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RE: Draft Funding Recommendations for the Water-Energy Grant Program

Dear Mr. Cross,

As part of the Department of Water Resources' solicitation for the Water-Energy Grant Program, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) submitted an application for a watershed-based Water-Energy Community Action Network Program (Program) in December 2014. The Program proposes to use a multi-pronged approach over two and a half years, which will include targeted outreach to three areas with the highest density of disadvantaged communities in the Santa Ana River Watershed. At the time it was proposed to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the total project amount was \$3,012,053, with \$520,000 as local cost share and \$2,497,263 requested from the Water-Energy Grant.

SAWPA was very pleased to see that it was included in listed projects proposed for draft funding and is excited to begin planning for the implementation of the Program. With the draft funding recommendations proposed at \$2,339,823, which is a reduction of six percent of the proposed amount, we had several questions on how to proceed with planning of the Program:

1. Could you please provide an explanation of which components of the overall program were considered ineligible by DWR?
2. How should SAWPA reduce the Program's implementation budget in light of the six percent proposed decrease? We expect the DWR will require fewer benefits than originally proposed under the December 2014 application. Will it be requiring less water and energy benefits, or just one or the other, by six percent?

