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Subject: Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant Recommendations

Dear Mr. Joseph:

In December 2010, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (County) Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) voted unanimously to support the submittal of a Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant Application by the County—a collaborative effort of many dedicated agencies within our region. On behalf of the WRAC, I would like to thank your department for the significant effort it took to review and make recommendations for the Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant Applications. The DWR draft funding recommendation to the San Luis Obispo (SLO) Region will benefit the hard work and resourceful planning of our region. Implementation of the projects included in the County's proposal will help the region meet numerous San Luis IRWMP objectives, and will protect local water and environmental resources.

The WRAC supports the County's request that DWR award "Funding Area Balance Points" to the SLO proposal—placing it as the highest scoring proposal in the funding area, above regions which already received Proposition 50 funding and are recommended for additional Proposition 84 funding, and ask that the DWR rationale of fully funding the area's highest scoring proposal be applied.

Thank you for recommending funding to the SLO Region—helping to address numerous regional water resource issues.

Respectfully,

Michael Winn

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Chairperson, Water Resources Advisory Committee

Purpose of the Committee:

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the SLO County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. To recommend to the Board specific water resource programs. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

Excerpts from WRAC Bylaws dated 3/2/2011