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Attn: Mr. Trevor Joseph, Project Manager  
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Subject: Draft Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)  
Implementation Grant Recommendations

Dear Mr. Joseph:

On behalf of the San Luis Obispo (SLO) region and the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and its Project Proponents, I would like to thank you and your department for a thorough review of the numerous Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant Applications submitted for your consideration. We are extremely pleased to be recommended for funding and are anxious to move forward with the high priority projects that were included in our proposal. Implementation of the projects will address the highest priority water supply, water quality, and flood protection challenges facing the region.

As presented at the public comment meeting, Department of Water Resources (DWR) attempted to fund proposals as much as possible and, in general, funded 100-percent of the highest scoring proposal in each funding area. SLO supports this rationale. As described in the Implementation Grant Proposal Solicitation Package, DWR has the option of awarding "Funding Area Balance Points" based on the ranking of multiple IRWM planning regions in a Funding Area. SLO is requesting that DWR consider awarding those balance points to the SLO proposal. Doing so will place the SLO proposal as the highest scoring proposal in the funding area, above regions already having received Proposition 50 funding and recommended for additional funding through Proposition 84. If the balance points are awarded and the SLO proposal is the highest scoring proposal in the funding area, we would ask that the DWR rationale of fully funding the highest scoring proposal in the funding area be applied.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to develop a grant agreement work plan, schedule and budget that addresses all of the items noted in the proposal evaluation.

Thank you for considering this comment letter, and for recommending funding to the SLO region.

Sincerely,

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San Luis Obispo County Public Works Director

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