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### DWR Schedules Meeting on Local Groundwater Assistance Grants

SACRAMENTO – On February 27, 2013, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) will convene a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) and public meeting in Sacramento.

DWR received 98 complete grant applications requesting a total of \$22.3 million. Approximately \$4.7 million in grant funding is available. Scores and reviews, along with additional information, will be posted online by February 19, 2013, at <http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/assistance.cfm>.

The purpose of the meeting is to present to and consult with the TAP and the public regarding DWR staff rankings of Local Groundwater Assistance grant applications so that the TAP may formulate funding recommendations to DWR. This meeting will also include a public comment period. Recommendations from the TAP and public will be provided to DWR decision makers for consideration before final funding awards are made.

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. at the California EPA Building, Byron Sher Byron Conference Room, 1001 I Street, in Sacramento. This meeting will include a live audio/video Webcast and will be available at the following link: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. Viewers may email questions or comments during the webcast to [DWR\\_IRWM@water.ca.gov](mailto:DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov). Registration is not required to attend the meeting.

Prior to the TAP meeting, there will be an open house starting at 8:30: a.m. in the same Room. The open house will provide an informal opportunity for applicants to review their project's summary evaluations and to consult with DWR staff regarding the evaluation of their project.

DWR will also accept written public comments which are due by **March 6, 2013**. Send comments to Tom Lutterman by email at [Thomas.Lutterman@water.ca.gov](mailto:Thomas.Lutterman@water.ca.gov) or mail to P. O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001.

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