

Summary of Comments Received During Public Review Period
Proposition 84 San Joaquin River Water Quality Grant Program
2015 Funding Round

Public Review Period: 8/7/2015 to 9/25/2015
Public Meetings: 9/9/2015 (Modesto) and 9/10/2015 (Fresno)
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Public comments on the Draft Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) were received during two public meetings held on the dates above. Unless quoted, the following comments are paraphrased from the original comment received. Commenters at the public workshops were encouraged to utilize the comment forms provided.

Public Comments Received During Workshop 1 in Modesto

None.

Public Comments Received During Workshop 2 in Fresno

- 1) Does the geographic area required for eligible projects include areas that drain into Salt Slough (not just downstream of Salt Slough)?
- 2) Can you post a Microsoft Word version of the example work plan on the grant program website?
- 3) Are CEQA-related costs eligible for reimbursement? Can environmental documentation costs be used as a funding match?
- 4) What is the geographic area required in the Guidelines and PSP for eligible projects?
- 5) How does DWR classify the definition of a “disadvantaged community?”
- 6) How can applicants determine if their project falls within or impacts a disadvantaged community?
- 7) Can you provide more detailed information about what would be considered a “grant application” cost (which is eligible for reimbursement prior to the execution of the funding agreement)?
- 8) Can applicants choose to claim grant application costs as costs to be reimbursed or costs to be used as a funding match?
- 9) How does DWR deal with ownership of patent for a technology that is developed with the use of grant funds?
- 10) Is DWR looking for specific technologies to fund under this grant program?
- 11) How do institutions (like universities) work or partner with local agencies?

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- 12) Pending special District board meeting schedules, can approval resolutions from Districts be sent in late (after the application due date)?
- 13) Do applicants need to submit a copy of an entire approved IRWM plan as an attachment to the application, or can applicants just submit relevant portions of the IRWM plan?
- 14) Do applicants need to submit a detailed budget with their application?
- 15) Can DWR provide any guidance or information on how to complete the climate change impact portion of the application?
- 16) The application states that development and implementation of best management practices would be an eligible project. If they meet the water quality improvement objectives of the grant, would irrigation system improvements to private farms be an eligible project?
- 17) Are soil borings reimbursable?

Other Comments Received (via email or phone)

None.