

Lahontan Basins IRWMP Implementation Project

Attachment 1: Project Consistency with an IRWM Plan

The Lahontan Basins IRWM partnership proposal contains three projects that have all been vetted by the full LB IRWM partnership in accordance with the procedures of the plan. The projects are listed below and include the process by which they were included in the plan:

City of Susanville Sustainable Water Supply and Conjunctive Use Project. Spalding CSD Wastewater Retention Pond Closure Project. LL&TT Municipal Water Assessment Project.

The three (3) projects listed above were all submitted, evaluated and included in the 2015 Lahontan Basins IRWM Plan through the following process:

The project solicitation process began with a discussion of how potential project submittals would be evaluated and considered for inclusion into the IRWM Plan Update. A draft list of project scoring criteria was discussed and made available for comment to the RWMG at the time the draft Project Information Form was distributed prior to the March 12, 2014 Public Outreach meeting. The potential project scoring criteria were chosen to facilitate project comparison, review, selection, and prioritization. The next step of the process was to collect, evaluate, and review all project submittals. A list of projects was created, project scoring conducted and all scored projects were included in the IRWM Plan. The final step of the process was to discuss the recommendations made with project proponents and stakeholders at a RWMG meeting to formally accept the projects into the plan.

Following agreement on the process, the call for projects was initiated through an email to the RWMG and stakeholders during March of 2014 and also posted on the IRWM Plan website. A list containing over 125 names and agencies, developed during the planning grant application process, was used as the list for solicitation for the call for projects. A copy of the Project Information Form is included in Appendix 6-A. The call for projects was open for approximately 2 months from April 14, 2014 through June 23, 2014. Periodic email reminders were sent out to the RWMG and two public outreach meetings were conducted; one on March 12th and the other on March 25th to assist project proponents with completion of the form. During the meetings the following topics were completed: review of instructions for completing the Project Information Form, questions individuals had on the project review process, review of the types of projects to be submitted, and examples of a completed Project Information Form. Completed Project Information Forms were returned by email.

The entire project list will be updated biennially following the same process for the *2014/2015* call for projects, and project proponents will provide a description of what has changed on the project since the *2014/2015* call for projects. During the project update process "grandfathered" projects will not need to be re-scored. New projects must go through the project solicitation process and fill out a Project Information Form. The list of the IRWM projects is intended to grow and change as projects are completed and new project concepts added. During the biennial update process, new projects can be added by a simple majority vote and does not require the re-adoption of the Plan. After the close of the project solicitation period, the projects were compiled for scoring and review. All submitted projects were determined to be eligible for inclusion in the IRWM Plan for the following reasons: they are located within the Region limits and they address at least one of the Plan objectives. The information in the individual completed Project Information Forms was exported from the .docx form into a master spreadsheet for compiling and scoring. The information exported was checked to ensure data was not lost or altered during the transfer; however, information provided by the project proponent was not reviewed to consider to what extent the information provided was accurate.

Projects were scored (a list of the scoring criteria is in Table 6-1 below) primarily using the information provided on the Project Information Form. The overall score was not intended to be the basis for final

decisions of project prioritization, but was intended to provide a method for understanding the overall set of projects and to provide one indicator of how the projects compare to one another.

The project scoring meetings were conducted in a discussion format and relied on the information entered on the Project Information Form and clarification as necessary provided by the project proponent during the scoring meeting. After the scoring meetings, the final project score sheets were shared with the RWMG and project proponents. Having the project scoring meetings encouraged project proponents to share information and identify opportunities for possible integration.

Table 6-1 - Project Scoring Criteria

Criteria	Points		
	1	2	3
Relevance to Plan / Objectives	1 point for each plan objective that is met.		
Shovel Ready/ Readiness to Proceed	Implement/construct in more than 5 years	Implement/construct within 3-5 years	Implement/construct within 2 years
Resource Management Strategies	2 RMS met	3 to 5 RMS met	5 or more RMS met
Matching Funds	<10% Match	10%-25% Match	>25% Match
Partners	Beneficiaries identified	Informal partners	Formal partners
Climate Change & Green Technology	1 form of contribution identified	2 specific contributions or green technology uses	3 or more contributions or green technologies used
Impact if not funded	Missed opportunity	Lose matching funds	Safety, public health, impaired water bodies, flood or threatened & endangered species risk
Preliminary Engineering / Scientific Backing	Logical evidence of need	Minimal Assessment or equivalent project	Preliminary Engineering and equivalent project
DAC (including Tribal Communities)	Some Minimal Benefit to DACs	Indirect but significant DAC benefits	Specifically a DAC project
Leveling Criteria	\$1 million or more	Less than \$1 million	Less than \$500,000

