

***Eligible Applicant Documentation***

**1. Is the applicant a local public agency as defined in Appendix B of the 2014 Drought Guidelines? Please explain.**

Yes. The applicant for this Drought Grant is the Mojave Water Agency (MWA). As defined in Appendix B of the Guidelines, a local public agency is “any city, county, city and county, special district, joint powers authority, or other political subdivision of the State, a public utility as defined in Sections 216 of the Public Utilities Code, or a mutual water company as defined in Section 2725 of the Public Utilities Code (CWC §10535).” The applicant, MWA, is a local public agency under this definition.

**2. What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?**

The MWA was formed in 1959 by an act of the California legislature and was activated by a vote of the residents in 1960 to manage declining groundwater levels in the Mojave Basin Area, Lucerne Valley, and El Mirage Basin. MWA was expanded to include the Johnson Valley and Morongo Basin areas, and today covers an area of over 4,900 square miles.

**3. Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?**

Yes. MWA has the legal authority to enter into a grant agreement as cited in the June 26, 2014 resolution, which is attached in Att1\_DG\_Eligible\_1of12. The resolution authorizes MWA to file an application for a Proposition 84 IRWM Drought Grant, designates MWA as the authorized representative to file the application with the California Department of Water Resources and authorizes MWA to execute an agreement with the State of California for an IRWM Drought Grant.

**4. Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.**

MWA, together with local project proponents applying for funds within this grant application, may enter into an agreement with an outside entity to assist with grant administration functions. Such an agreement would be prepared upon award of the Proposition 84 funds to ensure performance of the proposal and the tracking of funds. Should MWA enter into a grant agreement with the State, the scope of work contained herein will become a requirement and will be submitted along with other items required by the grant contract.