

Attachment 9 – Local Watershed Group Membership Documentation (optional)

In order to qualify for Proposition 13 Watershed Protection funds (approximately \$6.8 million), the applicant must demonstrate a membership/partnership with a local watershed group. A local watershed group is defined as:

A group consisting of owners and managers of land within the watershed of interest, local, state, and federal government representatives, and interested persons, other than landowners, who reside or work within the watershed of interest, and may include other persons, organizations, nonprofit corporations, and businesses.

The watershed group must be able to demonstrate an interest in protecting nearby waterways and surrounding drainage areas, and the scope of their watershed interests must include the proposed project area in the proposal.

Proof of membership/partnership should consist of either membership documentation or a letter from the local watershed group verifying that the applicant is a member/partner and that it fulfills the requirements defined in the Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools (DROPS) Guidelines.

If no official local watershed group exists for the proposed project area, then a letter describing how the activities of the applicant demonstrates an interest in protecting nearby waterways and surrounding drainage areas should be submitted for consideration.