

Attachment 9 Program Preferences

The purpose of this attachment is to demonstrate how the Ash Avenue Improvements Project meets multiple Program Preferences laid out by the Department of Water Resources in the IRWM Grant Program Guidelines. Each of these program preferences, and how they are met, are laid out in tables' 9-1 and 9-2 below discussed in further detail below.

Table 9-1			
Program Preference Met by Project			
Contributes to attainment of one or more objectives of CALFED – Ecosystem Restoration	Effectively integrates water management with land use planning	Provides multiple benefits, including water quality improvements, ecosystem benefits and reduction of sedimentation	Addresses statewide priorities

One of the Program Preferences is 'Address statewide priorities'. The proposed project meets multiple statewide priorities.

Table 9-2	
Statewide Priorities Addressed	
Priority	Description
Use and reuse water more efficiently	Project incorporates and implements low impact development (LID) design features, techniques and practices to reduce stormwater runoff.
Climate change response actions	When implemented, project will address the anticipated climate change impact of rising sea-levels through modification of drainage and flood control infrastructure.
Expand environmental stewardship	The proposed project is designed to promote environmental stewardship through project design and educational elements that have been incorporated into the proposal.
Practice integrated flood management	The proposed project improves flood protection, enhances the floodplain ecosystem, and implements LID techniques that infiltrate runoff while protecting water quality.
Protect surface water and groundwater quality	Project protects surface water quality, safeguarding public and environmental health.

The proposed Ash Avenue Project will result in multiple social, economic and environmental benefits, as shown in the above tables.