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Robert Harrington  
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Subject: BLM Letter of Support for Funding of Well Construction

Dear Mr. Harrington:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California Desert District Office, understands that the County of Inyo is applying for grant funds from the State of California for construction of monitoring wells through the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program. Proposed are up to eight wells to be located in the Middle Amargosa, Pahrump, California, and Mesquite Valley groundwater basins in southeastern Inyo County. We support this proposal and, should the California Department of Water Resources award funding to the County of Inyo, the BLM will work with County representatives to conduct necessary assessments and permitting for construction and monitoring of those wells that are constructed on BLM-administered federal land.

These proposed wells would provide invaluable information regarding groundwater resources in the area. Information of this type is very important in making BLM management decisions. This is especially true for these wells, since they would relate directly to concerns about the Amargosa Wild and Scenic River and its associated resources. The BLM is currently helping fund several studies in the area through the U.S. Geological Survey Nevada Water Science Center. This work has broad support from other federal agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and non-governmental organizations such as The Nature Conservancy and the Amargosa Conservancy. The proposed Inyo County monitoring wells would greatly support these efforts, enhancing our understanding of processes in the Death Valley region, and be a valuable addition to knowledge of California's groundwater resources.

Sincerely,

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District Manager – California Desert

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