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Proposition 50, Chapter 8. First Funding Cycle Recommended Project List – SAWPA Addition

Dear Mr. Snow:

The purpose of this letter is to request State consideration to include funding allocated to Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Implementation under the second funding cycle into the first funding cycle and to include the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) grant application in the first round funding cycle. As you are aware, the November 13 California Department of Water Resources preliminary recommended funding list of projects for the first funding cycle of State Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Implementation Grant Program listed the SAWPA grant application as the first runner up for selection based on the established point scoring system.

The SAWPA application represents the combined interests of many agencies and organizations in implementing water resource improvements for the Santa Ana Region. This region represents one of the most studied and evaluated regions for water quality and water supply in the State. It is also one of the fastest, if not the fastest, growing region of the State. Under the Proposition 50 evaluation process, the SAWPA integrated plan was ranked among the top integrated plans of the 16 grant applications submitted under Step 2 implementation. The projects and programs which comprise SAWPA's integrated plan are well thought out and can be readily implemented.

As a stakeholder and a supporter of the Santa Ana IRWMP and the priority projects for the region included in its Proposition 50, Chapter 8 IRWMP grant application, we believe it is important to support the SAWPA grant submittal for inclusion in the current recommended funding list for round one funding. This will leverage the grant preparation funds spent to date and allow funds originally planned under the second funding round of Proposition 50 to move quicker into implementation. And, by expanding the first round funding list, funds can be expedited to important IRWMP project implementation, particularly in light of the Proposition 84 bond passage.

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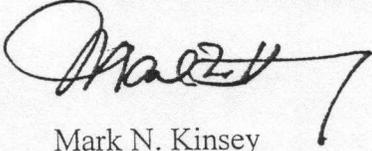
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If approved by the State, this request would seem to represent a true win-win scenario. Well thought out projects necessary to meet the increasing water supply needs of the State would be implemented sooner and at a lower cost. We appreciate your interest and support of this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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