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Subject: Comments for the Initial Concept of Program Elements in Future IRWMPs -Prop  
50, 84 and 1E

The California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the items presented at the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program Scoping Meetings in January 2007.

CASA is a statewide association representing public agencies that collect, treat, dispose and reclaim wastewater. Our members serve 90 percent of California's sewered population. We feel strongly that both Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E emphasis on water quality improvement and pollution prevention supports reinforcing language that specifically outlines water treatment/wastewater collection 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 Significantly, the materials presented to voters on the Prop 1E campaign, among other things, stated "outdated water and sewer systems can threaten drinking water supplies, pollute streams, and foul beaches".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 collections systems to the Water Plan Resource Management Strategies.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely,

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