



November 20, 2018

California Department of Water Resources
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Financial Assistance Branch
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**Subject: Comments on the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management
Draft 2018 Implementation Grant Proposal Solicitation Package**

Dear Ms. Woolridge:

Thank you for ample time to provide comments on the Draft 2018 Implementation Grant Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Round 1 Grant Program. The San Luis Obispo County Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) met on Wednesday November 7, 2018 to provide comments on the draft PSP and IRWM Grant Program Draft 2018 Guidelines.

The RWMG discussed the PSP's anticipated timeline, revised application process, cost share requirements, and reimbursement timing. RWMG members, with the proposed reimbursement timing, believe the PSP creates a narrow window for eligible projects. Projects must have permitting by the agreement date but are not eligible to be reimbursed until the final funding award date. These are currently 4 to 6 months apart. In addition, members have been eagerly waiting for Proposition 1 IRWM funding since it was passed in November of 2014. The draft PSP proposes at least 1 additional year of waiting.

The San Luis Obispo County RWMG requests that DWR move the eligibility date for reimbursable expenses, which is currently set as the date of the final grant award, to the date of the release of the final PSP, or January 1, 2019, whichever is earlier.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (805) 788-2316 or at bclark@co.slo.ca.us

Sincerely,

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