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Ted Daum
California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
Financial Assistance Branch
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

**Subject: Comments on Draft Funding Recommendations for 2016 IRWM
 Planning Grants**

Dear Mr. Daum,

The Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group (CVRWMG) – comprised of the Coachella Valley Water District, Coachella Water Authority, Desert Water Agency, Indio Water Authority, Mission Springs Water District, and Valley Sanitary District – sincerely thanks the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for its draft funding recommendation of \$211,982 for the Coachella Valley 2016 IRWM Planning Grant Proposal.

The CVRWMG is committed to completing planning and implementation activities that address pressing water resources needs in our region. The funding provided by DWR for the 2016 IRWM Planning Grant Proposal will support our efforts to update the Coachella Valley IRWM Plan and produce a functionally equivalent Stormwater Resource Plan, which will allow our region to maintain its eligibility for a variety of grant funding opportunities. This funding is particularly important for economically disadvantaged communities in our region that rely heavily upon grant funding to complete projects.

We appreciate the opportunity to apply for Planning Grant funding, and look forward to continuing to work with DWR on future IRWM efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Patti Reyes', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Patti Reyes
Planning and Special Programs Manager
Coachella Valley Water District

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