

## Attachment 6: Program Preferences

### Mojave Water Agency Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Proposition 84 Round 2 Planning Grant Application

The table below describes how Program Preferences will be met with this update to Mojave Water Agency's (MWA) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP).

**TABLE 6: PROGRAM PREFERENCES**

PROGRAM PREFERENCE	MEETS PROG. PREF.?	EXPLANATION
Include regional projects or programs	Yes	Regional projects and programs are a substantial part of the IRWMP update. See Tasks 3.13 and 3.14 of the Work Plan. The IRWMP serves as the basis for identification, evaluation, and prioritization for funding and implementation of new water supply projects throughout MWA service area. Projects that are regional in nature and/or serve multiple benefits will receive higher priority in the IRWMP for implementation.
Effectively integrate water management programs and projects within a hydrologic region identified in the California Water Plan; the Regional Water Quality Control Board region or subdivision; or other region of sub-region specifically identified by DWR	Yes	This IRWMP update will integrate water management programs and projects within the Mojave IRWM Region, identified through DWR's Region Acceptance Process in 2009. MWA as the IRWM group is able to manage projects, with the assistance of local stakeholders, which serve multiple water supply needs and/or multiple areas within the Mojave Region. The collaborative process to identify and prioritize water management projects in Tasks 3.13 and 3.14 will give priority to projects that provide integration in the region. This IRWMP will also integrate Salt/Nutrient Management Planning (SMP) efforts in portions of both the Colorado River and Lahontan Hydrologic Regions (Task 2).
Effectively resolve significant water-related conflicts within or between regions	Yes	The IRWMP update serves as a means to bring together stakeholders in a collaborative fashion for regional water management. The forum for the stakeholder participation process will primarily be the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to the MWA (see Task 1.1). The TAC is composed of retail water suppliers, wastewater agencies, regulatory and environmental agencies, local municipalities, environmental groups, and other interested stakeholders. In order to maximize cooperation and promote conflict resolution between stakeholders, the TAC meetings will be run by an experienced facilitator (Task 1.5)
Contribute to attainment of one or more objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program	No	
Address critical water supply or water quality needs of DACs within the IRWM region	Yes	In this update to the IRWMP, a chapter will be added that is dedicated to addressing the water supply/water quality needs of DACs. See Task 3.7 of the Work Plan.
Effectively integrate water management with land use planning	Yes	Water demand projections within the IRWMP are one factor used to prioritize water management programs in the Plan. Demand projections are based upon population projections which are based largely in local land use plans and trends in growth. These projections will be included in Tasks 3.5 and 3.6 of the Work Plan.
Include actions designed to integrate the Stormwater Resource Plan requirements specified in CWC Section 10562 into an IRWM Plan	No	

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Drought Preparedness	Yes	MWA has and will continue to address drought planning through its IRWM process. Because of MWA's extensive conjunctive use programs, water users within MWA are relatively unaffected by drought periods. This update to the IRWMP will re-evaluate MWA's practices to insulate its service area from droughts and will also summarize the retail water suppliers' drought planning efforts. See Task 3.8 of the Work Plan.
Use and reuse water more efficiently	Yes	MWA aggressively pursues water conservation. As part of the IRWMP update, new opportunities for conservation will be explored. Additionally, recycled water will also be addressed in the IRWMP. See Task 3.10 of the Work Plan.
Climate Change Response Actions	Yes	This update to the IRWMP will add a chapter that will evaluate the effects of climate change on the region and identify actions to respond to potential impacts of climate change (Task 3.9 of the Work Plan)
Expand environmental stewardship	Yes	<p>The IRWMP will attempt to identify water management actions that serve multiple benefits, including environmental stewardship (Task 3.13 and 3.14). In the 2004 IRWMP update, Basin Management Objectives (BMOs) were established to serve as a basis for evaluating projects identified in the Plan. Related to environmental stewardship, the BMOs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection and restoration of riparian habitat</li> <li>• Avoid redirecting impacts</li> <li>• Limit migration of poor quality water</li> </ul> <p>The BMO's will be revisited during this plan update and will likely include the above-listed, and possibly other objectives, in order to ensure environmental stewardship is considered.</p>
Practice Integrated flood management	Yes	Integrated Flood Management will be included in a new chapter in the IRWMP (see Task 3.11 of the Work Plan)
Protect surface and groundwater quality	Yes	Protecting water quality is one of the strategic goals of MWA. Management actions in pursuit of that goal will be considered along with other projects and programs in the IRWMP, in Task 3.13 and 3.14 of the Work Plan. Protection of water quality is included in the BMO's used to evaluate water management projects identified in the IRWMP update. Task 2 includes a specific effort to protect water quality with regard to TDS and Nitrates through preparation of a SMP.
Improve tribal water and natural resources	No	
Ensure equitable distribution of benefits	Yes	Outreach to DACs is specifically called out in the Work Plan (Task 1.4). Water supply needs identified in the DAC outreach will be included in the overall regional project and program evaluation that occurs in Task 3.13 and 3.14 in the Plan update. Additionally, most of the water supply project & program evaluation is steered by the TAC, which represents a diverse range of stakeholders throughout the community. Any person attending TAC meetings will have the opportunity to provide input in the prioritization of projects within MWA. One of the BMO's in the 2004 IRWMP was to distribute benefits in an equitable and fair manner—this will likely be one of the criteria used to evaluate potential projects identified in this Plan update.