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PIN No: 626

Mr. Eric Cartwright
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Dear Mr. Cartwright:

GRANT PROPOSAL STATUS NOTIFICATION: 2003 CONSOLIDATED GRANTS PROGRAM (WATERSHED PROTECTION AND NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL GRANT FUNDING PROGRAMS) – NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Thank you for submitting your Proposal, No. 626, “Alameda Creek Watershed Anadromous Fisheries Restoration Program: Recharge Pits Inter-connection Project”, for the 2003 Request For Full Proposals (Step 2 - RFFP). We appreciate your commitment to the Step 1 - Request for Grant Concept Proposals and Step 2 – RFFP application process.

We regret to inform you that although your Concept Proposal had technical merit, our grant program review panels have not recommended your Full Proposal for funding at this time. We anticipate you may have questions regarding our review panel findings so we have enclosed a summary of the grant program review panel’s comments specific to your proposal.

As you may recall, the 2003 Consolidated Grants review and selection process was a joint effort of the State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards, the California Bay Delta Authority (CALFED), California Coastal Commission, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Resources Agency, and nine other state and federal agencies and stakeholder groups. All proposals advancing to Step 2 of the application process, including yours, were highly competitive. In general, proposals not recommended for funding did not meet one or more of the specific program criteria, were less competitive than other proposals recommended for funding, or the sum of competitive proposals exceeded available funding.

Once again, thank you for applying. We encourage you to apply for our future grant program releases. Information on our loan and grant programs can be found on our website at www.swrcb.ca.gov. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Paul Marshall at (916) 323-4201 or Mr. James Marshall at (916) 341-5636.

Sincerely,

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California Environmental Protection Agency

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2003 Consolidated Grant Notification Letter

PIN: 626

Applicant: Alameda County Water District (ACWD)

Project Title: Alameda Creek Watershed Anadromous Fisheries Restoration Program: Recharge Pits Inter-connection Project

Comments:

The Selection Committee, after reviewing the major modifications recommended by the Central Valley/Bay-Delta Review Panel, considered the project proposal technically non-acceptable. The following comments may be used to enhance the applicant's chances to be competitive and have a technically acceptable proposal for future grant funding cycles:

- The project needs to make stronger connections to the CBDA Watershed Program goals and objectives, and to provide quantification of those connections. Whereas the project may have many intrinsic local benefits, the benefit to the Watershed Program Plan implementation needs to be strengthened.
- The proposal needs to more fully demonstrate the use of the Program Principles of Participation. In particular, it needs to illustrate involvement with multiple watershed issues, demonstrate broad watershed community involvement, and improve the collaboration and consistency with the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The Principles are fully outlined in Chapter 3 of the Program Plan.
- The proposal should demonstrate a wider watershed context, with reference to other issues beyond fish habitat restoration. It should demonstrate how the project fits into an overall watershed assessment or plan. It should provide for measurements of project impacts relative to other factors within the watershed, including those that relate to environmental justice.
- The proposal needs to produce effectiveness measurements that will track project performance relative to the stated project goals and to the goals and objectives of the Watershed Program.

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