

INTERVIEW PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Proposition 50 Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Supplemental Funding Grant Program, July 2010

Applicant Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County **Amount Requested** \$3,570,000

Proposal Title Santa Cruz Region IRWM Projects **Total Proposal Cost** \$4,105,000

Recommended Award \$0

Proposal Summary

The proposal includes three projects that would address water quality, water supply, and watershed management. These projects are intended to help address regional water problems and meet three or more objectives of the Santa Cruz IRWM Plan. The three projects are: (1) Soquel Coastal and Inland Groundwater Monitoring Wells, (2) Recycled Water Extensions in Scotts Valley, and (3) Integrated Watershed Restoration Program. The projects have support from within the region and from external partners and regulating agencies, and reflect a balance of project types and locations across watersheds.

Presentation/Interview Score (based on criteria and standard presented in Table 2 of PSP)

Element	1 (a) - Concept Project Proposal Overview	1 (b) - Benefits & Technical Feasibility	1 (c) - Need & Consequences	2 - Question & Answers	Total (Max possible score=50)
Score	4	9	9	15	37

Evaluation Summary

Element 1 (a): Concept Project Proposal Overview

The applicant provided a good presentation of the overall proposal. However, better supporting documentation would have been helpful to demonstrate the Soquel Coastal and Inland Groundwater Monitoring Wells project. For this project, additional detail such as groundwater

elevation and flow maps and/or hydrographs would have made the needs and benefits of this project more evident.

Element 1 (b): Benefit and Technical Feasibility

The projects' technical feasibility was marginally addressed. The interview panel (Panel) recognizes the benefit of understanding the hydrogeology where water supply aquifers are in direct communication with coastal aquifers, and are under the influence of saline water intrusion. However, at the time of the presentation, the rationale for the location and benefit of each monitoring well location associated with the Soquel Coastal and Inland Groundwater Monitoring Wells project was not adequately explained. Also, based on the information provided, the claimed benefit of the coastal monitoring wells to the Disadvantaged Community of Watsonville was not substantiated. Additionally, the Scotts Valley Recycled Water Project's benefit to reducing groundwater overdraft was not clearly demonstrated.

Element 1 (c): Need and Consequences

The overall need for the proposal was explained. However, the consequences of not receiving supplemental funding were not clearly demonstrated. The need for the coastal monitoring wells was not explicitly clear. The wells represented additional data points, but the hydrology supporting their locations was not presented. The Watershed Restoration Program appeared to be an ongoing effort that was at least partially funded from other sources. The urgency of implementing the projects appeared to be moderate.

Element 2: Question and Answers

The applicant's answers to the standard questions were concise, clear, and adequate. The applicant's answers affirmed they met the essence of IRWM when developing, vetting, and ultimately proposing multi-benefit projects.