

ments on IRWM Planning Grant Program Proposal #5336 Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

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Dear Ms. Billington - Attached and pasted below are our comments on the IRWMP Planning Grant Program Proposal #5336:

I am writing on behalf of the partner agencies on the subject proposal which include water supply and waste water management agencies in the Bay Area.

We appreciate the monumental efforts that staff at the Department and the Board undertook in evaluating the proposals and administering the grant program. We strongly support your recommendation of providing full funding for proposals that received a score of 64 and above.

As you are well aware, water management agencies in the nine county Bay Area region heeded the State's call for regional planning and began coordinating efforts of all the agencies that have management responsibilities in the diverse functional areas of: water supply and water quality, waste water management and recycling, flood control and storm water management, as well as watershed management and ecosystem restoration. The comprehensiveness of our scope proves to be ambitious and challenging and warrants the State's support and assistance.

We recognize there are areas of particular challenge, similar to those noted by the reviewers in our proposal evaluation. Funding from the IRWM Grant Program will be critical for the partner agencies to address these areas of deficiencies, integrate with the other functional areas and complete the development of a comprehensive, Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Bay Area region.

As a final note, we would like to clarify that our proposal, PIN # 5336, contains a work plan for the planning efforts to be undertaken by the entities engaged in water supply, water quality, waste water and recycled water management in the Bay Area. Our work plan focuses on the completion of updated plans in those functional areas as well as the integration with plans prepared by the partner agencies in the functional areas of flood control and watershed management. We appreciate your inclusion of this clarification in the project description section of our proposal.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to furthering the purpose of the IRWM Program in the Bay Area region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (925) 454-5004, or vwong@zone7water.com.

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