

Statement of Eligibility

The applicant is a non-profit agency as defined in Appendix B of the IRWM Guidelines in that it is qualified to do business in California and qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2. The applicant has legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California

3. The MOU attached as Att#3_PG1_WorkPlan_2of5 sets forth the legal agreements among the partner agencies and/or organizations that ensures performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds. Specifically, section 4.2 of the MOU states:

4.2 Fiscal Agent

Fiscal Agent for IRWMP Launch

Sequoia Riverlands Trust shall serve as Fiscal Agent for the Southern Sierra IRWMP Launch phase. Duties include administering grant funds, coordinating meetings for the Coordinating Committee and Planning Committee, making meeting notes and notices publicly available, maintaining a webpage where IRWMP documents can be accessed.

Fiscal Agent for Planning Grant.

The Planning Committee will choose a Fiscal Agent for the Southern Sierra Planning Grant Proposal to DWR and the Planning Phase. This entity will have custody and responsibility for administering all funds of the Southern Sierra regional entity, including without limitation deposit and disbursement of said funds and accounting of all business transactions of the regional entity. Fiscal oversight will still be performed by the Planning Committee and Coordinating Committee. Any budget line item change over \$1,000 should be considered by the Coordinating Committee, as the fiscal oversight of the IRWMP. Any budget line item change over \$10,000 must be reviewed and approved by the Planning Committee. Annual Financial Reporting At the close of each calendar (or fiscal) year, the fiscal agent(s) and individual project partners shall provide a complete accounting of fiscal activity related to Southern Sierra IRWMP and associated projects to the Planning Committee.

4. The applicant's certificate of incorporation is attached as Att#2_PG1_EligDoc_2of2