

Attachment 4 – Consistency with Minimum IRWM Plan Standards

When adopted by the stakeholders, the draft “Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan” is intended to be a functionally equivalent plan.

A group consisting of public and non-profit agencies in the Carmel Bay and Southern Monterey Bay coastal and inland areas (stakeholder group) is participating in the development of this combined Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan (ICWMP) (Plan). The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) is coordinating the review of a number of plans and strategies that are in progress or have been previously adopted by participating agencies. This review will help determine which component plans conform to IRWM plan standards set by the California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). For components that are incomplete, non-existent, or not in compliance with IRWM plan standards, MPWMD proposes to coordinate and/or carry out work necessary to complete a functionally equivalent Plan.

MPWMD recently completed a Planning Grant application for grant funds from Proposition 50 to develop this functionally equivalent plan. As part of that effort, the stakeholder group prepared a draft plan with a significant amount of input from participating agencies. When completed, the Plan will detail in one document how the various water management strategies and planning efforts in the Region work together. Most of the work to complete the draft plan is anticipated to be carried out late in 2005 and in early 2006. A virtually complete document is expected to be circulated for review to the stakeholders as early as July 2006. The goal is for the agencies responsible for the individual strategies to adopt a Plan by December 31, 2006 that incorporates relevant plans and strategies and sets priorities for carrying out projects consistent with the Plan. (see schedule following this text)

As detailed in the Prop 50 Implementation Grant Proposal, the suite of projects proposed for funding are consistent with the objectives and strategies discussed in the draft plan.

