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### **Projects Listed in the Yuba County IRWM Plan**

From November 2013 to November 2014, the Yuba County Regional Water Management Group met to discuss priority projects to include in the update of the Yuba County IRWM Plan. This process included preparation of a Project Solicitation Form by each project sponsor, for every project proposed for inclusion in the Plan (to ensure that all projects were described in a similar fashion). Following submittal of the forms, each project was reviewed by the RWMG – including presentations by project sponsors for all projects that were considered “shovel ready” or “application ready” (that is, not of a conceptual nature). Following this intake process, the full RWMG reviewed all of the project forms prior to inclusion of the projects in the Final IRWM, adopted in May of 2015.

Via a parallel process, in January of 2015, the Yuba County RWMG made the determination to initiate a 2015 “call for projects”. This decision was made for two reasons: (1) to comply with the Plan-required annual “call for projects” – the last call for projects having been accomplished in 2014, and (2) in anticipation of the availability of funding through Prop 84 Implementation Funding Cycle – Round 4 and the associated desire to be sure that all potentially eligible projects were available for consideration. This process resulted in the identification of several new projects.

Since the development process for these projects would extend the adoption date of the Plan, the RWMG decided that the 2015 projects would continue to move forward during and after formal Plan adoption. As a result, these additional projects were developed throughout May of 2015 and were recommended by the Project Review Committee for inclusion in the 2015 Plan during the already scheduled October of 2015 post-adoption Plan review and amendment RWMG meeting. The RWMG confirmed this approach at their May 2015 meeting.

**Vetting Procedure for Gold Village - Comprehensive Water Sustainability Project (Recommended for inclusion in the Plan by the Project Review Committee in May of 2015, inclusion in the IRWMP scheduled for October 2015, as part of the now annual review and amendment of the Plan)**

### **Project Selection Process**

In April of 2015, the RWMG met to decide whether to go forward with an application for the DWR IRWM 2015 Grant Solicitation. RWMG decided to move forward with project selection for the solicitation, so members developed a process and approach to select projects for the proposal. This process included development of guiding principles for project selection, identification of sponsor/proponent requirements for participating in the application and affirmation that the list of projects met with a wide complement of the RWMG's objectives as well as addressing the region's drought preparedness. At this meeting, the group specifically affirmed the eligibility of the 'new' 2015 projects for consideration.

On May 25, 2015, the Yuba County RWMG assessed projects submitted for applicability to the IRWM 2015 Grant Solicitation. All project proponents had filled in templates showing relevance to the IRWMP and rating their project against criteria developed for ready-to-go high priority projects. The RWMG screened all potential projects' completed templates, as well as discussing their relevance to DAC and regional drought factors and attention to Program Preferences as described in the 2015 guidelines.

### **Guiding Principles Used for Project Selection**

- Projects must be directly relevant to the goals and objectives of the Yuba County IRWM Plan.
- Project must provide direct benefits to Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) and groups.
- Projects must have an immediate drought-related impact.

- Preference was given to projects demonstrating “Bang for the Buck” in relation to impact, integration, and number of objectives met.
- All projects must be able to stand alone on their own merits.
- Projects must score well against DWR PSP Scoring Criteria
- Projects must be considered in regard to Program Preferences described in the 2015 IRWM Guidelines with particular attention paid to the Human Right to Water Policy.

**Applicant Qualifications**

- Project sponsors must have the capacity to generate the required materials within a prescribed timeline and meet all deadlines.
- Project sponsors must have the expertise for the proposed projects, and must have the staff and capacity to accomplish the work plan, if funded.

Following discussion, the RWMG approved three projects to move forward for possible inclusion in the grant application. Following several months of concerted work, two of the projects were removed from the application due to their inability to meet one or more of the RWMG and/or DWR requirements. The project shown in Table 1-2 below had specifically been included in consideration during the April RWMG meeting and the RWMG affirmed that the vetted project would be included in the adopted Plan at the October RWMG meeting set aside for reviewing and amending the Plan – consistent with the adopted IRWMP Implementation Program.

**TABLE 1-2 – PROJECT APPROVED FOR GRANT SUBMITTAL WHICH WAS NOT ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE YUBA COUNTY IRWM PLAN BUT WHICH THE RWMG APPROVED FOR INCLUSION IN THE GRANT APPLICATION AND HAS DETERMINED WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PLAN DURING THE OCTOBER 2015 RWMG MEETING.**

Project	Proponent	In Application
Gold Village Drought Resiliency	Yuba County, as fiscal agent and project manager for the DAC/Gold Village Community Service District.	Stand Alone