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May 16, 2007

Ms. Tracie Billington
Department of Water Resources
IRWM Grant Program
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Public Comments on the DWR and SWB's Round 2 of the
Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management
Grant Program--May 24, 2007 Deadline.

Dear Ms. Billington:

I am still reviewing the April 2007 Proposition 50
Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant
Program Guidelines Proposal Solicitation Packages Public
Review Draft, and comparing it with the April 25, 2007
Proposition 50 Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water
Management Grant Program Round 2 Guidelines and PSP
Packages Public Workshop slide presentation. Though I have
not finalized my thoughts on the aforementioned documents,
I am writing now in order to point out a couple of issues
with regards to the Round 2 IRWMGP process.

- #1 - The notices for the informational workshop and two public meetings states that written comments are to be submitted via "E-mail". This is unacceptable. The general public must also have postal, and facsimile avenues to submit comments. Otherwise, this violates the "open government" policy set by Governor Schwarzenegger. The DWR has an outstanding IRWMGP "Public Comments", and process information site. Please, the Agency must not tarnish its fine work by limiting the public comments submittal avenues.
- #2 - The April 16, 2007 "Advisory" Notice states that written comments are to be e-mailed to you, and Scott Couch(SWB). The April 20, 2007 Press

Release lists you, and Shahla Farahnak(SWB). The April 25, 2007 IRWMGP Guidelines and PSPs Workshop slide presentation lists you, and Scott Couch.

QUESTIONS

1. Which person from the State Water Board must be contacted--Mr. Couch, or Shahla Farahnak?
2. Were my February 14, 2007, February 21, 2007, and February 22, 2007 letters to Mr. Lester Snow on the Agency's Requested Public Input on the Integrated Regional Water Management(IRWM) Grant Program (Proposition 50, 84, and 1E) forwarded to you?
3. Are only e-mailed public comments going to be posted on the DWR's IRWMGP site?

SUGGESTION

1. In future "advisories" and "press releases" relative to any public review and comments matters, please have Ms., Mrs., or Mr. included before the contact person's name.

Ms. Billington, I do not use the family computer to e-mail. I do 99.99% of my communication via my fax machine to comment on city, county, state, and federal government issues. Just Monday, May 14, 2007, I forwarded my comments on the U.S. Senate's discussions of H.R.1495(S.1248)--the Water Resources Development Act. I submitted my comments' letter to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board(LARWQCB) for its workshop on the County of Ventura countywide MS4(NPDES) Permit via the mail in order to abide by the legal public notice. I made it clear that it was violating Governor Schwarzenegger's "open government" policy by limiting the public comments' submittal avenues.

Ms. Billington, I would really appreciate a written response from you on this letter as soon as possible. You can have it faxed to me at [REDACTED]. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Teresa Jordan

Enclosures:

February 14, 2007, Letter to Director Lester Snow.
(20 Pages, Minus Enclosures)

February 21, 2007, Letter to Director Lester Snow.
(2 Pages, Minus Enclosures)

February 22, 2007, Letter to Director Lester Snow.
(4 Pages, Minus Enclosure)