



November 13, 2015

California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
Post Office Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

Attention: Keith Wallace

RE : San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management 2015 Implementation Grant
Proposal: Strengthening Local Water Supply Reliability
Draft Funding Recommendations October 29, 2015

Dear Mr. Wallace:

The Templeton Chamber of Commerce would like to express their support for the San Luis Obispo (SLO) County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) 2015 Implementation Grant Proposal. The suite of projects proposed by the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), the RWMG Lead Agency, was included in the Draft Funding Recommendations issued on October 29, 2015. The draft recommendations call for 75% of the 2015 IRWM Grant funding request for the suite of selected projects. We would request that there be reconsideration and recommend 100% Grant funding for this Proposal, rather than 75%.

The Proposal includes one project of particular interest, not only to our business sector, but to the entire Templeton community and the region. The Upper Salinas River Basin Conjunctive Use Project (US CUP) will provide 242 AFY of a drought tolerant, sustainable water supply for our community and decrease the need to pump from our deep wells. The Templeton Project fulfills the goals of those required for the Grant, and is essential in Templeton fulfilling their goal of providing a sustainable, reliable source of water for the community. TCSD has done extensive due diligence for this Project, which improves infrastructure and secures a supply of water without negatively impacting the Basin.

As a rural, unincorporated community, funding resources for major projects are very limited. Fortunately, the Templeton Community Service District (TCSD) has a distinguished record of fiscal management that has seen this community through very rough times. Funds, whether from rate payers, loans or grant, are used judiciously, and we are confident that funds from this Grant will be managed in the same manner.

We appreciate the selection of the SLO County IRWM 2015 Grant Proposal and respectfully request that you consider 100% funding to support our projects which will help fulfill our need to secure a reliable water supply for the region.

Sincerely,
Sarah Maggelet

Sarah Taylor Maggelet
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Templeton Chamber of Commerce