



# South Tahoe Public Utility District

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RE: Proposition 50, Round 2, Integrated Regional Water Management, Implementation Grant Program Step 2 Call Back List Public Comment

Please accept this comment letter from the partnership of the Tahoe Sierra IRWMP regarding the November 1, 2007 DWR announcement of the call back list. The Tahoe Sierra partners, after studying the application reviews, have found an error in the review for our Round 2, Step 1 application in the adoption criteria, Review Question #3. Our proposal received only 1 point for adoption and the reviewers said:

“The original plan was adopted by 14 of the 16 partners in 2006. Signed MOU is provided. The lead agency, South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD), adopted the revised IRWMP July 19, 2007. The remaining 15 partner agencies have committed to adopting the plan by October, 2007. Therefore, the revised IRWMP is not considered to be adopted.”

On page 65 of the Proposal Solicitation Package for the Proposition 50 IRWMP, Step 2 dated June 2007, in Appendix D: Definitions, the following language is directly quoted:

“Adopted IRWM Plan—means an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan that has been formally accepted, as evidenced by a resolution or other written documentation, by:

- The governing body of the regional agency authorized to develop the plan and has responsibility for implementation of the plan; or
- The governing bodies of the agencies and organizations that participated in the development of the Plan and have responsibility for implementation of the Plan.”

In this application process, South Tahoe Public Utility District served as the regional agency authorized to develop the plan and had the responsibility for implementation of the plan as decided by the partnership. In fact, on page 5, Section A, Regional Water Management Group of the Tahoe Sierra IRWMP, it directly states that STPUD would serve as the regional agency responsible for plan development and implementation.

As the responsible regional water management group, STPUD did adopt by resolution the revised IRWMP and included documentation of the adoption in the application. Because the Tahoe Sierra IRWMP partnership agencies are also committed to the process, additional adoptions of the plan by the partners has been ongoing.

The partnership feels that a full score of 5 points should be awarded to our application for Review Question #3, based upon the guidelines as presented in the PSP, bringing the total points awarded to 89 and allowing the partnership to move forward with a Round 2, Step 2 application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lynn Nolan, STPUD, 530-543-6215.

Sincerely,

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