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Subject: Kern IRWMP Comments re: the Prop 84 Guidelines and Grant PSPs

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Mr. Yun,

The Tulare Lake Portion of Kern County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Kern IRWMP) would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E Guidelines (Guidelines), as well as the Planning and Implementation Proposal Solicitation Packages (PSPs). The Kern IRWMP submits the following comments:

Comment 1: The planning grant PSP matching requirement of 50 percent should be lowered.

The Kern IRWMP participants, like other IRWMPs statewide, have put a great deal of time, effort and money into our planning process to date. While we would greatly appreciate the availability of state money to assist in continuing our planning efforts, we believe that a 50 percent matching fund requirement may be too great a burden to bear. Additionally, we believe that in the current economic climate, a high costs may deter participants statewide from continuing their participation in the IRWM Program. Therefore, we request that the minimum required match to 25 percent for planning grants.

Comment 2: DWR has inappropriately limited the implementation grant eligibility requirements.

DWR has previously stated that IRWM regions conditionally accepted during the Region Acceptance Process (RAP) will have the opportunity to satisfy the conditions of their RAP and have their region fully approved prior to implementation and planning grant cycles. Therefore, limitation of implementation grant eligibility to those conditionally approved regions with specific eligibility approval is inappropriate. We request that the guidelines be amended to allow regions who satisfy their RAP conditions to be eligible for implementation grants should they meet the additional eligibility requirements. Additionally, we request that Table 1 be removed from the Implementation PSP.

Comment 3: DWR has a legislative obligation to evaluate new IRWM plans for implementation grant eligibility.

California Water Code Section 10546 states: "An integrated regional water management plan prepared pursuant to this part shall be eligible for funding pursuant to Section 75026 of the Public Resources Code, and for any funding authorized on or after January 1, 2009, that is allocated specifically for implementation of integration regional water management." As DWR will have final Proposition 84 guidelines available prior to the release of implementation and planning grant funding, DWR has an obligation to evaluate plans for Proposition 84 compliance to determine their eligibility for implementation funding. Therefore, we request that the Implementation Proposal Solicitation Package be amended to include a process for evaluation of new plans to determine their eligibility.

If you have any questions, please contact me at lbauer@kcwa.com or (661) 634-1411.

Thank you,

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