Project Consistency with an Adopted IRWM Plan

The proposed program has been vetted by the SAWPA RWMG. It was discussed at a watershed-wide OWOW 2.0 Water Use Efficiency Workshop on May 13, 2014. SAWPA staff explained the quick timeline and the emergency nature of the 2014 IRWM Drought Grant Solicitation. SAWPA presented a draft concept of the Interregional Landscape Water Demand Reduction Program and the multiple benefits to different entities across the region. The draft concept proposal was then vetted by the OWOW Steering Committee on May 15, 2014. The Committee voted to move forward with the draft proposal. The SAWPA Commission then approved the draft concept proposal on May 20, 2014. SAWPA presented the details of the Interregional Landscape Water Demand Reduction Program at both meetings. Upon receipt of the project, SAWPA staff worked with stakeholders to vet the project's details and ensure that each of the requirements discussed in the Proposal Solicitation Package were met.

The final proposed program was then vetted by the OWOW Steering Committee on July 10, 2014. The Committee voted to move forward with the final proposal. The SAWPA Commission then approved the final proposal and passed a resolution for SAWPA to enter into a Grant Agreement with DWR for the project on July 15, 2014. SAWPA staff presented the details of the proposed program at both meetings.

The USMW IRWM Plan Project List identifies the proposed program. The USMW RWMG vetted the proposed program through its established Project Submittal, Review, and Prioritization Process, as established in Chapter 5 of the USMW IRWM Plan Update, in June 2014. The program has unique benefits that will help the USMW Region meet its IRWM Plan Objectives. The USMW IRWM Plan vision includes a "balanced and consensus-based approach that will provide for the protection and sustainability of the USMW's water resources, natural resources and habitats," which supports the proposed program.