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Ms. Tam Doduc, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
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RE: SWRCB June 3 Meeting –Agenda Item 9 - Consideration of a Resolution adopting the “Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Funding List”

Dear State Water Resources Control Board Members:

SWRCB and DWR staff have done a commendable job in their evaluation of the Santa Barbara Countywide Proposition 50 Round 2 projects and we urge the SWRCB to approve and adopt the “Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Funding List” from Agenda Item 9.

IRWM grant funding is critical to the County of Santa Barbara for projects that will improve water quality and flood protection, enhance reliability, and maximize use of local supplies. Specifically, the IRWM funding will enable communities to begin the implementation of projects that will address key water issues such as:

- Rehabilitation of aging infrastructure;
- Inadequate drinking water quality in two disadvantaged communities;
- Regional water supply reliability in light of the reduction of SWP water supplies due to environmental protection needs;
- Methods for minimizing impacts to sensitive habitats and species;
- Protection of ocean water quality;
- Provision of new water supply and improved water quality to over-drafted water basins, and
- Flood protection for people and property surrounded by a substandard levee and located adjacent to an urban creek with history of repeated flooding.

As a partner in the Santa Barbara Countywide IRWM planning and project effort, we thank you for your consideration of this important grant funding recommendation and support approval of your staff's recommendation.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Bjork
Acting Water Resources Manager

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