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Dear Mesdames Billington and Farahanak:

The Coachella Valley Water District recognizes the need for Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) throughout the Colorado River Funding Region to coordinate and plan for needs specific to their communities. We greatly appreciate the attention and assistance the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staffs have provided.

In the meetings held in the past six months, we have followed the evolving progress of the DAC programs under Proposition 84. We are very concerned that the delays in budget approval and legislative priorities for the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) programs are jeopardizing the DAC programs that had been proposed earlier this year.

We strongly support the earlier proposals from DWR and SWRCB to provide specific advanced planning funds, technical support and outreach to the disadvantaged communities throughout the State. If the State seeks true integration of DAC needs into the IRWM process, we believe that it is essential for DAC groups to have advanced planning funds to coordinate and be prepared for broader regional efforts.

We believe there are diverse interests in the Colorado River region including water districts, the building community, general purpose city and county governments, as well as tribal governments, and non-profit groups. Many of these groups are already working in the Coachella Valley to address the basic water and wastewater needs in our DAC communities. Coordinated efforts like these need to be encouraged in new guidelines and will need funding and technical assistance in order to be better represented in IRWM programs.

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Tracie Billington
California Department of Water Resources

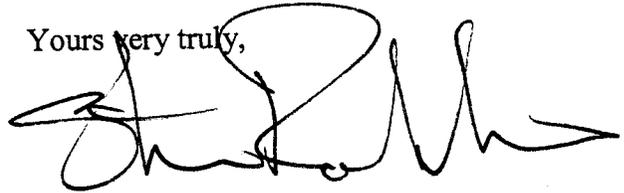
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We appreciate the open process you have undertaken in preparing the guidelines for Proposition 84 funding and we look forward to continuing to work toward an IRWM program that integrates regions.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Robbins', written over a large, faint circular stamp or watermark.

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