



# Greater Los Angeles County

## Integrated Regional Water Management

### Leadership Committee

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900 South Fremont, Alhambra, CA 91803

October 10, 2013

Mr. Mark Cowin  
Director  
California Department of Water Resources  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236

Dear Mr. Cowin:

#### **SUPPORT FOR DRAFT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROPOSITION 84 ROUND 2 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

On behalf of the Leadership Committee of the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Group, I am writing to express our region's full support of your staff's recommended grant awards for the Los Angeles – Ventura Funding Area.

The GLAC IRWM application includes 13 critical projects from the GLAC IRWM Plan, which work together to benefit the entire Los Angeles Basin and result in measurable progress toward achieving the goals and objectives of the GLAC IRWM's adopted IRWM Plan. They also address the water resources needs of our urban disadvantaged communities. Our application reflects regional level planning for the water resource needs of the Los Angeles Basin and we worked diligently to assemble a suite of projects that reflects the geographic and political diversity of the Area while providing a high level of benefits in relationship to cost.

It should be noted that the GLAC IRWM's projects benefits the entire Los Angeles Basin, including the overlap area for which the GLAC IRWM and Gateway IRWM share planning responsibilities. The GLAC IRWM application includes two regional projects located within and directly benefiting the overlap area. The total cost for these two projects is over \$78 million and they are scheduled to receive \$5 million of the \$23 million in grant funds recommended by Department of Water Resources staff.

*"Address the water resources needs of the Region in an integrated and collaborative manner."*

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We strongly recommend the Department of Water Resources approve the funding for the Los Angeles – Ventura Funding Area as proposed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Pestrella', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MARK PESTRELLA  
Chair, Leadership Committee  
GLAC IRWM Group

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cc: GLAC IRWM Leadership Committee Members