



# Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

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Lester A. Snow, Director  
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Dear Director Snow:

I am writing to urge you to reconsider funding the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association's application for Proposition 50, Round 2 with \$25 million. The application that included an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) adopted by 11 major stakeholder groups in the Antelope Valley was submitted to the Department of Water Resources in January 2008. The IRWMP preparation process was completed in a relatively short period of time, demonstrating an unprecedented collaborative effort among the various stakeholders in the Antelope Valley to address future water resource and environmental needs.

It is my understanding that only \$51.7 million was available for funding applications submitted for Proposition 50, Round 2 funds. The available funds for Round 2 were initially \$220 million, but were reduced to fund additional applicants for Proposition 50, Round 1 and the Assembly Bill 303 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program. Such reallocation resulted in a considerably smaller amount for funding Proposition 50, Round 2 applicants that included the Antelope Valley.

I recommend that you dedicate \$25 million from the \$100 million of un-allocated funds under the Proposition 84 IRWMP Grant Program for the Antelope Valley, which is consistent with the intent of Proposition 84. The Antelope Valley faces serious water supply challenges, and State funding from Proposition 84 would encourage and leverage local funding to construct the seven critical projects described in the application. I realize that such a proposal will require Legislative appropriation of these funds in Fiscal Year 08-09 and intend to pursue the necessary support for the appropriation.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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