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Subject: Props 84 □ 1E-SWFM Program Guidelines and PSPs - Greater Los Angeles County IRWM

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Hello,

On behalf of the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Group, attached are our comments and suggestions for consideration regarding the draft Proposition 84 and 1E-SWFM Program Guidelines and Project Solicitation Packages. There are 5 documents:

(1) Transmittal Letter

(2) High Level Summary of Comments

(3) DWR □ **“IRWM Grant Program Guidelines” Document** with Our Comments and Suggestions Inserted Using □Track Changes□

(4) DWR □ **Planning Grant PSP □Document** with Our Comments and Suggestions Inserted Using □Track Changes□

(5) DWR □ **Implementation Grant PSP □Document** with Our Comments and Suggestions Inserted Using □Track Changes□

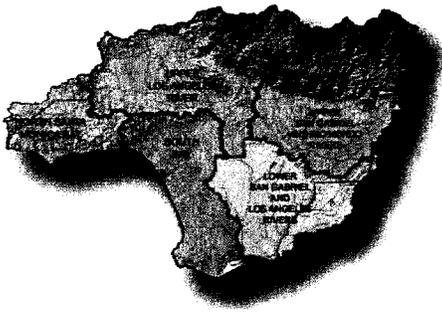
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DRAFT INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND PROJECT SOLICITATION PACKAGES PROPOSITIONS 84 AND 1E

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On behalf of the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Group, enclosed are our comments and suggestions for consideration regarding the draft Propositions 84 and 1E program guidelines and project solicitation packages.

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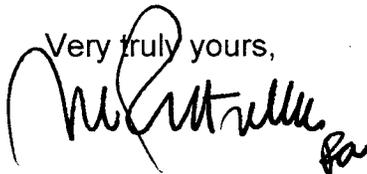
If you have any questions regarding our comments and suggestions, please contact Mr. Mark Pestrella, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4001 or mpestrella@dpw.lacounty.gov.

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**Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Water Management
Draft Integrated Regional Water Management Program Guidelines and
Project Solicitation Packages
Propositions 84 and 1E**

Summary of Comments

(Note: Specific comments are imbedded in the attached source documents.)

Application Submittal Schedule

Stagger and extend the application preparation periods for all Project Solicitation Packages (PSPs):

- a. Extend the application preparation period for Propositions 84 Implementation and 1E PSPs to 16-18 weeks.
- b. Extend the application preparation period for Propositions 84 Planning PSPs to 10-12 weeks.
- c. Under no circumstances should any of the application preparation periods run concurrently.

Propositions 84 and 1E Program Guidelines

- (1) Clarify that updates and changes to an Integrated Regional Water Management project list may be performed according to the process developed by each Regional Water Management Guideline stakeholder group.
- (2) Provide a firm contract execution date to regions prior to the beginning of the Grant solicitation process.
- (3) Revise eligible cost language to allow funds expended after September 30, 2008, to be eligible for reimbursement.

Proposition 84 Planning PSP

Lower the match requirement to zero for regions with fewer than 500,000 people and 25 percent for regions with greater than 500,000 people.

Proposition 84 Implementation PSP

Restructure the application process to be a two-step process with an Economic Analysis performed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), occurring in the second step.

- a. DWR evaluates the step 1 applications based on the scoring criteria (except that only streamlined cost and benefit information is requested to be submitted, rather than the full Economic Analysis) and establish a threshold, above which applicants are invited to compete for funding in step 2.

- b. In step 2, require applicants to provide assistance to a DWR Economic Expert such that DWR can complete an Economic Analysis of the applicant's step 1 proposal.

Proposition 1E PSP

- (1) Revise eligible cost language to allow funds expended after September 30, 2008, to be eligible for reimbursement. Proposed guidelines currently indicate that only work performed after execution of the grant agreement would be eligible for reimbursement and that costs incurred after the date of grant award, but before grant agreement is executed would not be eligible for reimbursement. It was our understanding from DWR workshops and discussions that the language of the guidelines would be written such that the funds expended after September 30, 2008, would be eligible for reimbursement.
- (2) Proposal to transfer \$40 million to Cal FIRE Fuels Management Grant Program is not consistent with the intent of Proposition 1E and should be eliminated.

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