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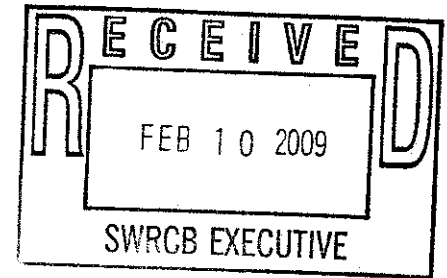
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Re: Proposition 84 Storm Water Grant Program Final Draft Guidelines

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Gateway IRWM Authority appreciates this opportunity to comment on the Prop 84 Storm Water Grant Program Guidelines that were revised to reflect public comments gathered from November 18, 2008 to December 18, 2008. The summary of comments and the summary of changes made were very helpful and resulted in a better understanding of the program.

The State Water Board has judiciously incorporated comments from over 300 emails in its revision, and the Gateway IRWM Authority is particularly pleased to see that Joint Powers Authorities are now listed as eligible applicants. Furthermore, we appreciate that the State Water Board also recognized the importance of reaching out to disadvantaged communities, in the form of an additional match category and additional points for projects that directly benefit a disadvantaged community.

The Gateway IRWM Authority looks forward to the State Water Board's administration of Prop 84 grant funding in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin L. Wattier".

Kevin Wattier
Chair, Los Angeles Gateway Region IRWM JPA