



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

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Mr. Mike Chrisman  
Secretary for Resources  
California Resource Agency  
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Re: San Luis Obispo County comments on draft MMS guidelines for 2007 Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP).

Dear. Mr. Chrisman,

Thank you for forwarding the draft guidelines to us for review. We are pleased that San Luis Obispo County continues to be an eligible agency to receive funds. We have participated in past CIAP, and other coastal grant programs, and have successfully finished a number of important projects. The County is interested in this program, and intends to submit grant applications at the appropriate time.

As a general comment, we hope that the State will complete its plan for submittal to the Minerals Management Service (MMS) earlier rather than later. The guidelines indicate that the State can submit as early as October 2006. This would allow more time to develop meaningful grant programs for everyone involved. The following are more specific comments:

1. Funding allocations and related formulas should be clear, and we hope that the State considers providing more than the 35% minimum to local CPS's, such as eligible counties.
2. We agree that time limits for project completion should be 3 to 4 years initially.
3. Past processes used for reimbursements are efficient, and hopefully will continue.
4. It would be useful if each eligible agency could be notified of the approximate amount of grant funds that could be available early on, so that needless grant preparation costs are avoided.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important grant program. If there are any questions, please contact John Euphrat, Principal Planner, at (805) 781-5600.

Sincerely,

Victor Holanda, AICP, Director