



UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER
Integrated Regional Water Management

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Mr. Zaffar Eusuff
State of California
Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
PO Box 942836
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RE: Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management (USCR IRWM) Plan Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) Comments on the Draft 2012 Proposition 84 and 1E IRWM Guidelines and Round 2 Proposal Solicitation Packages (PSP)

Dear Mr. Eusuff:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the 2012 IRWM Program Guidelines and Round 2 Implementation and Stormwater Grant Program PSPs. The USCR RWMG respectfully submits the following comments, which we have coordinated with our neighboring Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County RWMG:

- ❖ Within the PSP, the cost benefit methodologies, we respectfully request that DWR allow projects with total costs of \$500,000 or less (rather than \$250,000 or less) to use the Cost-Effectiveness Analysis/Method D1. The proposed threshold of \$250,000 would exclude many of the smaller infrastructure-type projects.
- ❖ Regarding the requirement that all project proponents adopt the IRWM Plan, DWR should include some flexibility for non-traditional project proponents (e.g., small environmental groups) that do not have a typically organizational structure.
- ❖ Within the Draft Guidelines, page 16, it is unclear what eligibility criterion Disadvantaged Communities and Best Management Practice projects are exempt from (it could be interpreted that these types of projects are exempt from all eligibility requirements).

We appreciate the significant effort that the Department endures in preparation of these documents and in its dedication to getting these funds out as quickly as possible.

Please call Lauren Everett, Water Resources Planner, at (661) 513-1282, if your team has any questions.

Sincerely,

Dan Masnada
General Manager
Castaic Lake Water Agency

Cc: USCR IRWM Plan RWMG; WCVV RWMG