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**Early Implementation Program - Soliciting Comments on Draft Guidelines**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is soliciting comments on the draft guidelines for the Early Implementation Program (EIP) authorized under the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1E), and the Safe Drinking, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). These guidelines are for selecting and funding EIP projects beginning with the Fiscal Year 2009-10 and possibly 2010-11 funding cycles.

Under this program, funding will be available to local agencies for (a) repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction or replacement of levees, weirs, bypasses, and facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control, and (b) improving or adding facilities to the State Plan of Flood Control to increase levels of flood protection for urban areas. Eligible projects must be ready for implementation in the fiscal year that funds are authorized by the legislature.

The [FY2009/10 Draft EIP Guidelines and a redlined version of these guidelines for comparison to the 2008-09 Guidelines](#) (PDF: 1304KB combined) are available on the [FloodSAFE website](#). **Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. Monday, April 26, 2010.** Comments may be submitted via email to [floodsafe@water.ca.gov](mailto:floodsafe@water.ca.gov), or mailed to 3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 180, Sacramento, CA 95821, Attention: Early Implementation Program.

Public Workshops will be held on **Monday, April 19, 2010 from 1 to 4p.m. in the Resources Building Auditorium located at 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California, 95814** and on **Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from 1 to 4p.m. at the Stockton State Office Building, 31 East Channel Street, Room 108, Stockton, California, 95202.** DWR Staff will provide a PowerPoint presentation reviewing key points in the program guidelines. Staff experts will be available to answer questions from prospective applicants and interested parties.

DWR will likely release the final Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) in late Spring 2010, and a public workshop will be scheduled shortly thereafter to discuss the PSP and answer procedural and application questions. Workshop details and application timelines will be announced upon release of the final guidelines and PSP.