

Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Ms. Townsend:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the DWSRF Policy Handbook. My comments are listed as follows and correspond to the pages and sections or paragraphs of the draft DWSRF Policy Handbook:

1. Page 32, para. "2. Ineligible Costs" - This list should include "Projects needed primarily for fire protection", as an ineligible cost as stated in the federal regulations 40 CFR section 35.3520 (e)(4).
2. Page 9, "C. Priority System, para 2. Other Factors" - The State Water Board may wish to consider a third bullet stating "Water and Energy Conservation: Projects that include water and energy conservation measures", as another factor used to prioritizing the review of projects within a category. The need to prepare and cope with emergency drought conditions is a high priority and one that the DWSRF could successfully address.

I hope you find these comments relevant and helpful. Should you wish to discuss further please contact me at 415-972-3450.

Sincerely,
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