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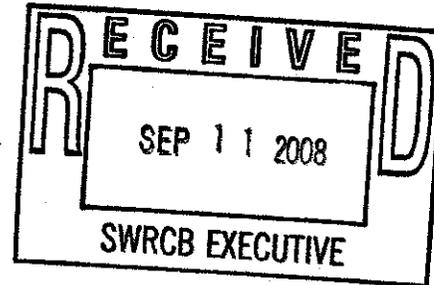
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Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 "I" Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SFY 2008/2009 IUP**



Dear Ms. Townsend:

The County of San Luis Obispo would like to submit this letter to the State Water Resources Control Board in support of the proposed changes to the *SFY 2008/2009 Intended Use Plan (IUP)*. In particular, San Luis Obispo County would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the staff of the State Water Board for their consideration and efforts in modifying the following changes to the 2008/2009 IUP:

1. Continued commitment as a "Key Short Term Activity" in pursuing extended term (ET) financing.
2. Increased assistance to Disadvantaged Communities, including ET financing and reduced interest rates.

ET financing and reduced interest rates, when provided to Disadvantaged Communities, provide substantial debt burden relief for communities when the cost of complying with state and federal mandates exceeds affordability guidelines.

Additionally, San Luis Obispo County would like to thank your Board for considering the proposed modification to the definition of a Disadvantaged Community in the *Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the Construction of Wastewater Treatment Facilities*, which would qualify a community with a community sewer rate of more than four percent (4%) of the community's MHI as a Disadvantaged Community. The modification of this definition will assist numerous communities faced with clean water projects that have extremely high compliance costs.

Sincerely,

PAAVO OGREN  
Director of Public Works