



Project Support Letters

Supporting Agency:	City of Perris
Comment Contact:	Habib Motlagh
Support for:	1015 (City of Meniffee)

The City of Perris is pleased to express our support for the City of Meniffee's "One Water, One Watershed" grant application. Their project, which would construct master drainage infrastructure within the Homeland/Romoland Master Plan, is an important regional effort that will benefit the entire watershed.

The City of Perris was intimately involved in the planning and design efforts for this project, since some of the more downstream facilities are within our city limits. It has been exciting to see the environmental, design, and right of way phases get completed, and we are optimistic that this funding from this grant opportunity will allow construction to begin soon. With its open channels and detention basins, the drainage infrastructure in this project will encourage infiltration, improve water quality, and lessen the flooding and emergency road closures that often plague this area. Through all of these measures, the livability of Meniffee, Perris, and unincorporated Riverside County will improve. Construction of these regional drainage improvements will be a boon to local residents and businesses, and it is rare to find a project like this one that is truly "shovel-ready". For all of these reasons, the City of Perris strongly supports Meniffee's application.

Supporting Agency:	Orange County Water District
Comment Contact:	Michael R. Markus
Support for:	Portfolio 3

On behalf of the Orange County Water District (OCWD), I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of Portfolio 3 for Proposition 84, Round 1 funding.

Out of the three portfolio options being considered by the OWOW Steering Committee, Portfolio 3, which funds 11 projects with a funding cap of \$1.2 million dollars, provides the greatest distribution of benefits to the watershed. These benefits include additional water supply, improvement in water quality, and flood management enhancement. Additionally, Portfolio 3 provides appreciably greater benefits to disadvantaged communities in the watershed than the other portfolio choices.

For the reasons stated above, OCWD respectfully requests selection of Portfolio 3 for Proposition 84, Round 1 funding. Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Supporting Agency:	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Comment Contact:	Thomas Love
Support for:	1167 (City of Fontana)

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) supports the City of Fontana's request for Proposition 84, Chapter 2, IRWM Funding through Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority. The City of Fontana proposes to redirect flood control conveyance and to increase the recharge capacities with construction of new basins for the purposes of storm water and recycled water recharge into the regional aquifer. The project will also provide for the direct re-use of recycled water, thereby reducing the region's dependence on imported water. The direct reuse project is dependent upon construction of regional facilities. IEUA intends to continue the expansion of the regional recycled water program including construction of regional facilities in the City of Fontana using existing funds together with SRF state funding in coordination with the City of Fontana.

If you have any questions regarding our support for this project, please let me know.

Supporting Agency:	Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce
Comment Contact:	Dorothy Wolons
Support for:	1015 (City of Menifee)

The installation of the storm control project #1015 is extremely important to the city of Menifee, and the surrounding region.

During periods of flooding, the run-off goes along hwy 74 and south on Menifee road. It intrudes on the Southern California Edison property causing erosion and flooding. The flooding has been so dangerous that Menifee Road has been closed for all traffic for several hours.

Menifee Road is one of two thoroughfares in northern Menifee from north to south. Completion of this project would enhance the area and increase safety for the citizens.

Therefore, the Menifee Chamber of Commerce asks for this project to be placed at the top of the list for selection of funding.

Supporting Agency:	Orange County Sanitation District
Comment Contact:	James D. Ruth
Support for:	1047 (City of Costa Mesa)

On behalf of the Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District), I would like to express my support to the City of Costa Mesa's Industrial Way Water Quality and Storm Drain Improvement Project No. 1047 (Project No. 1047) for Proposition 84 funding.

The Sanitation District is a public agency responsible for safe collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater for approximately 2.5 million people living and working in central and northwestern Orange County. The Sanitation District service area is comprised of 21 cities and three sanitary districts. The City of Costa Mesa and the Costa Mesa Sanitary District are within this service area.

In 2005, the Sanitation District conducted a long-term flow monitoring study of its service area to capture specific areas of high inflow and infiltration and potential impacts to the Sanitation District's regional sewer system. The Costa Mesa Sanitary District was identified as one of the highest inflow contributors to the Sanitation District. Upon further investigation, it was also determined that within Project No. 1047 the flows are larger than the capacity of the existing storm drain system and requires upsizing.

These conditions coupled with peak wet weather conditions increase potential sanitary sewer overflows in the collection system. The increased risk of releasing contaminated water in flooded streets can impact properties (homes and businesses) and enter nearby storm drain systems and water bodies, which eventually drain to the ocean.

To minimize these potential impacts, I believe Project No. 1047 will provide the following benefits:

- Protect human health and property in the City of Costa Mesa and Newport Beach from high-flood water conditions.
- Minimize amount of inflow entering the sanitary sewer system;
- Protect saltwater environments.
- Provide appropriate flood control capacities to keep flow from entering sewers by storm drain system improvements.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you give positive consideration for Project No. 1047 for Proposition 84 funding.

Supporting Agency:	Community Action Partnership of Orange County
Comment Contact:	Mark A. Lawry
Support for:	1004 (OC Great Park Corporation)

The Orange County Food Bank supports the proposal of the Great Park Corporation to restore water tanks at the site of the former El Toro Marine Corp Air Station to use recycled water to support the park's agricultural activities.

Orange County Food Bank staff has partnered with Great Park personnel for two years, contributing to developing the vision for the park's agriculture district. That vision includes features such as professional farming, a community garden, a farmer's market, gardening and nutrition classes, animal husbandry, an incubator kitchen and other exciting elements. The Great Park Board of Directors has committed to donating a portion of each harvest from their farming activities to local food banks. Last year, during a period of great need, the Orange County Food Bank received over 100 tons of donated fresh fruits and vegetables from the Orange County Great Park related activities. The quantity of donated produce will increase as the park's agricultural features are fully developed. The Orange County Food Bank appreciates having a partner who is committed to providing a new source of locally-grown donated produce.

The Orange County Food Bank is pleased to participate in the planning and implementation of the objectives described in the Great Park's grant proposal. Support from the One Water One Watershed Program will enhance the park's farming activities. The success of the Great Park's farming activities increases the capacity of the Orange County Food Bank to respond to the nutritional needs of vulnerable people living in our community.

The goals of the Santa Ana Project Authority and of the Orange County Food Bank are shared goals. The Food Bank also advocates for policies that protect agricultural lands, promote public health, improve infrastructure, increase affordable housing and promote sustainability.

In our experience the leaders of the Great Park are progressive and socially conscious. Support of their proposal will benefit the environment, the patrons of the Great Park and the vulnerable people who are served with resources generated by the Orange County Great Park's activities.

If you have questions regarding the Orange County Food Bank's support for the Orange County Great Park Water Reservoir and Conveyance System for Food Production and Urban Forestation grant application, I may be contacted at (714) 897-6670 ext. 3601. Thank you.

Supporting Agency:	Fontana Water Company
Comment Contact:	Robert K. Young
Support for:	1167 (City of Fontana)

This letter is submitted in support of the City of Fontana's request for Proposition 84 funds to design and construct phase 1 of much needed flood control and aquifer recharge facilities in the City of Fontana.

California faces severe shortages of drinking water supplies and costs are rising sharply. The population of Fontana and the region is expected to increase over the next 25 years. Fontana Water Company ("Company") provides public utility water service to most of the City of Fontana and the surrounding area and is committed to supplying water to its customers at affordable rates. Capture and recharge of storm and recycled water will support the Company's commitment.

Supporting Agency:	Irvine Ranch Conservancy
Comment Contact:	Michael O'Connell
Support for:	1004 (OC Great Park Corporation)

The Irvine Ranch Conservancy endorses the Orange County Great Park proposal for the Water Reservoir and Conveyance System for Food Production and Urban Forestation. This project involves the salvaging, restoration and reuse of two existing 1-million gallon water tanks and their associated distribution system, which were once used by the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station to supply potable water to the base's operation. The tanks will be converted to supply recycled water, which will support the Park's Community Farm and urban forest water needs. By utilizing this existing resource, the Park will save water and energy, and achieve water flow sufficiency.

We believe the community will enjoy multiple benefits from this project. The project will provide a local source of food production to be donated to area food banks and schools; urban forest development; and natural resources conservation. In addition, by activating the reservoir system, visitors to the Great Park will be offered access to over 200 acres of green space, which has until now, remained closed to the public for sixty-eight years. This access program provides an opportunity to educate the community as to the reservoir's role in natural resources conservation and the repurposing of structures that were destined to be demolished.

The Irvine Ranch Conservancy was established in 2005. It is a non-profit, non-advocacy organization, created to help care for the 50,000 acres of permanently protected wildlands and parks on the historic Irvine Ranch (surrounding the Orange County Great Park). The organization works with its partners to enhance the public's appreciation, understanding and connection to the land, while helping other land owners and managers with all aspects of stewardship. The Conservancy contributes its resources, expertise and energy to achieve the best possible balance of preservation and public participation.

Supporting Agency:	City of Corona
Comment Contact:	Jonathan Daly
Support for:	Portfolio 3

On behalf of the City of Corona Department of Water and Power (DWP), I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of Portfolio 3 for Proposition 84, Round 1 funding.

Out of the three portfolio options being considered by the OWOW Steering Committee, Portfolio 3, which funds 11 projects with a funding cap of \$1.2 million dollars, provides the greatest distribution of benefits to the watershed. These benefits include additional water supply, improvement in water quality, and flood management enhancement.

For the reasons stated above, DWP respectfully requests selection of Portfolio 3 for Proposition 84, Round 1 funding. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further. I can be reached at (951) 736-2477 or by e-mail at jond@ci.corona.ca.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Supporting Agency:	Eastern Valley Municipal Water District
Comment Contact:	Ronald E. Young
Support for:	

Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) would like to thank you and the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority for the opportunity to apply for Department of Water Resources grant funding. We appreciate all of SAWPA's efforts to make the process fair and transparent and believe that because of those efforts, the region will be able to submit several very strong projects to the state. We also appreciate the opportunity to make suggestions on how to improve the process going into the next round of funding.

The process to divide up limited funds for a large number of projects is understandably difficult as there are many deserving projects. EVMWD appreciates the effort to place a cap on the amount given to any one project or agency and understand the reluctance to merely divide up the funding equally among all projects.

EVMWD supports the suggestions from other agencies for capping awards at a certain percentage of the project and the suggestion of funding no more than 50% of a project. We would also suggest that for the next round of funding (and this round if possible) that a higher weighting be given to whether an award of \$1,000,000 would be a benefit to a \$75,000,000 project as opposed to more fully funding multiple smaller projects. This would achieve SAWPA's goals of funding multiple projects across the watershed.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to apply for funding and for all of SAWPA's efforts to make the program fair and efficient. We look forward to working with SAWPA in the future.

Supporting Agency:	Orange County Water District
Comment Contact:	Robert Ennis
Support for:	Portfolio 3

The Orange County Water District supports project portfolio 3

Supporting Agency:	Western Valley Water District/AVI
Comment Contact:	Jon Rohrer
Support for:	Portfolio 3

Supports portfolio 3

Supporting Agency:	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Comment Contact:	LeAnne Hamilton
Support for:	Portfolio 3 (modified)

We would suggest to you is to take portfolio 3 and modify it further so that: (1) there is a cap of \$1 million instead of \$1.2 million and (2) no project would receive more than half of the project cost. This would allow 4 more projects