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To: <u>Packard, Harvey@Waterboards</u>

Cc: John A. Ricker; Karen Christensen; Bill Kocher (bkocher@cityofsantacruz.com); Tim Carson

Subject: Comments on SEP Staff Report and electronic documents for your use

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Attachments: SEP Letter to RWQCB 10-16-2012 revised.pdf

Example Projects for SEP Funding.pdf

Dear Mr. Packard,

Attached is the electronic version of the Regional Water Management Foundation's SEP proposal, and the list of example projects for your use. (2 documents)

The Regional Water Management Foundation - Integrated Regional Water Management Steering Committee also has these comments regarding the draft staff report (dated October 23) for the Regional Water Board to consider SEP's.

- 1. The draft SEP staff report only included an evaluation and recommendation for LIDI & CCAMP, and does not recognize or acknowledge that a proposal has been received from the Santa Cruz Region. Please acknowledge that a complete proposal was received from the Regional Water Management Foundation for consideration in September when the item was originally scheduled.
- 2. We feel strongly that the Santa Cruz Region's proposal should be presented for consideration in the same light as LIDI and CCAMP. Our proposal has merit and warrants a full evaluation and recommendation by staff and consideration by the Board. Please add an evaluation of the Santa Cruz Region's proposal in the same way that the other two projects are presented for Board consideration.
- 3. Under the heading "RECOMMENDATION," the staff report recommends that the Board "Continue to direct SEP funds toward LIDI and CCAMP, and consider other proposed SEP proposals that are in line with the Water Board's highest priorities." This recommendation is biased and does not acknowledge the Regional Water Management Foundations' proposal. We suggest that the recommendation should be," Consider all of the SEP proposals, and direct SEP funds toward those that are in line with the Water Board's highest priorities.

Please contact John Ricker on the Integrated Regional Water Management Steering Committee if you have any questions or concerns. His phone number is 831-454-2750 and email is john.ricker@co.santa-cruz.ca.us

On behalf of the Regional Water Management Foundation IRWM Steering Committee, thank you for considering these comments, Monica Reid

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