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California Department of Water Resources  
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Financial Assistance Branch  
Post Office Box 942836  
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Attention: Keith Wallace

**Subject: 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:

On behalf of Twin Cities Community Hospital, I support 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.

Collectively, the suite of projects will function to support local IRWM planning and implementation and will greatly assist the SLO County IRWM Region in achieving long-term drought resilience and addressing the Human Right to Water Policy. These projects will strengthen the region by helping to achieve the 2014 IRWM Plan's strategic, long-term vision of: greater resilience in the face of uncertain hydrology and climactic fluctuations, integration and improvement of our existing supplies and infrastructure, and improved sustainability. The projects do this by working at the sub-regional scale to address geographically-unique challenges and to strengthen each sub-region's ability to improve its long-term water resources management.

The proposal includes one project in each of the three IRWM sub-regions. Here is a brief summary of how each project helps to address a critical sub-regional challenge identified in the 2014 IRWM Plan:

- North County sub-region priority issues reflect the need to increase the overall water supply in part through improved groundwater management. **Templeton Community Services District's**

**(CSD) Upper Salinas River Basin Conjunctive Use Project (US CUP)** will accomplish this by implementing a conjunctive use and conservation project within the rural inland community of Templeton, which helps to offset groundwater level decline in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.

- North Coast sub-region priority issues focus on the need to increase water supply reliability. The disadvantaged community of **San Simeon CSD's Well Head Treatment Project** will accomplish this by treating water to reduce chloride levels, thereby improving access to local supply in this remote, coastal community.
- South County sub-region priority issues identify the need for improved groundwater management, flood control, water reclamation from wastewater treatment, and adaption to the impacts of climate change. The disadvantaged community of **Oceano CSD's Water Resources Reliability Program (WRRP) – Planning Study** will accomplish this by developing a study that evaluates the community's current supplies, identifies opportunities for improvement, and future project prioritization, which in turn readies this disadvantaged community for future project implementation.

We appreciate the selection of the **SLO County IRWM 2015 Implementation Grant Proposal** and respectfully urge you to consider 100% funding for our Region's critical projects to strengthen local water supply reliability.

Sincerely,

Michael N. Lane  
Chief Operating Officer