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This is an information request for the Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability and SB 445 SCAP Funding programs. Please forward this to the appropriate person(s) in your agency currently responsible for this program.

Background: I am a planning and grant writing consultant working on behalf of the City of Corcoran. Corcoran is located in Kings County, in the Central Valley. It is predominately Hispanic/Latino and significantly economically disadvantaged (with a median household income only 54% of the statewide figure). The City population is 23,320. By way of copy, I am including Kindon Meik, City Manager, in our conversation.

The City is actively and urgently seeking outside funding sources for a domestic water well replacement. **Nitrate contamination** at several existing City wells, among other factors, has forced the City to seek a new/replacement well to secure current water service and to assure safe drinking water. City domestic water is sourced by groundwater. The City has already completed preliminary engineering and environmental review (CEQA) work for the proposed new well. It is a "shovel ready" project which we estimate to require approximately \$1.5 million in funding. Due to City financial constraints, we need to seek outside funding for this critical project.

Based on our review of your preliminary program information for Proposition 1 and SB 445, it is highly likely that the City would seek SB 445 funding since it appears to have a quicker funding window -- consistent with the urgency of City water needs in this situation. However, we are seeking information on both programs so we can fully evaluate our options.

Questions: We have the following specific questions.

- 1) Is the project concept consistent with the program objectives for Proposition 1 and/or SB 445?
- 2) Is the project amount potentially fundable under SB 445?
- 3) Does SB 445 consideration of City potential "alternative funding sources" include:
 - a) City borrowing that could exceed its borrowing capacity and/or jeopardize its credit rating?
 - b) Require a domestic water rate increase to fund loan payments?

We appreciate your expeditious response to these questions, and look forward to exploring possibilities of partnering on this critical water project.

Best regards,

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On Behalf of the City of Corcoran