



## MAYOR BOB FOSTER

CITY OF LONG BEACH

December 23, 2010

Mr. Joe Yun  
Department of Water Resources, DIRWM  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-001

### **RE: Proposition 84 IRWM Planning Grant – Preliminary Recommendation Comments**

Dear Mr. Yun:

The Gateway Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (Gateway IRWM JPA) is seeking \$950,000 in Proposition 84 grant funds to develop a mandatory Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. As a strong supporter of the Gateway IRWM JPA, I am pleased to see it has been recommended for funding by staff at the Department of Water Resources (DWR). Please join me in supporting the approval of \$950,000 in Proposition 84 grant funds to the Gateway IRWM JPA.

The Gateway IRWM JPA represents the Gateway Region, a tremendously diverse area of nearly 2 million people in 26 cities. Twelve of the 26 cities in the Gateway IRWM JPA are classified as disadvantaged. Accordingly, the Gateway IRWM JPA governing board has been structured to include officials from the region's disadvantaged communities. The funding recommended by DWR will enable the Gateway IRWM JPA to coordinate a truly inclusive planning and implementation process that provides all stakeholders with an opportunity to participate in the decision-making process.

I appreciate the enormous undertaking by DWR to carry out the IRWM program and strongly encourage your continued support of IRWM groups like the Gateway IRWM JPA. These groups place leaders of disadvantaged communities at the helm of regional water management planning and offer stakeholders an accessible avenue for participation.

For these reasons, I urge you to consider the Gateway IRWM JPA as a recipient for Proposition 84 grant funds and thank you for your leadership at the Department of Water Resources.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Foster  
City of Long Beach