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Attn: Keith Wallace
Sent via email: Keith.Wallace@water.ca.gov

**Subject: Proposition 84: 2015 IRWM Implementation Grant Application
Draft Funding Recommendation Comments**

Dear Mr. Wallace:

The Contra Costa Water District (CCWD), on behalf of the East Contra Costa Integrated Regional Water Management (ECC IRWM) group, is pleased to be one of three applicants selected to receive funding in the San Joaquin funding region. The ECC IRWM is working on implementing the proposed projects with 27% of the requested funding.

In reviewing the application scoring, Horizon Environmental found potential inconsistencies on the information as required by the application. Append to this letter lists the areas in the application where data was provided but received zero points. Had the application received points in those areas, the proposal total score would be 26 points; up from 24. Should additional funds become available, the EC IRWM can use any additional funds to supplement costs to fully implement our proposed projects and help offset water supply during this extreme period of drought.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and we look forward to receiving your response. If you have any questions, please contact me at (925) 688-8132 or Mr. Mark Seedall at (925) 688-8119 or by email at mseedall@ccwater.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanie Linden", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Jeanie Linden, P.E.
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Comments Related to Scoring CCWD's 2015 IRWM Grant Application

Question #7: Is there a project map that shows the location of the project and the areas and water resources affected by the project?

- Project 1: East Contra Costa County Lawn to Garden Rebate Program did not receive the point for this question.
- A project map was included with Attachment 2 that clearly indicates the project location, benefit area, and water resources. Please see the notes on the attached map that identifies these features. We feel the project should have been awarded the full point for this question.

Question #15: Does the applicant discuss the necessary tasks in the Work Plan that will result in a completed project?

- Project 1: East Contra Costa County Lawn to Garden Rebate Program did not receive the point for this question.
- Project 1 is a water conservation rebate program. Work tasks for Project 1 would primarily occur in Task 12 under Category d, Construction/Implementation. There are four elements of project implementation:
 - o Marketing and outreach
 - o Site inspections
 - o Program implementation
 - o Technical assistance support
 - o Effectiveness monitoring

Project 1 work tasks are described in the Attachment 3 work plan, as indicated in the attached excerpt of Attachment 3 in yellow highlighting. We feel the project should have been awarded the full point for this question.

Question #16: Does the Work Plan include a project status that indicates the current stage of each task (e.g., % complete)?

- None of the projects received points for this question.
- The Attachment 3 Work Plans clearly indicated the project status for major tasks for all three projects. Please review the yellow highlighted text in Attachment 3, which indicates the % of tasks complete for each project.

We feel all three projects should have received the point for this question.

Question #18: Are the tasks shown in the Budget consistent with the tasks discussed in the Work Plan?

- None of the projects received points for this question.
- The budgets for all three projects are organized into the four, identical and standard budget categories requested in the PSP. Task-level detail is also provided for the projects. The structure of the budgets and work plan are consistent. We feel all three projects should have received the point for this question.