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IRWM Grant Funding List
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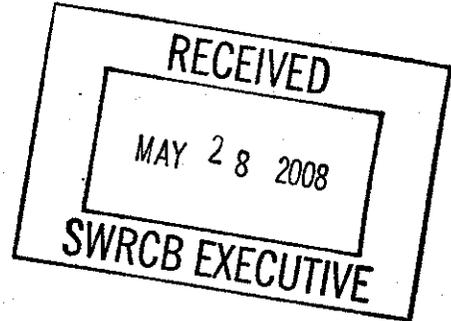


Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

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May 23, 2008

Tam Doduc, Chair
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Dear Chair Doduc:

I am writing to urge you to reconsider funding the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association's application for Proposition 50, Round 2 with \$25 million. The application that included an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) adopted by 11 major stakeholder groups in the Antelope Valley was submitted to the Department of Water Resources in January 2008. The IRWMP preparation process was completed in a relatively short period of time, demonstrating an unprecedented collaborative effort among the various stakeholders in the Antelope Valley to address future water resource and environmental needs.

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I recommend that you dedicate \$25 million from the \$100 million of un-allocated funds under the Proposition 84 IRWMP Grant Program for the Antelope Valley, which is consistent with the Intent of Proposition 84. The Antelope Valley faces serious water supply challenges, and State funding from Proposition 84 would encourage and leverage local funding to construct the seven critical projects described in the application. I realize that such a proposal will require Legislative appropriation of these funds in Fiscal Year 08-09 and intend to pursue the necessary support for the appropriation.

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**Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP) &
Proposition 50 & Proposition 84 IRWM Funding
Fact Sheet**

Proposition 50

- The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), Chapter 8, provides a framework for local agencies and other entities to develop integrated regional water management plans (IRWMPs) that combine the benefits of projects to protect and enhance regional water supplies.
- Proposition 50, Chapter 8 authorized \$385 million in general obligation bonds to fund projects " that address drought, water quality, and water supply reliability, and that are organized under an IRWMP. Chapter 8 authorizes grants for both planning and implementation of projects, and is administered jointly by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR).
- Proposition 50 IRWM implementation grants were awarded in two Rounds. Round 1 originally was expected to award grants totally \$150 million. After the evaluation process was completed and submitted to DWR and SWRCB for approval, DWR and the SWRCB increased the amount of funding for these grants from \$150 million to \$307 million.
- As a result, funds available for Round 2 grants were reduced from over \$220 million to \$64.5 million. The state then further reduced the funding for Round 2, Step 2 again by reallocating \$12.8 million from the IRWMP program to the AB 303 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program. The total amount remaining for Round 2 was \$51.7 million.

Proposition 84

- Proposition 84, approved by the voters in November 2006, provides an additional \$1 billion for IRWMP projects, of which \$900 million is allocated to 11 "funding areas" based primarily on population. Each funding area may have multiple IRWM regions within its boundaries, which must divide the funding allocated for that funding area. The Lahontan Region funding area, which has four IRWM groups, has the smallest funding allocation in the state at \$27 million. Prop 84 also includes \$100 million unallocated IRWMP funds for "multi-regional needs" and "issues of statewide significance." To date, none of the IRWMP funds from Prop 84 have been distributed.

Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Planning

- Eleven Antelope Valley local government agencies came together in 2006 to develop an IRWMP for the Antelope Valley. The following agencies formed a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG): Los Angeles County Waterworks District 40, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Nos. 14 and 20, City of Palmdale, City of Lancaster, Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency, Palmdale Water District, Quartz Hill Water District, Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, Rosamond Community Services District, and Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association.
- To meet the requirements for submittal of a Proposition 50 Round 2, Step 1 application, the RWMG had to accelerate the development of the IRWMP.

- The Step 1 application was submitted during the summer of 2007, and was one of nine to be called back for Step 2. The Step 1 application and IRWMP scored as one of the highest in Southern California, tying for first place with two other applicants with a score of 58.
- The RWMG completed an IRWMP for the Antelope Valley in late 2007. This IRWMP was adopted by all eleven member agencies and an application for \$25 million from Proposition 50 Round 2 funds for the implementation of seven projects was submitted to the SWRCB and DWR in January 2008.
- In early May 2008, Prop 50 Round 2 funding recommendations were released, which included funding for three or four of nine applicants. **The Antelope Valley RWMG was not recommended to receive any funding.**

| Project ID | Agency | Score | Funding | Agency |
|------------|---|-------|------------------------------|--------|
| 13113 | County of Humboldt | 72 | \$0 to \$2,079,598 | DWR* |
| 13122 | Kings River Conservation District | 65 | \$6,063,375 | SWQCB |
| 13105 | San Diego County Water Authority | 63 | \$20,675,000 to \$25,000,000 | DWR* |
| 13066 | Santa Barbara County Water Agency | 62 | \$25,000,000 | SWRCB |
| 13132 | County of San Luis Obispo | 60 | \$0 | - |
| 13079 | County of Orange | 60 | \$0 | - |
| 13133 | Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association | 58 | \$0 | - |
| 13107 | Tomales Bay Watershed Council Foundation | 57 | \$0 | - |
| 13104 | Nevada Irrigation District | 52 | \$0 | - |

* DWR Funding recommendations contingent upon approval of FY 2008-09 budget proposal authorizing additional Proposition 50, Chapter 8 funding for IRWM grant program.

- DWR has announced that guidelines for implementation funding are expected to be released in summer or fall 2008, with implementation grant awards announced in 2010. This schedule is subject to change, depending on approval of funding appropriations and implementing legislation (AB 1654-Huffman) for this program by the Legislature.

Next Tues. State Regional Water Bd - DWR on IRMP
If our group makes a presentation ^{re: Prop 87 funds}
Can be used for 2nd round of Prop 50 funds.
 • *DWR + State Bd to use Prop 87 funds - when Round I*
Prop 50 ^{not Round II} not every was able to have IRWMP done
in time to be in Round I; Round II not covered large
\$ Round I unsuccessful from Round II took all \$.



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