

August 24, 2012

Attention: Joe Yun
Department of Water Resources
DIRWM
PO BOX 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001



SIERRA NEVADA ALLIANCE

Keeping light in the range.

RE: Support for Proposition 84 Round 2 Planning Grant Funding Recommendations

Dear Mr. Yun,

The Sierra Nevada Alliance supports the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 84 Round 2 Planning Grant Funding Recommendations. We are pleased that DWR recommended all eight Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMP's)¹ for Round 2 Planning Grant funds. Our organization regularly works with all IRWMP efforts in the Sierra, and we appreciate that DWR has recognized the state-wide value of Sierra IRWMPs. These funds will help each region update their Plan ensuring the plan meets the state's standards and addresses water resource challenges facing each region and the Sierra as a whole.

This organization supports all recommended funding, but requests that DWR consider additional funding for the Inyo-Mono IRWMP. The Inyo-Mono IRWMP has become a leader and model for Integrated Regional Water Management in the Sierra, and more sufficient funding would improve outreach and development to disadvantage communities (DAC) and support key studies and planning that will further water resource protection in the Inyo-Mono region. The Sierra Nevada Alliance collaborates with the Inyo-Mono IRWMP and California Trout and, having seen their work first-hand, asks DWR to consider increasing the funding to an amount closer to the full \$685,751 requested.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 530-542-4546. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan Clayburgh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Joan Clayburgh
Executive Director

¹ Eight Sierra IRWMP Applicants: California Trout (Inyo-Mono IRWMP), Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District (Lahontan Basins IRWMP), Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (Yosemite-Mariposa IRWMP), Plumas County Flood control and Water Conservation District (Upper Feather IRWMP), Sequoia Riverlands Trust (Southern Sierra), South Tahoe Public Utility District (Tahoe Sierra IRWMP), Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council (Madera Region IRWMP), and Yuba County Water Agency (Yuba Region IRWMP).