

Castaic Lake Water Agency  
City of Santa Clarita  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District  
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Castaic Lake Water Agency, Santa Clarita Water Division

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Dean Efstathiou  
Acting Chief Engineer, Flood Control District  
Chair, Leadership Committee  
Greater Los Angeles County  
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan  
C/O Los Angeles County Public Works  
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Alhambra, CA 91802-1460

RE: Allocation of Proposition 84 Grant Funds for the Los Angeles – Ventura Sub-Region

Dear Mr. ~~Efstathiou~~ <sup>DEAN</sup>:

On behalf of the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Management Group, I would like to respond to your predecessor's (Donald Wolfe) letter dated January 10, 2008 to me representing the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) and Ms. Sue Hughes of the Watershed Coalitions of Ventura County (WCVC), representing the Ventura County IRWMP RWMG. On behalf of the Leadership Committee of the Greater Los Angeles County IRWMP, Mr. Wolfe suggested that any Proposition 84 grant funding be divided in the funding area consistent with the Leadership Committee's interpretation of language contained in Proposition 84. As can be seen in the subsequent response from the WCVC dated February 6, 2008, interpretations of the Proposition can vary. Representatives of all three regions had been meeting throughout 2007 to craft some form of acceptable allocation formula that could be given to the state for their consideration.

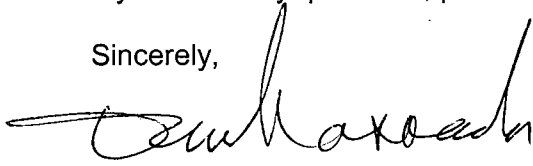
Though we do not object to Leadership Committee's recommendation for a fixed-base allocation of funding, it is the size of the base that determines whether such an allocation would be appropriate and equitable based on the needs and previous funding given to each IRWMP region. The Upper Santa Clara River area is the only region to date that has yet to apply for or receive any funding as part of the IRWMP process and the fixed-based portion of any allocation formula will need to address this. We also agree with the WCVC that population may not be the only appropriate means to determine the variable portion of the funding.

Given the lack of resolution between the parties involved, we think it is in the best interest of the three IRWMP areas in the funding area to continue to negotiate a funding allocation that is acceptable to all three parties and present it to the state. To achieve this, we urge that the Greater Los Angeles County IRWMP representatives continue to work with both the WVCV and the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region representatives to resolve this matter.

We were pleased to be included in the distribution of your proposal and we look forward to continue to work with the representatives of both the WVCV and the Greater Los Angeles County IRWMP to accomplish the goals of Proposition 84 that benefit the water resources of this funding area.

If you have any questions, please call me at (661) 297-1600.

Sincerely,



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Castaic Lake Water Agency

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