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**Subject:** Comments on Prop 50 IRWMP Guidelines for Round 2

Message to: Norman Shopay, DWR and Scott Couch, SWRCB

**Re: Public Review Draft (April 2007) of “Proposition 50 Chapter 8 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines Proposal Solicitation Packages, Round 2”**

Dear Mr. Shopay and Mr. Couch:

The Santa Barbara County Water Agency, on behalf of the twenty-nine local agencies (“Cooperating Partners”) that have developed the *Santa Barbara Countywide Integrated Regional Water Management Plan*, submits these comments on the draft Proposition 50 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines.

1. We appreciate the State’s effort to expedite Round 2 funding and to clarify and simplify both the Guidelines and the grant application process itself.
2. The deadline for submitting the Step 1 application should be postponed beyond August 1<sup>st</sup>, and preferably to September 15<sup>th</sup>. Prior to preparing the Step 1 proposal package, we need sufficient lead time to award contract(s) for consultant support, as well as to obtain approvals from our Board(s) to fund and staff the Step 1 application process. Considerable lead time is required, especially during summer months when fewer Board meetings are scheduled. If the Step 1 application submittal date is postponed, we hope the State could retain the November timeframe for its “call back” meeting.
3. The Step 2 application deadline should be at the very end of January, if not later. Otherwise, we will encounter the same scheduling and timing issues in seeking Board approvals during the December/January timeframe as we now face in the June/July period.

Santa Barbara County Water Agency’s Manager, Robert Almy, will be meeting with your agencies on May 25<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento to discuss our IRWMP and the status of our effort to develop a Round 2 proposal package. If you also wish to discuss our comments at that time, he would be happy to talk about them.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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