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May 2005

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Ms. Tracie Billington
State Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
P. O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

On behalf of the City of Woodland, this letter is being submitted in support of the request by the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The City of Woodland believes that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, the City of Woodland strongly encourages DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

GARY WEGENER,
Director of Public Works

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County
Shahla Farahmand, State Water Resources Control Board
May 3, 2005

Donna Gentile, Administrative Coordinator
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
P.O. Box 8624
Woodland, CA 95776

RE: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gentile,

On behalf of the City of Davis, this letter is being submitted in support of the request by the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The City of Davis believes that completion of an Integrated Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, the City of Davis strongly encourages DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

Bob Weir
Public Works Director

City of Davis
May 10, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington
State Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
P. O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

RE: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

On behalf of the City of Winters, this letter is being submitted in support of the request by the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The City of Winters believes that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, the City of Winters strongly encourages DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John W. Donlevy, Jr.
City Manager

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County
Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board
April 25, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington
State Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
P. O. Box 942836
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SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County
Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

Dear Ms. Billington:

On behalf of the Yolo County Environmental Health Division, this letter is being submitted in support of the request by the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The Yolo County Environmental Health Division believes that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a longtime goal of Yolo County water interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, the Yolo County Environmental Health Division strongly encourages DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Y. To, Director
Yolo County Environmental Health

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County
    Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board
May 10, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington  
State Department of Water Resources  
Division of Planning and Local Assistance  
P. O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

On behalf of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District)  
this letter is being submitted in support of the request by the Water Resources  
Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50,  
Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The District believes that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan  
(IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making.  
Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of the District  
and other Yolo County water interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP  
grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of  
Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water  
management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and  
management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, the Yolo County  
Flood Control and Water Conservation District strongly encourages DWR and the State  
Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued water related  
planning efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project  
application before you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ann T. Brice  
Chair

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County
May 3, 2005

MS. TRACIE BILLINGTON
State Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
P. O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

RE: Water Resources Association of Yolo County Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

Dear Ms. Billington:

The University of California, Davis supports the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under the Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

We believe developing an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for Yolo County would be a major step towards coordinated water management in the county. A regional approach to water management would foster sound management of water resources and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, UC Davis strongly endorses the application and encourages awarding the grant so that coordinated water management efforts can continue.

Sincerely,

John A. Meyer, Vice Chancellor
Resource Management and Planning

/rjw

Enclosure

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County
    Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board
April 29, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington  
State Department of Water Resources  
Division of Planning and Local Assistance  
P. O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001  

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application  

Dear Ms. Billington:

On behalf of the Dunnigan Water District, this letter is being submitted in support of the request by the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The Dunnigan Water District believes that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, the Dunnigan Water District strongly encourages DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
William Cotter  
President  

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
    Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board
May 10, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington
State Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
P. O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

SUBJECT: Water Resources Association of Yolo County Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

As Mayor of the City of West Sacramento, I encourage your favorable consideration of the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

I currently serve on the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, the public advisory committee for the California Bay Delta Authority, and the Delta Protection Commission, and understand the critical water supply, security, and quality opportunities that will emerge as part of the IRWMP for Yolo County should this application be funded. Although the City of West Sacramento is not currently a member of the WRA, we expect to work collaboratively with the association on development and implementation of the integrated plan, and, if the grant application is approved, I will be proposing to the city council that West Sacramento become a member of the association.

I strongly encourage the Department and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application by the WRA.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER L. CABALDON
Mayor
April 27, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington  
State Department of Water Resources  
Division of Planning and Local Assistance  
P. O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

As Executive Director of the Yolo County Resource Conservation District, I am submitting this letter in support of the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The Yolo County Resource Conservation District believes that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, the Yolo County Resource Conservation District strongly encourages DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

Paul Robins  
Executive Director

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
    Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board
April 29, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington
State Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
P. O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

On behalf of the Audubon California Landowner Stewardship Program, this letter is being submitted in support of the request by the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The Landowner Stewardship Program believes that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, the Audubon California Landowner Stewardship Program strongly encourages DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

Vance Russell

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County
    Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board
April 30, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington
State Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
P. O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Re: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County Proposition 50
IRWMP Planning Grant Application

Dear Ms. Billington:

On behalf of the Tuleyome, Inc this letter is being submitted in support of the Water Resources
Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter
8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

Tuleyome is a 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental advocacy organization whose primary
objective and purpose is to protect the agricultural and wild heritages of the Putah Creek and
Cache Creek watersheds and associated regions.

We believe that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in
Yolo County is important to future decision-making that will help us to achieve our goals of a
viable agricultural economy and healthy ecosystem, particularly throughout the waterways of the
county.

Recognizing the necessity of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and
management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, Tuleyome strongly
encourages DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the
continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application
before you.

Sincerely,

Bob Schneider, Executive Director
530-304-6215

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County
April 29, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington
State Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
P. O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

On behalf of the Cache Creek Conservancy, this letter is being submitted in support of the request by the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The Conservancy believes that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water, environmental and restoration interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, the Cache Creek Conservancy strongly encourages DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jan Lowrey, ED

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County
Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board
May 5, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington
State Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
P. O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

On behalf of the Center for Land-Based Learning, this letter is being submitted in support of the request by the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The Center for Land-Based Learning believes that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

The Center for Land-Based Learning works in concert with such organizations and agencies as the Yolo County Resource Conservation District, the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Audubon California’s Landowner Stewardship Program, and the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee to restore waterways, with voluntary landowner approval, to functioning wildlife habitat. At the same time, these projects work to improve the water resources of Yolo County by decreasing sediment and nutrient loads, pesticide residues, and increasing dissolved oxygen and other beneficial measures of water quality on farm and ranch land. This work benefits all of Yolo County, and we are looking forward to an integrated plan that includes restoration work as a part of the process.

The Center for Land-Based Learning strongly encourages DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

MARY KIMBALL

www.landbasedlearning.org
May 6, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington  
State Department of Water Resources  
Division of Planning and Local Assistance  
P. O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

As President of the Yolo County Farm Bureau I am sending this letter of support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The Yolo County Farm Bureau believes that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, the Farm Bureau strongly encourages DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

Doug Priest  
President

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board
April 29, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington
State Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
P. O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

On behalf of the Lake County Watershed Protection District (District), this letter is being submitted in support of the request by the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

As a neighboring County that shares the Cache Creek Watershed, the District believes that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making for both Counties. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo and Lake Counties water interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, the District strongly encourages DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert L. A. Lossius
Assistant Director of Public Works / Watershed Protection District

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County
    Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board
Ms. Tracie Billington  
State Department of Water Resources  
Division of Planning and Local Assistance  
P. O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

On behalf of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, (SAFCA) this letter is being submitted in support of the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

Completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future of regional water management decision-making. The IRWMP will be developed using a collaborative approach. SAFCA believes the IRWMP process will provide Yolo water interests with specific water management objectives and confidence in the collaborative process, the two most important cornerstones for regional decision-making. In SAFCA’s opinion, these cornerstones will facilitate further collaboration to identify multi-objective approaches to address regional water supply, water quality, flood management, and fish and wildlife habitat challenges.

Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests, SAFCA, and the State of California. Funding this IRWMP grant application will build on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County and will lay the groundwork for broadening the objectives and geographical scope of this collaboration.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the water resources issues facing Yolo County and its neighbors, SAFCA strongly encourages DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

Timothy Washburn  
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board

Office 916-674-7606  
FAX 916-674-8289

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Sacramento, CA 95814-9407
Ms. Tracie Billington
State Department of Water Resources
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RE: IRWMP Planning Grant Application

Dear Ms. Billington:

I am writing in strong support of the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

Completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is crucial to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests, and is aligned with State objectives. This IRWMP grant application builds on existing collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Mindful of the importance of sound scientific approaches and sufficient data to guide the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, I encourage DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to continue the funding support of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

Mike Thompson
Member of Congress

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County
Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board
May 10, 2005

Ms. Traci Billington  
Department of Water Resources  
Division of Planning and Local Assistance  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

I am writing to support the application submitted by the Water Resources Association of Yolo County for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

The completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests. This grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the Water Resources Association of Yolo County and the Department of Water Resources that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County is important.

Again, I urge the approval of the Proposition 50, Chapter 8 IRWMP grant application for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL J. MACHADO  
Senator, Fifth District

MJM:bw
May 5, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington  
State Department of Water Resources  
Division of Planning and Local Assistance  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

This letter is being submitted in support of the request by the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

I believe that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, I strongly encourage DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Sincerely,

LOIS WOLK  
Assemblywoman 8th District

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board
May 10, 2005

Ms. Tracie Billington
State Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
P. O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County Proposition 50 IRWMP Planning Grant Application

This letter is being submitted in support of the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) application for grant funding under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

I believe that completion of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in Yolo County is important to future water management decision-making. Coordinated regional water management is and has been a long-time goal of Yolo County water interests, as well as the State of California. This IRWMP grant application builds on the collaborative efforts of the WRA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already led to a better understanding of water management in Yolo County.

Recognizing the importance of good science and data to assist in the proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, I strongly encourage DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding toward the continued efforts of the WRA, as requested in the Proposition 50 IRWMP project application before you.

Respectfully,

DOUG LA MALFA
Assemblyman, Second District

cc: Water Resources Association of Yolo County
May 11, 2005

Lester Snow, Director
Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street, 11th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Arthur Baggett, Chairman
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: A Nested Approach to Integrated Regional Water Management Planning in the Sacramento Valley

Dear Director Snow and Chairman Baggett:

Northern California water users in partnership with local governments and the Natural Heritage Institute (NHI) have submitted four applications for Proposition 50 planning grants in the Sacramento River Hydrologic Region (Sacramento Region). These applications include:

- An Integrated Water Management Plan for the Sacramento Region
- Planning for Regional Integration of the Lower Tuscan Formation into Multi-Objective Water Management in the Sacramento Valley
- Water Resources Association of Yolo County IRWMP
- Yuba County IRWMP

As you know, the Sacramento River Hydrologic Region (Sacramento Region) is a large and diverse landscape that drains 22 million acre-feet of water from over 27,000 square miles of land. The Sacramento Region provides water for more than 2 million acres of farmland (22% of the State’s farmland) and serves as a drinking water source for 20 million people. The Sacramento Region also provides habitat for 50% of the threatened and endangered species in California and its seasonal and permanent wetlands provide for 65% of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan Central Valley habitat objective of 7.2 million birds.
Recognizing the diverse and important geography, the four inter-related planning grant applications taken together will build upon the existing planning in the Sacramento Region to form the “Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Sacramento Region.” This will serve as a super-regional planning process that is consistent with the Department of Water Resources’ Bulletin 160 (California Water Plan) and the State Water Resources Control Board Strategic Plan, its Watershed Management Initiative and the basin planning process. The Sacramento Region IRWMP is a grass root planning process that will help implement the State’s strategy to place “more emphasis on integrated regional water management” by building upon regional level water management strategies and then integrating these strategies into a coherent super-regional water management plan.

Nested within the IRWMP for the Sacramento Region are regional integrated planning efforts that are organized to optimize the use and conservation of coherent hydrologic resources in the basin and will be conducted by the interests who have a shared stake in that outcome. These are complementary rather than competing proposals that will be knit together by the umbrella Sacramento Region IRWMP. Each of the regional plans will produce an integrated regional water management plan with independent utility, yet the ultimate value comes from the combined benefits of the regional plan that will be larger than the sum of the parts.

We appreciate your consideration of the special qualities in the Sacramento Region and the unique opportunities the planning grants will serve in further refining integrated regional water management planning for the Sacramento Region and providing broad benefits to the State of California.

Sincerely yours,

David J. Guy
Executive Director
Northern California Water Association

Greg Thomas
President
Natural Heritage Institute