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**Subject: Comments on Draft Proposal Solicitation Package Proposition 1E,
Round 2**

Dear Dr. Eusuff:

Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for Stormwater Flood Management (SWFM) Grants, Round 2, funded by Proposition 1E. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has worked hard to improve upon the PSP requirements under Round 1, and CCWD offers the following suggestion for further improvement:

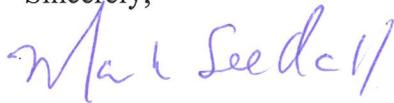
It would be appropriate for the PSP to include a scoring criterion in the Program Preference category for projects that advance California's coequal goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem, as defined in the Delta Reform Act of 2009. Projects that reduce flood damages while advancing the coequal goals should obtain up to 5 additional points. This criterion is appropriate to include in the statewide competition for funds as all Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) regions receiving water from the Delta are now required to reduce reliance on the Delta consistent with the Delta Reform Act.

CCWD intends to submit a Proposition 1E funding request in support of its Contra Costa Canal Levee Elimination and Flood Protection Project, a project with multiple benefits including reduced flood risk, improved water quality, improved water supply reliability for the Central Valley Project and State Water Project, and ecosystem benefits due to improved fish screen operation and reduced herbicide application. In addition, completion of the Canal Levee Elimination Project would facilitate implementation of the adjacent DWR Dutch Slough Tidal Restoration Project which will restore tidal, riparian, and upland habitats, providing critically needed habitat for native fish and wildlife in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

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Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please feel free to call Marie Valmores at (925) 688-8132.

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