

# Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Workshops

Department of Water Resources

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# Agenda

- IRWM Plan Standards
- Region Acceptance Process
- Integration of Flood Management
- Disadvantaged Communities
- Executive Actions & Legislation Update
- Schedule & Wrap Up
  
- Discussion period to follow each topic

# Purpose

- Update IRWM Stakeholders on IRWM Program and to solicit public input on the program.

# Outcomes

- DWR receives early, specific input on IRWM program.
- Interested stakeholders understand the current status of the IRWM Program.

# Overview of Prop 84 IRWM

- Budget Update
- Public Resources Code (PRC) §75026 *et seq.*
- PRC §75026(a)
  - Assist local public agencies
  - Defines what an IRWM plan shall do
  - Defines projects eligible for funding
    - Consistent with an adopted IRWM
    - Multiple benefits
    - One or more project elements, PRC § 75026(a) 1-11
- PRC §75026(b) – Program Preferences

# Overview of Prop 84 IRWM

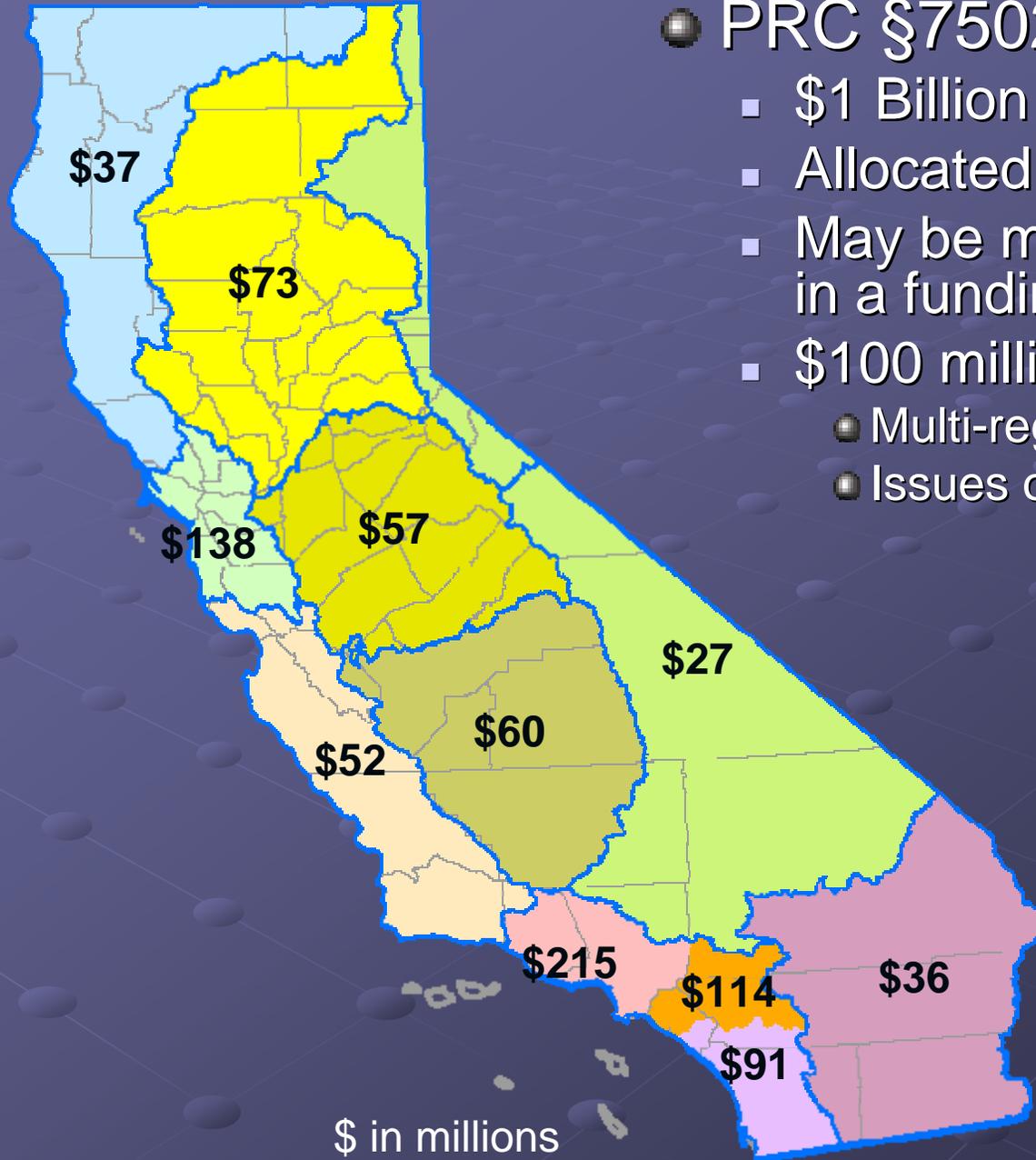
## ● PRC §75028(a)

- Competitive grants within each funding area
- May establish standards & procedures
  - Development & approval of local project selection processes
- Defer to approved local project selection
  - Review projects only for consistency with PRC §75026

## ● PRC §75028(b) – No reallocation of funds

## ● PRC §75027

- \$1 Billion for IRWM
- Allocated to “Funding Areas”
- May be multiple IRWM regions in a funding area
- \$100 million Interregional
  - Multi-regional needs
  - Issues of statewide significance



# Prop 84 Regional Flood Management Planning

- Prop 84 Chapter 3 – Flood Control
  - \$275 million for various actions including
    - “...implement a multi-objective management approach for floodplains...” (PRC §75032(e))
  - Amount Available
    - To be determined

# Prop 1E Stormwater-Flood Management Grant Program

- PRC §5096.827
- \$300 million
- Stormwater Flood Management Projects
  - Designed to manage stormwater runoff to reduce flood damage
  - Provide other benefits, where feasible

# IRWM Plan Standards

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## ● Goals:

- Revise standards to provide impetus to improve quality and content of plans.
- New standards not change over course of Prop 84 funding source.

# IRWM Plan Standards

- Mandated Changes
  - Bond law changes
- Process Improvement Changes
  - Separate “standards” from “guidance”
  - Prop 50 lessons learned
- Other changes, such as
  - Climate Change
  - Integration of flood management

# IRWM Plan Standards

- Draft of Standards
  - Still developing & refining
  - Best available direction
- Comparison Table
- Example Guidance
  
- Discussion/Q&A

# Discussion/Q&A

# Region Acceptance Process

# Review of Initial Concepts (Sept. 2007)

- “Pre-screening” prior to Step 1
  - Avoid repeat of Prop 50 Round 1 consolidations
  - Identify regional planning efforts
  - Early identification of consolidation needs
  - Evaluate funding needs
  - Formal process vs. Ad-hoc process

# Philosophy

- State grant program not the sole purpose of IRWM planning
- “Promote [IRWM] to ensure sustainable water uses, reliable supplies, better water quality, environmental stewardship, efficient urban development, protection of agriculture, and a strong economy” (CWP 2005)

# Regional Acceptance Process

## ● Rationale

- Ensure effective planning and management prior to investment of State grant funds
- Foster development of sustainable regional efforts

## ● Will apply to all IRWM Regions

- New and Existing

# Region Acceptance Process

- Nurture effective IRWM Planning
- “Early intervention”
  - Address possible problems
- Will formalize process

# Process Steps

- Informal Session
  - Individual & meetings
    - DWR and IRWM effort(s) in Funding Area
  - Identify questions & concerns that should be addressed before “formal” submittal
- IRWM effort submits documentation
- DWR review & draft recommendations
- Public Review
- Final Decision

# Region Acceptance Process

## ● DWR Actions

- Accept/Deny
- Request additional information
- Defer pending consolidation/coordination

## ● Who will make decision?

- Initial discussions & recommendations
  - Division management & District Chiefs
- Final decision – DWR Director

# Region Acceptance Process

- Need to consider:
  - Impact on grant schedules
    - Time to complete
    - Timing of Planning & Implementation grants
  - Structure to be efficient and effective
    - Minimize duplication of effort in Step 1 or Step 2

# Region Acceptance Process

- Need to consider:
  - Collective look at each Funding Area
    - Overlapping/Adjacent regions
    - Scheduling release of funds
    - Structuring competitive grant program
    - Integration of Flood Management

# Region Acceptance Process

- Need to consider:

- Differing information needs for planning versus implementation grants
- Amount of information available from “developing” regions
- What happens when region is not accepted
  - Technical Assistance

# Discussion/Q&A

# Integration of Flood Management

# How to foster integration of:

- IRWM & Flood Management
- Incentive-based
  - Grant funding for planning
    - IRWM & Regional Flood Management (RFM)
  - Grant funding for implementation
    - IRWM & Stormwater-Flood Management
    - Funding dependent upon IRWM Plan
- DWR Example – California Water Plan

# RFM Planning Funds

- Funding from Prop 84
- Use to support:
  - Enhance existing Flood Management component of IRWM Plan
  - Begin RFM planning
- Proposal – Additive grant funding
  - Up to \$1 million for IRWM Planning, plus
  - Up to \$1 million for RFM Planning

# Stormwater-Flood Management

- Funding from Prop 1E
- Must demonstrate reduction in flood damage
  - “How to” guidance
- Non-state cost share of not less than 50%
  - Cannot waive or reduce
- Proposal – Maximum grant amount
  - \$30 million/project

# Stormwater-Flood Management

- Not part of the State Plan of Flood Control
  - PRC §5096.805(j)
  - Need to provide technical assistance
  - Tiered Evaluation
    - “Obviously” not part
    - Unclear – DWR consultation
    - Detailed technical analysis

# Stormwater-Flood Management

- Consistent with applicable IRWM plan
  - Must be included in an IRWM plan
- Consistent with Basin Plan
  - Coordinate with RWQCB
- DWR will also coordinate with SWRCB
  - Prop 84 Stormwater Grant funding
  - Input on water quality issues

# Stormwater-Flood Management

- Implementing Legislation – AB739 (Laird)
- Develop Guidelines
- Coordinate with SWRCB
- Project Preferences
  - Not receiving funds from:
    - PRC §§ 5096.824 or 75034
  - Provides multiple benefits:
    - Water quality improvements, ecosystem, reduces in-stream erosion & sedimentation, groundwater recharge

# Should DWR Consider?

## ● Additional Program Priorities

- Advancing regional flood management
- Meeting IRWM Objectives and Priorities
- Meeting needs of Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
- Fostering Low Impact Development
- Projects with highest flood damage reduction

## ● How?

- Scoring Criteria
- Funding Set Asides

# Discussion/Q&A

# Disadvantaged Communities Assistance

# DAC Assistance

- Intent is to assist DACs to effectively participate in the long-term IRWM process
- Foster inclusion of DACs in IRWM solutions
- Not designed to comprehensively address immediate needs of DACs

# DAC Assistance

- \$15 million proposed over 4 years
  - \$5 million Planning Grant component
    - 2 years @ \$2.5 million
  - \$10 million DAC Assistance component
    - 4 years @ \$2.5 million
- Proposal – Assistance cap
  - \$500,000 per
    - Funding Area?
    - Region?
    - Project?

# DAC Assistance – Year 1

- Funding for planning grants, plus
- Considering a Pilot Program
  - Directed funding to entities to perform varying examples of DAC assistance
  - Looks at possible assistance models
  - Successful items transfer to Year 2 grant program

# DAC Assistance – Year 2

- Grant program
  - Part of the planning grant application
  - May include assistance for:
    - Targeted DAC outreach
    - DAC participation in the IRWM planning
    - Technical assistance for needs assessment, design, technical writing
    - Feasibility Studies
    - Construction of projects of immediate

# Discussion/Q&A

# Executive Actions and Legislation Update

# Executive Actions

- EO S-02-06

- Small Business/DVBE

- ES S-02-07

- Bond Accountability

- Reporting

- Performance

- <http://www.bondaccountability.ca.gov/>

# Legislation Update - Enrolled

## ● AB739

- Stormwater Management

## ● AB566

- IRWM funds may be used to support CIMIS

## ● AB1420

- Demand Management Measures

# Implementation of AB1420

- Affects Urban Water Suppliers receiving water management grants
- Affects agreements executed after
  - January 1, 2009
- Initial compliance
  - “Foundational BMPs”
- Future compliance
  - “Quantitative BMPs”

# Implementation of AB1420

- Allowed to receive grant funding if:
  - Document full implementation of BMP
  - Document not cost effective
- Not fully implementing or not cost effective:
  - Submit finance plan, schedule, and budget to DWR for approval

# Implementation of AB1420

- Can comply as:

- Retail Urban Water Supplier
- Wholesale Urban Water Supplier
- Regionally with multiple Urban Water Suppliers

- DWR Contact – Dave Todd

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# Legislation Update - Active

- AB2501

- Includes appropriation language

- AB1654

- Provides direction on content of IRWM Plans

# Schedule

- Regional Acceptance – Summer 2008
- Draft Guidelines – Late Summer 2008
- Final Guidelines – End of 2008
- Planning Grant Solicitations – Early 2009
- Awards – Mid 2009
- Implementation Grants to follow

# Wrap up

- Meeting Rotation Schedule
- Next Steps
- Electronic Input
  - Word compatible file
  - Emailed to DWR\_IRWM@water.ca.gov
  - Received by June 5, 2008
  - Questions – Joe Yun @ (916) 651-9222

<http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/irwm/integregio.cfm>