

State Water Resources Control Board

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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF A STREAMLINED PROCESS TO PREPARE NEW DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PLANNING FINANCING AGREEMENTS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS

The following DWSRF planning financing recipients are not able to complete planning work consistent with the terms of their existing planning financing agreement:

- Rancho Estates Mutual Water Company, No. 2013P302
- Floriston Property Owners Association, Inc., No. 2013P306
- County of Madera (MD #1 - Hidden Lakes), No. 2013P107

In each case:


- The recipient serves a disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged community with very limited financial resources,
- The recipient submitted a request to extend the original agreement,
- Staff recommend issuance of a new financing agreement rather than amending the existing planning financing agreement, due to a significant change in the scope of work and/or project financing,
- Issuing a new financing agreement would align their agreement terms with current program processes and procedures, and
- The sum of the principal forgiveness and/or grant amounts provided through both agreements would not exceed the limits specified in the DWSRF Intended Use Plan.

Staff in the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Financial Assistance (Division) recommend executing a new financing agreement for these projects, so that planning work can continue. Section X of the Policy for Implementing the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF Policy), adopted October 21, 2014, and effective January 1, 2015, indicates which documents must be submitted to obtain planning funding through the DWSRF Program. It also indicates the Division may authorize exceptions for good cause.

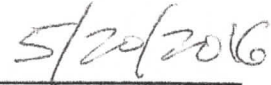
Staff recommend executing a new planning financing agreement for each of these projects, without requiring the recipient to submit a new application consistent with Section X of the DWSRF Policy, which would pose a hardship and cause further delays on the project.

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Based on the information provided, Division staff are directed to proceed with preparing a new planning financing agreement for the projects listed above. If any of these projects require adjustments to the planning scope or budget (compared to the work that remained to be completed under the expired funding agreement), such changes may be incorporated into the new planning financing agreement, if consistent with typical DWSRF practices for amending planning financing agreements, and considering the availability of additional principal forgiveness funds, if needed.



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