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RE: Public Comment-DWR 2015 Draft Guidelines and Implementation PSP

The Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS), a member of the Yosemite-Mariposa (Y-M) IRWM Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC), respectfully submits our concerns and comments to the Draft 2015 Guidelines and Implementation Grant PSP.

In the presentation provided for the workshops held on April 17, 2015, the comment is made: "Removed 2014 Drought Legislation project type eligibility requirements."

The following references in the draft documents were noted:

1. PSP page 9-solicitation code is still "DG";
2. PSP page 17-project justification relating to project "created by the drought" should be deleted;
3. PSP page 27-scoring on #11-3 points (14% of total) for drought preparedness is unfairly weighted to drought projects.

To address these concerns, the YAAS requests that all drought-related language be removed from the Guidelines, and that the scoring for #11, if retained, be reduced from 3 points to 1 point.

Finally, we ask that adequate time, at least 90-120 days from the release of the final Guidelines and Implementation PSP, be allowed to prepare a competitive application..

We appreciate your consideration of the Yosemite Area Audubon Society's comments on the Guidelines.

Sincerely,

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YAAS representative to the RWAC