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Ms. Tracie Billington
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Dear Ms. Billington:

ANTELOPE VALLEY REGION'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

This letter is a follow-up to our comment letter dated February 5, 2007, recommending the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to allocate the \$196.2 million in remaining Proposition 50, Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) program funds to the Round Two funding cycle.

Based on staff recommendations provided with the SWRCB's March 20, 2007, meeting agenda, the SWRCB will consider awarding an additional \$132 million in Proposition 50, IRWM program funds to Round One applicants. Assuming this recommendation is adopted, we urge the State to consider the following actions to minimize the potential impacts to Southern California regions, including the Antelope Valley:

1. Consolidate the remaining DWR and SWRCB Proposition 50, IRWM program funds, totaling approximately \$64 million, and designate the funds for Southern California regions to achieve an equitable allocation between Northern and Southern California.
2. Award Proposition 50, IRWM program funds to regions that have not previously received IRWM grants.
3. Allow adoption of IRWM plans for future implementation grants upon award of funding rather than at the time of application.

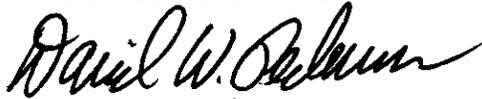
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We appreciate the opportunity to provide our recommendations for the State's consideration in administering future IRWM program funds and look forward to working with DWR and the SWRCB to address our local water resources issues.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Pedersen at (626) 300-3317.

Very truly yours,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Pedersen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

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cc: State Water Resources Control Board (Shahla Farahnak)