funding is the step that brings to fruition all the planning effort and ours and other groups in a similar position should be included.
2. Please allocate 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. This would enable these regions to apply for implementation funds for rank-ordered projects identified in their developing and soon to be adopted ICWMP's.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me for further information. Contact information below.