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**Subject:** RE: Prop 84 IRWM Implementation Grant - Round 2 Draft Funding Recommendations  
**Importance:** High

Dear Zaffar,

I write to you today on behalf of the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC).

We were pleased to learn that based on the draft funding recommendations for the Round 2 Proposition 84 Implementation Grant program, we will receive nearly \$13.5 million for local projects. This represents 75 percent of our original grant request. The WCVC stakeholders worked hard to develop a high-quality and competitive proposal, and we are thankful for your recommendation. We recognize that there was less funding available statewide for Round 2, and the number of grant requests far exceeded the amount of available funding.

We believe the process used for reviewing and evaluating grant proposals in Round 2 was fair and equitable. We appreciate that DWR staff continues to seek and consider input from Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) regions regarding the grant program. The hard work of DWR staff in reviewing and evaluating each of the IRWM Implementation grant applications, as well as their support during the application process, is very much appreciated.

WCVC stakeholders embrace and value the IRWM approach to managing local water resources. The grants we have received to date have leveraged local funds and enabled us to implement projects essential to meeting our goals and objectives.

The integrity of the IRWM grant program depends on DWR's consistent implementation of the established Guidelines. Therefore, we respectfully urge you to uphold your draft recommendations in our funding area.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (805) 654-3836 or [susan.hughes@ventura.org](mailto:susan.hughes@ventura.org)

Thank you,

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