

Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Merced Region Drought Grant Proposal

Attachment 1: Authorization and Eligibility Requirements



Project Consistency with an adopted IRWM Plan

The MIRWMP was completed in August 2013. Chapter 6 of the MIRWMP lays out the project review process, which includes a “Call for Projects” to solicit projects for consideration for inclusion in the MIRWMP and a screening process to review and select projects for inclusion into the IRWM Plan. Only projects submitted or before November 6, 2012 are listed in the snapshot of projects presented in the MIRWMP. The list of projects presented in the MIRWMP is not the official project list. The official project list, which resides in a project database, is continually updated and revised. The MIRWMP project list is designed to be a living document, meaning that it is always open for new project submissions and updates. The MIRWMP does not require revision, update, or re-adoption following changes to the project list. The project database, which provides stakeholders with access to project information based on username/login functionality, can be accessed at <http://irwm.rmcwater.com/merced>.

As IRWM Plan updates and new funding opportunities arise, the Merced Region issues new “Calls for Projects” with deadlines appropriate to those opportunities. MID issued a “Call for Projects” on May 19, 2014 to solicit projects for the 2014 IRWM Drought Grant Application effort. The projects included in this proposal were all prioritized as part of the MIRWMP project prioritization process. The prioritization process is a two-step process, which consists of an initial screening followed by project scoring. The screening step assesses whether a project submitted for inclusion in the MIRWMP provides a benefit to the Merced Region and whether it meets one or more of the MIRWMP objectives.

Each of the projects in this proposal was entered into the project database by its respective project proponent. The projects were screened to ensure that they provide a benefit to the Merced Region and meet one or more of the MIRWMP objectives as established in the MIRWMP project review process. They were then assessed through the prioritization process detailed in Chapter 6 of the MIRWMP. Several meetings were held to further discuss projected benefits and to confirm their inclusion in this grant application.

The projects included in this proposal are as follows:

- Highlands Groundwater Conservation Project (sponsored by MID)
- Cressey Recharge Basin Enlargement Project (sponsored by MID)
- Water Meter Conservation Project (sponsored by LGCSO)