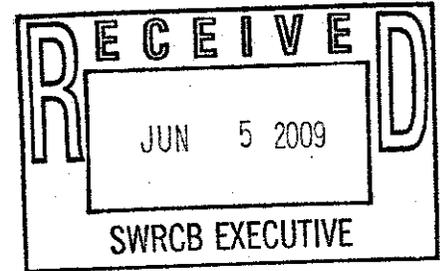


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Subject: Consideration Of A Resolution To Clarify Implementation Of Federal Economic Recovery
Legislation For The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program

June 5, 2009

Dear Ms Townsend:

I own a ranch that has the Suisun Creek tributary running through it that empties out into the Suisun Marsh habitat. I have been working with the various agencies since 2002 to secure funding for a severe erosion problem that if not halted will threaten my residence. The issue is not only that issue but that I am loosing valuable agricultural production land but as a result of the erosion it is also silting a fisheries tributary as well.

Because farming is such a small segment of constituency even though it is one of California's biggest industries, it is difficult for us to compete for funding to mitigate serious issues as outlined above. I am asking that you please consider giving the agricultural and local fisheries the same consideration as urban areas. As rational, please read and act on the following.

We are writing to provide comments on the staff recommendations for use of stimulus money (ARRA) awarded as grants through the State Water Board. The proposed Board item referenced above summarizes the current division of the \$280 million dollars allocated to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) as \$70 million to wastewater in disadvantaged areas, \$67 million to previously approved grant stopped due to the state's budget problems. This item makes recommendations on an additional \$42 million of ARRA funding.

We do not support the staff recommendation that all of this funding be provided to urban projects only. The purpose of the ARRA is to create and retain jobs first and foremost through the implementation of construction projects throughout California. There is no preference indicated in the Federal ARRA for urban areas over rural areas. Of the 59 counties in California only 12 are predominantly urban, leaving 47 primarily rural or 80% of the state. In addition many rural counties have far higher unemployment rates than urban areas creating a greater need for stimulus funds in rural areas.

We support **OPTION 1B**: Allocate Additional 15 Percent as Subsidy Funds to new Expanded Use CWSRF Projects and **OPTION 2A**: Funding priority for projects with earliest construction start date. We would add to the selection criteria that projects which retain and/or create the largest number of jobs should be given a higher priority as they implement the purpose of the ARRA funding.

We appreciate that the State Water Board has provided the opportunity to comment on the prioritization process for these funds.

Sincerely,

Bruce S. Dorrrough