

Prop 1 Ag Water Conservation Grants Proposed Program Approach

\$33 million Ag water conservation grant program



Agricultural implementation projects that result in water savings, increased in-stream flow, improved water quality, and increased energy efficiency



Technical Assistance, Training, Education, and Public Outreach



Feasibility Studies, Research and Development, and Pilot Projects

Funding Priorities

- Projects that contribute toward the implementation of the California Water Action Plan, Action One: Make Conservation a California Way of Life
- Implement EWMPs especially those that are not locally cost-effective
- Serve to disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas
- Employ a regional scope of activities
- Employ new or innovative technology or practices
- Leverage private, federal or local funding to produce the greatest state level public benefit
- Produce multiple benefits such as improved water quality, stream flow timing and quantity, and local water supply reliability
- Conserve energy and help GHG emission reductions

Ag Water Conservation Grants Anticipated Schedule

- Summer 2015 – Post Draft Guidelines and PSP, public comment period, and public meetings
- Fall 2015 – Post Final Guidelines and PSP
- Spring 2016 – Announce Grant Awards

AWMP Assistance

- Suppliers 10,000 - 25,000 acres to adopt and submit AWMPs by July 1, 2016
- Procure funds to provide grants to suppliers 10,000 to 25,000 acres for AWMP preparation (Summer/Fall 2015)
- Additional workshops and focused assistance targeting suppliers of 10,000 to 25,000 acres (Fall 2015-Winter2016)