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Subject: Comments on IRWMP Planning Grant Guidelines.

Thank you for the great workshop.

The matching cost requirement of 50% is too high. Previous Proposition 50 applications did not require this high match but a demonstration of matching effort. This new requirement does not seem fair to those just getting their regions underway. It also hurts many disadvantaged communities that we are trying to get engaged into the water planning effort. It's to DWR and the State's advantage to have a good planning effort, one that doesn't have to limit funds for the plan because of cost share. A lower matching cost share seems fair given there are many new changes that are being mandated for IRWMP's by the State which requires more planning work.

I suggest **removing the cost match** or at least having be no more than 20%.

Thanks. Have a great day!

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