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Subject: Comments for the initial Concept of Program Elements in Future IRWMPS –
Proposition 84 and 1E

The City of Santa Rosa Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant (LWTP) would like to provide the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board comments on the **Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program**.

The City of Santa Rosa LWTP takes wastewater from homes, businesses and industry located within the Santa Rosa Subregional Water Reuse System, which serves the cities of Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol and Cotati. Since its inception in 1968, the facility has increased its volume of treated recycled water from 2 million gallons per day (MGD) to 21 MGD. We feel strongly that both Proposition 84 and 1E emphasis on water quality improvement and pollution prevention supports reinforcing language that specifically outlines water treatment/wastewater collections systems as qualified projects. Significantly, the materials presented to voters on the Prop 1E campaign, among other things, stated “outdated water and sewer systems can threaten drinking water supplies, pollute streams, and foul beaches”. Clearly the intent of Prop 1E was to include funding for wastewater infrastructure.

We also recommend, under the Prop 84 scoping topic of what an IRWM Plan must contain, the inclusion of another category for wastewater treatment and wastewater collection systems to the Water Plan Resource Management Strategies.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

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