Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County

Stakeholders

General Purpose Agencies
City of Camarillo
City of Fillmore
City of Moorpark
City of Ojai
City of Oxnard
City of Port Hueneme
City of Santa Paula
City of Simi Valley
City of Thousand Oaks
City of Ventura
Ventura County Executive Office
Ventura County General Services Agency
Ventura County Resource Management Agency

Water Suppliers/Wastewater Management/ Special Districts
Calleguas Municipal Water District
Camarillo Sanitary District
Camrosa Water District
Casitas Municipal Water District
Fillmore Irrigation Company
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
Golden State Water Company
Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency
Ojai Valley Sanitary District
Ojai Valley Water Conservation District
Pleasant Valley County Water District
Saticoy Sanitary District
Triunfo Sanitation District
United Water Conservation District
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Ventura County Waterworks Districts
Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Zone Mutual Water Company

Business Organizations
Building Industry Association
Farm Bureau of Ventura County
Ventura County Economic Development Association

Recreational and Open Space Entities
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Conejo Recreation and Park District
Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
Santa Monica Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority

Regulatory Agencies
California Coastal Commission
California Department of Fish and Game
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Other Agencies/Organizations
Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
California Coastal Conservancy
California Department of Transportation
California Department of Water Resources
California Native Plant Society
California Wildlife Conservation Board
Environmental Defense Center
Friends of the Santa Clara River
Hansen Trust
Matilija Coalition
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Nature Conservancy
Ojai Valley Land Conservancy
Naval Base Ventura County
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Surfrider Foundation
Trust for Public Land
U.S. Forest Service
Ventura County Resource Conservation District
Ventura Hillsides Conservancy
Wetlands Recovery Project

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Tracie Billington
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Subject: Comments on Draft Funding Recommendations for Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Step 2 Implementation Grant

Dear Shahla and Tracie:

On behalf of the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) we would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Funding Recommendations for the Step 2 Implementation Grant. WCVC is pleased to be one of the regions recommended for funding. We believe our suite of 11 projects will provide multiple benefits not only to our region but to the State as well. We appreciate your assistance during the process of developing our IRWMP and our grant applications.

We have completed our IRWMP and as of December 7th it has been adopted by 24 stakeholders including WCVC, Cities, water agencies, sanitation districts, groundwater management agencies, special districts and the County. We have also received letters of support from a number of our environmental and non-governmental agency partners. We anticipate several more public agencies will adopt the IRWMP by the end of the year.

The agencies, groups and individuals that make up the WCVC strongly endorse the concept of integrated regional planning. Already, projects and planning efforts in the County are benefiting from the communication and collaborative approach envisioned by the State Water Plan and fostered by Proposition 50. The State's future water quality and supply needs will be met by improved management and greater stewardship of both our State and our local resources.

We look forward to participating with the State, as well as other regions, in the development of future IRWMP planning and funding guidelines. We also look forward to the opportunity to participate in upcoming meetings to share our observations and lessons learned during the process of plan and application development. In addition, regions throughout the State would not only benefit from your efforts to provide guidance and technical assistance for IRWM planning, but would also benefit from networking with each other through workshops and meetings sponsored by DWR and the State Board.

WCVC is working closely with all project proponents in our region to ensure that we meet all applicable eligibility criteria required prior to entering into a grant agreement with the State Board. We look forward to meeting with you to further discuss these and other aspects of the grant agreement.

Sincerely,

Sue Hughes
Co-Chair

Dee Zinke
Co-Chair