



Proposition 84 2015 IRWM Implementation Grant Solicitation

Public Comment Meetings – Draft Guidelines and Proposal
Solicitation Package

Sacramento, April 17

Chino, April 22



Agenda

- ▶ Funding
- ▶ Updates to Guidelines and PSP
- ▶ 2015 Solicitation Schedule
- ▶ Questions
- ▶ Public Comments

Webcast Participants, email questions/comments to:
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Drought Legislation (2014) Senate Bills 103 and 104

- ▶ Appropriated remaining \$472.5 million in Proposition 84 IRWM funds, includes:
 - ▶ \$221.1 Million awarded for drought projects in 2014
 - ▶ \$19.8 Million to “backfill” Round 2 Implementation Grant awards
- ▶ Remaining Balance for 2015 Solicitation is \$231.6



Proposition 84 IRWM Remaining Balances

Funding Area	Remaining Balance
North Coast	\$11,047,939
San Francisco	\$41,305,435
Central Coast	\$4,937,014
LA-Ventura	\$40,039,355
Santa Ana	\$64,267,686
San Diego	\$38,834,904
Sacramento	\$10,129,278
San Joaquin	\$6,674,438
Tulare/Kern	\$4,054,299
Lahontan	\$6,116,807
Colorado River	\$4,175,000
TOTALS	\$ 231,582,158



Documents Released

- ▶ Grant Program Guidelines
 - ▶ Limited changes to the guidelines
 - ▶ No changes to IRWM Plan Standards
 - ▶ Incorporated “new” requirements
 - ▶ Effective or enacted since issuance of 2014 Guidelines
 - ▶ Removed 2014 Drought Legislation project type eligibility requirements
- ▶ Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP)
 - ▶ Some changes, but very similar to 2014 Drought PSP



Guidelines “New” Requirements

- ▶ AB 52 CEQA (takes effect July 1, 2015)
 - ▶ CEQA Lead Agency to consider project effects on tribal cultural resources and to conduct consultation with California Native American tribes
- ▶ AB 1739 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
 - ▶ Projects located in a high or medium priority groundwater basin without a Groundwater Management Plan by January 1, 2015 are not eligible
- ▶ SBx7-7 Sustainable Water Use and Demand Reduction
 - ▶ 2015 Gallons Per Capita per Day reduction targets



Guidelines Notable Changes

- ▶ Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
 - ▶ Projects benefitting DACs do not need to be included in adopted IRWM Plan
 - ▶ Update of DAC threshold values (\$48,875)
 - ▶ New DAC mapping tool
http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resources_dac.cfm
 - ▶ Additional DAC waiver guidance
- ▶ CASGEM
 - ▶ Applicants and Project Proponents must be CASGEM Compliant by application due date
- ▶ IRWM Plan Review Process (PRP)
 - ▶ Applicants must have an adopted plan that has gone through DWR's PRP by application due date
 - ▶ Currently 42 of 48 IRWM regions have a PRP adopted plan



PSP Changes 2015 vs. 2014 Drought

- ▶ Back to traditional IRWM Project Eligibility
 - ▶ Projects not limited to Drought Project
- ▶ All electronic submittal via GRanTS
- ▶ Detailed Work Plan and Budget are required
 - ▶ No Acknowledgement Form
- ▶ Similar scoring criteria and process
 - ▶ No narrative evaluation
 - ▶ Individual projects will be evaluated
 - ▶ Removed Proposal Level Questions related to Drought Impacts and Water Conservation
 - ▶ Replaced with Project Level Long-Term Drought Preparedness Question



PSP Changes for DACs 2015 vs. 2014 Drought

- ▶ Not less than 10% (~\$23M) of funding to go towards DAC Projects (Statewide)
 - ▶ Also includes regional projects that include DACs within project boundary
 - ▶ Can be based on population or geography
- ▶ Preliminary activities for projects that will ultimately provide a water-related benefit to a DAC are eligible
 - ▶ Not required to have construction/ implementation component in application
 - ▶ Projects also have slightly different evaluation requirements
- ▶ Points available to projects that provide a direct water-related benefit to a DAC



PSP

Cost Reimbursement

- ▶ Costs Reimbursement
 - ▶ Costs incurred after January 1, 2015
- ▶ Funding Match
 - ▶ Costs incurred after January 1, 2011
- ▶ Maximum Grant Amount
 - ▶ Maximum award per applicant equals the funding area's remaining balance (Table 1)



Review and Scoring Process

- ▶ Series of Y/N questions
- ▶ Proposal Level Questions
 - ▶ Maximum Proposal Level Score = 7
- ▶ Project Level Questions
 - ▶ Maximum Points Available per Project = 22
 - ▶ Project Level Score = Total Project Points/# of Projects
- ▶ Program Preferences Tie-Breaker
 - ▶ Only awarded in event of a tie within funding area
 - ▶ Max. Tie-Breaker Points = 4
- ▶ Total Score = Proposal + Project + Tie-Breaker



2015 Solicitation Schedule

- ▶ Public Workshops
 - ▶ April 17 - Sacramento
 - ▶ April 22 - Chino
- ▶ April 24 – Public Comments Due
- ▶ Late May – DWR releases Final Guidelines and PSP
- ▶ August 7, 2015 – Application due
 - ▶ ~50 days after release of final documents
- ▶ Late October – DWR announces draft funding recommendations
- ▶ By end of 2015 – Final Awards



Question and Answer



Public Comments

Comments due April 24 by 5 p.m.

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