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CC: Ho, Karly [ho.karly@epa.gov]; Torres, Tomas [Torres.Tomas@epa.gov]
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Adding Tomás for his awareness.

From: Alexander, Joshua
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Louis, Gail <Louis.Gail@epa.gov>
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Importance: High

Gail,
Laura Ebbert has some comments from the review of the Cal NPS press release. Can you take a look and address those comments? Thanks, Josh

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From: Ebbert, Laura <Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov>
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Sure, I'll remark the draft and send it back to this group.

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Laura,
Does Tomás explanation help with the last paragraph? Can you spotlight where a change is needed? Thanks, Josh

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From: Torres, Tomas <Torres.Tomas@epa.gov>
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Team, I can see how the funding flow is a bit confusing. The way it works in practice is that 1) NPS funding goes from EPA to the State Water Board; 2) the State Water Board competes half of the funding for projects; 3) the State Board selects projects via panel of State and Regional Board Staff; and 4) Funding for selected projects goes from the State Water Board directly to the project sponsors.

Hope that helps in refining the PR as appropriate.

Thx for the good catch.

Tomás Torres

From: Alexander, Joshua <Alexander.Joshua@epa.gov>
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Laura,
Thank you for your email and comments. EPA R9 doled the money out to the California Water Board. The last two paragraphs were requested by representatives from the Water Boards requested. I will wait for Tomás to weigh in before making any further edits. I hope this is helpful. Thanks, Josh

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From: Ebbert, Laura <Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov>
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Josh,
Thanks for the opportunity to review this document. I made a few adjustments (to the bulleted list, for example) that I learned in earlier reviews are consistent with AP Style. I also got myself very confused about who received the funds – there are two possible entities who are referred to interchangeably in the draft I reviewed (but are not necessarily in reality interchangeable), and I think we perhaps need to figure out which is the case, and refer to them consistently? Either the funds were awarded from EPA to the State Water Resources Control Board, who then doled it out to various projects through the Regional Water Quality Control Boards, or we awarded the funds to individual Regional Water Quality Control Board applicants. I thought it was the former, but then the very last paragraph threw me and made it sound like the latter. **Is it important to be precise? *I don't know, so I copied Tomás here.***

Thank you!

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