



# PROPOSAL EVALUATION

## IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 2, FY 2011-2012

<b>Applicant</b>	South Tahoe Public Utility District	<b>County</b>	Sierra, Placer, El Dorado & Alpine
<b>Project Title</b>	Tahoe Sierra IRWMP Update	<b>Grant Request</b>	\$557,480
		<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$753,388

**Project Description** The Tahoe Sierra IRWMP was first drafted in 2006 and last updated in 2007. The IRWM partnership wishes to update the current plan to meet the new Department of Water Resources IRWM plan standards and to reflect the evolution of the Tahoe Sierra IRWM partnership's new members and expanded strategies. The original Plan development was done by the partnership members as a volunteer effort. The Tahoe Sierra IRWM would like to contract with a consultant for the new update in order to engage the additional resources and expertise to expand outreach, research climate change, and help garner more tribal and disadvantaged community involvement.

### Evaluation Summary

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	15
DAC Involvement	10
Schedule	5
Budget	8
Program Preferences	5
Tie Breaker	0
<b>Total Score</b>	<b>43</b>

- **Work Plan** The criterion is fully addressed and supported by thorough and well-presented documentation and logical rationale. The proposed Work Plan is complete, contains an appropriate amount of detail and demonstrates a well-planned and thought-out Proposal. It is evident that the goal of the Proposal is to produce an IRWM Plan that meets IRWM Plan standards. The applicant addresses all 16 of the IRWM Plan Standards in the Work Plan. There appears to be sufficient detail to become the scope of work in a grant agreement. The Work Plan is very comprehensive and the work that needs to be performed during the project is easily understood. The Work Plan is consistent with the Budget items shown in the Budget tables and corresponds with Schedule task items.
- **DAC Involvement** The criterion is fully addressed and supported by thorough and well-presented documentation and logical rationale. DAC involvement is discussed in Task 2.E (DAC and Tribal Outreach Meetings) and Task 2.F (Supplemental Outreach: DAC Outreach Surveys). The Applicant proposes to hold two tribal outreach meetings and three focused disadvantaged community meetings, and to conduct door-to-door surveys to identify the water-related needs and challenges of local tribes and DACs. The Proposal discusses the region’s prior experience with engaging tribes and DACs and provides a “lessons-learned” approach for moving forward and ensuring success.
- **Schedule:** The criterion is fully addressed and supported by thorough and well-presented documentation and logical rationale. The Schedule is specific and consistent with the Work Plan tasks and Budget items and the proposed timeline is reasonable. The Schedule assumes an effective date of August 6, 2012, for the project start date and all tasks are to be completed within one year (by August 2013). The proposed Schedule has a logical sequence of tasks and the specific meeting dates listed on the Gantt Chart is helpful



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- **Budget** The criterion is fully addressed but is not supported by thorough documentation or sufficient rationale. The proposed Budget is complete and Budget items are specific. The Proposal provides key budget assumptions for the overall scope of work and detailed cost tables (Tables 2-4) to support the Project Budget Table (Table 1). Budget line estimates are divided into funding match and requested grant funds and overall there is a comprehensive explanation of all cost items. Costs are reasonable and the cost assumptions are provided with appropriate supporting documentation, with the exception that a portion of the cost match in Task 2 is for RWMG meetings dating back to October 30, 2008. These meetings are not described in the Work Plan or shown in the Schedule; thus, the Proposal lacks supporting documentation and rationale to support those meetings were relevant to the development of an IRWM Plan update. The Budget is consistent with the Work Plan and Schedule on a task basis. The Proposal is supported by a 26% cost match.
- **Program Preference** The Proposal sufficiently meets 11 of the 15 Program Preferences.
- **Tie Breaker** Not Applicable.