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**SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON COUNTIES WITH STRESSED BASINS GRANT SOLICITATION
DRAFT GUIDELINES AND DRAFT PROPOSAL SOLICITATION PACKAGE (PSP)**

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Guidelines and Draft Proposal Solicitation Package for the Counties with Stressed Basins Grant Solicitation. On behalf of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA), I respectfully offer the following comments and suggestions for your consideration:

- Local Funding Needs – It is our understanding that the intention in the Draft Proposal Solicitation Package is to award a maximum of \$250,000.00 for the County of Ventura. Please clarify if this is not the intent of this grant. If the intention of the grant is to aid stressed basins, it is our suggestion that solicitation be determined by the basin needs and have a maximum allocation by basin as opposed to the county. For example, Ventura County has 10% of the medium and high priority groundwater basins in the state, and four of these basins are within the FCGMA boundary. Each basin with the County of Ventura has different management challenges and needs for funding.
- Management Structures – It is important to recognize that the County of Ventura is not the only groundwater management entity, and other agencies such as the FCGMA should be eligible for funding under the Counties with Stressed Basins Grant Solicitation.

We greatly appreciate the desire to offer immediate fiscal assistance to local water management entities, and appreciate your consideration of existing local needs, management structures, and planning efforts in order to maximize the effectiveness of state funds in meeting critical local water management needs. You may contact Tully Clifford by telephone at (805) 654-2040 or at tully.clifford@ventura.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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