



City of Crescent City
Where the Redwoods Meet the Sea

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Jeanine Townsend
Clerk of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: Comment Letter 2017 Intended Use Plan (IUP) for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Revised Guidelines for Proposition 1 – Chapter 5, Section 79724 c

Dear Mrs. Townsend:

The City of Crescent City, as a disadvantaged community and urban water supplier, would like to express our support in regards to the proposed amendment of the 2017 Intended Use Plan (IUP) for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Revised Guidelines for Proposition 1 – Chapter 5, Section 79724 c. Under the proposed amendment, the City would now be eligible for this vital funding source.

The City of Crescent City owns and operates Public Water System #0810001, the only Urban Water System in Del Norte County. The City's water system currently serves approximately 18,000 people. The County is classified as a disadvantaged community with an average median household income (MHI) of \$38,963, which is approximately 60% of the statewide wide MHI.

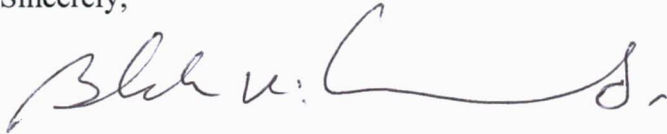
The City Water system was initially built in 1958. Many of these critical components are still in use today. The City has adopted a capital improvement plan that would reduce system wide losses, enhance the system reliability, and ensure public safety and health. Many of these projects are ideal candidates for the Proposition 1 grant funding. However, given our population served is above 10,000 people, under the existing IUP, we are currently ineligible for this critical funding.

By making the proposed change to the definition of an Expanded Small Community Water System (ESCWS) to include systems up to 20,000 people, Crescent City would now be eligible for funding. This change will make the population based funding eligibility requirements consistent for both water and waste water projects.

Eligibility for grant funding is critical for our small utility and disadvantaged community. We look forward to helping our community through participation in this funding source.

Thank you for your continued support and consideration of these proposed amendment.

Sincerely,

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Blake Inscore
Mayor
City of Crescent City

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