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Flood Control  Water Agency

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RE: Proposition 50 Grant –Overview and Requirements

In accordance with your request for information regarding the Proposition 50 grant and associated water project funding, following is a description of the process and requirements.

Background

The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (also known as "Proposition 50") provides grant funding to promote regional assessment and planning for water supply and water quality issues. Because preparation of a comprehensive Integrated Regional Water Management Plan ("IRWMP") is a required step for obtaining Prop 50 grants, the local entities cooperating in the effort submitted a comprehensive IRWMP with the goal of obtaining Prop 50 Round 2 grant funding for water projects in the Santa Barbara Countywide Region.

The IRWMP for Santa Barbara County was approved and 14 priority projects were selected to receive \$25,000,000 in funding. The Agencies conducting these projects are called the Project Proponents. As a condition of funding, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) requires that a single entity from Santa Barbara County contract for the funds and administer the grant on behalf of local Project Proponents. The Santa Barbara County Water Agency (Agency) has assumed this responsibility. In addition, the County will be contracting with a firm experienced in Proposition 50 Grant management to track and coordinate reporting and invoicing for each project.

In order to receive the approved funds from the SWRCB, several actions are required from both the Agency and Project Proponents of which the City of Santa Barbara is one. Time is of the essence due to an additional and extensive set of requirements at the State level that take effect on January 1, 2009.

Required Documents:

The following documents are required to be executed and in place by December 31, 2008. These documents are now being completed and circulated by the Agency and its representatives.

- 1) Contract between Water Agency and SWRCB
- 2) MOU between County Water Agency and Project Proponents
- 3) Sub Agreements between the Water Agency and each of the Project Proponents

Required Information from Project Proponents:

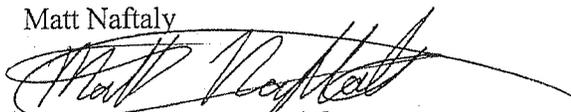
In order for these documents to be completed and proponents to be eligible for reimbursement, the Agency needs the following information from each Project Proponent:

- 1) Estimated project expenditure for the 2008/2009 fiscal year\*
- 2) GIS coordinates of each project.
- 3) Project Assessment and Evaluation Plan (PAEP)
- 4) Past three years of financial statements
- 5) All CEQA documents related to the project must be forwarded to the SWRCB\*
- 6) Additional requirements for reimbursement are included in the Draft Contract between SWRCB and Agency.

\* Needed immediately

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

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