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**Subject:** Water Authority follow-up on Proposition 1

Thanks for your interest in Proposition 1 funds.

During the evaluation and advocacy for Proposition 1 in 2014, the Water Authority reviewed funding allocations in several ways: funding that is directly allocated to the San Diego region, funding that is available for competitive grants statewide, funding that provides indirect benefits to the San Diego region, and funding that is allocated to other regions. Of the total amount allocated to specific regions of the state, the Water Authority staff determined that the San Diego region would be directly allocated approximately \$69.5 million (or 11 percent) of the allocated funding. Additionally, substantial indirect funding benefits for the San Diego region were identified in the allocation (and eventual \$80 million appropriation) or funds for Salton Sea restoration. Nearly \$3.3 billion of the total Proposition 1 funding package was determined to be eligible for statewide competitive funding for San Diego region projects (not including the \$2.7 billion allocation for water storage projects).

It's still too early to determine how the region has fared with respect to securing its "fair share" from Proposition 1. Early results with respect to Integrated Regional Water Management funding demonstrate successes (see below). There may also be direct allocations to the San Diego River Conservancy from Proposition 1 that wouldn't necessarily be tracked by the Water Authority. (The conservancy was identified in the text of the measure as a direct recipient of Proposition 1 funding.) Recent reports from the Public Policy Institute indicate that only 14 percent (\$1.1 billion) of Proposition 1 funding has been awarded to-date, so substantial funding remains to be awarded in coming years.

With regards to IRWM projects, Proposition 1 allocated \$510 million to DWR to support projects included in IRWM plans approved by DWR. The bond language divides California into 12 IRWM funding areas, including a San Diego Funding area that encompasses the San Diego, South Orange County and Upper Santa Margarita planning regions. Under this formula, the San Diego Funding Area will receive approximately \$48.8 million once DWR encumbrances are subtracted. Of this amount, about \$38.5 million should go to the San Diego Planning Region, which encompasses the Water Authority's service area.

The first Proposition 1 IRWM grant program offered \$5 million to support planning regions as they develop or update their IRWM plans to meet the 2016 IRWM Plan Standards. The state awarded \$250,000 for updating the San Diego IRWM plan.

The second Proposition 1 IRWM grant program offers \$51 million to encourage involvement of disadvantaged communities in IRWM planning efforts throughout the state. The San Diego planning region received \$4.76 million through this program.

In both of those cases, the San Diego region received the full amount of its grant request. DWR plans to hold two rounds of implementation grant funding to award the rest of the Proposition 1 IRWM funding. Obviously, it's too soon to say how much we will receive in these future funding rounds – but the region has generally received proportionate funding for IRWM projects in past bonds, and we are hopeful that will continue.

With regards to bond funding for Pure Water, please contact Greg Block at the San Diego mayor's office.

Best,

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