



**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED
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Via email: dwr_irwm@water.ca.gov

RE: Public Comment-DWR 2015 Draft Guidelines and Implementation PSP

The Yosemite-Mariposa (Y-M) IRWM Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC) is respectfully submitting our concerns and comments to the Draft 2015 Guidelines and Implementation Grant PSP.

In the presentation provided for the workshops held on April 17, 2015, the comment is made: "Removed 2014 Drought Legislation project type eligibility requirements."

The following references in the draft documents were noted:

1. PSP page 9-solicitation code is still "DG";
2. PSP page 17-project justification relating to project "created by the drought" should be deleted;
3. PSP page 27-scoring on #11-3 points (14% of total) for drought preparedness is unfairly weighted to drought projects.

To address these concerns, the Y-M RWAC requests that all drought related language be removed from the Guidelines, and that the scoring for #11, if retained, be reduced from 3 points to 1 point.

Finally, we ask that adequate time, at least 90-120 days from the release of the final Guidelines and Implementation PSP, be allowed to prepare a competitive application..

Thank you for considering the Y-M RWAC comments to the Guidelines and PSP.

Sincerely,

Pat Garcia
Project Manager

Yosemite-Mariposa Regional Water Advisory Council Members

(Y-M RWAC)

Agency/Organization (alphabetical listing)	Contact/ Alternate	Org Type	Statutory Authority Over Water	Signatory Authority
Economic Development Corporation of Mariposa County (EDC)	Barry Brouillette Candy O'Donel- Browne	Corporation	no	John Stewart, President, EDC
Fish Camp Fire/Rescue Association	Donn Harter Barry Green	Non-profit corporation	no	Donn Harter, Chairman-Fish Camp Fire/Rescue Assoc.
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD) <i>RWMG Member</i>	Pete Kampa Cynthia Marchesiello	Community Service District	yes	Pete Kampa, General Manager- LDPCSD
Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) -Fiscal Agent <i>RWMG Member</i>	Glenn Franklin Kathleen Armstrong	Special District	no	Glenn Franklin, President- Board of Directors
Mariposa County Water Agency <i>RWMG Member</i>	Kevin Cann John Carrier	Land Use Authority	yes	Kevin Cann, Chair- Water Agency
Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company	Carmel Lozano Tom Atkins	Mutual Water Company	no	Thomas M. Atkins, President-Board of Directors
Mariposa Public Utility District (MPUD) <i>RWMG Member</i>	Mark Rowney Any MPUD Board Member	Special District /Public Utility	yes	William Bondshu, Chair- Board of Directors
Mariposans for the Environment and Responsible Government (MERG)	Steven Smallcombe Len McKenzie	Environmental Stewardship, Non-Profit	no	John P. Brady, Chair- Board of Directors
Point Blue Conservation Service	Melissa Odell Geoff Geupel	Environmental Stewardship, Non-Profit	no	Ellie M. Cohen, Chief Executive Officer
Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company (PBMWC)	Troy Newlon Fenton Karnes	Mutual Water Company	no	Fenton Karnes, President- Board of Directors
Sierra Foothill Conservancy (SFC)	Bridget Fithian Lauren Hubert	Land Conservancy	no	Lynn Gorman, Conservation Director
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC) <i>RWMG Member</i>	Holly Warner Ed Temple	Environmental Stewardship, Non-Profit	no	Holly Warner, President- Board of Directors
Yosemite Alpine Community Services District (YACSD)	Karen Glendenning Barry Green	Community Service District	yes	Richard W. Ryon, President- Board of Directors
Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)	Len McKenzie Bill Ralph	Environmental Stewardship, Non-Profit	no	Lowell Young, President- Board of Directors