



PROPOSAL EVALUATION

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

Applicant	Yuba County Water Agency	County	Yuba
Project Title	Yuba Region 2012 IRWM Plan Update	Grant Request	\$603,106
		Total Project Cost	\$823,106

Project Description The objective of this Proposal is to update the existing IRWMP for the Yuba Region. This plan will fully comply with the Proposition 84 Guidelines and Standards and will fully and transparently address the objectives developed by the regional stakeholders during the IRWMP update process. The Yuba Region 2012 IRWM Plan Update will produce a standards compliant plan. In the process, it will also contribute to the attainment of two CALFED Bay-Delta Program Objectives: improving the state's water quality, and providing increased water supplies and more efficient and flexible use of water resources.

Evaluation Summary

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	15
DAC Involvement	10
Schedule	4
Budget	6
Program Preferences	4
Tie Breaker	0
Total Score	39

- **Work Plan** The criterion is fully addressed and supported by thorough and well-presented documentation and logical rationale. For example, Table 2 (pg. 10) lists the 16 IRWM Plan Standards and identifies which standards are currently met in the existing IRWM Plan, and which standards will be addressed in the proposed update. The Work Plan also includes logical tasks, with sufficient detail explaining how these tasks will address or update a Plan Standard, such as Task 2 for “Stakeholder Identification, Involvement and Coordination”.
- **DAC Involvement** The criterion is fully addressed and supported by thorough and well-presented documentation and logical rationale. For example, Hispanic and tribal community engagement, though extremely limited in the past, will be a key focus for the plan update. Hispanic community outreach will focus on established social institutions, such as, local churches and Hispanic business associations, developing Spanish language outreach materials, and identified community members to assist with interpretation and presentations. Identification of tribes within the region will be conducted by using the Native American Tribal Consultation List and tribal outreach will be conducted in association with groups such as the California Environmental Indian Alliance. Recruiting and retaining representatives of these groups will allow disadvantaged and underrepresented communities an opportunity to provide input on water issues and potential projects that can be included in the Yuba Region IRWM update.
- **Schedule** The criterion is fully addressed but is not supported by thorough documentation. There are inconsistencies between the budget and work plan. Some of the products in tasks 5.1, 7.5, and 9.3 are to be presented to stakeholders and DAC, EJ and Native American Tribes. However, these presentations appear to be given prior to the completion of recruitment and coordination of stakeholders, which is to occur in tasks 2.2 and 3.2. For example, task 7.5 has a deliverable that will be presented to constituency groups. The schedule for task 7.5 occurs after task 3.2 which is the outreach to DAC, EJ and Native American Tribes.



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- **Budget** The criterion is less than fully addressed and documentation or rationales are incomplete or insufficient. For example, the information in the Summary Budget Table and the subsequent explanation for matching funds is incomplete. Additional detail is necessary to adequately determine what work products will be developed with the proposed matching funds and how these products correspond to the Work Plan Tasks. In addition, the tasks in the Summary Budget are not consistent with the Work Plan and Line Item Budget. In the Line Item Budget, labor categories and billing rates are shown but there is no rationale for how those rates were established.
- **Program Preference** While the application claims to meet 12 of the 15 program preferences, it is not clear in Attachment 6 that the resulting revised plan when implemented would actually meet the preferences. In addition, this section does not provide specific examples of how the existing IRWM Plan or the Work Plan tasks relate to these specific program preferences.
- **Tie Breaker** Not Applicable.