



PROPOSITION 1 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER PLANNING (SGWP) GRANT PROGRAM

Public Comment Meeting - Draft
Guidelines and Counties with Stressed
Basins Proposal Solicitation Package



Agenda

- Overview of Draft Guidelines
- Overview of Draft PSP
- Questions
- Public Comments

Draft Guidelines (GL) Overview

- ◉ SGWP Program Overview
- ◉ Eligibility Requirements
- ◉ General Program Requirements
- ◉ Grant Award Process
- ◉ Post Award Guidance

SGWP Program Overview

Informed by Division 6 of the Water Code

- ◉ SGMA - a compilation of three laws intended to move Sustainable Groundwater Planning to the next level leading to:
 - Formation of GSAs
 - Completion of Sustainable Groundwater Plans
 - Implementation of Projects
- ◉ GWMP - Existing law and protocols for groundwater management plan development

SGWP Program Overview

- Proposition 1 was approved by the voters in November of 2014
- Authorized ~\$7.5 Billion in funding for water related projects
- Chapter 10, §79770 allocated \$900 Million in funds for Groundwater
 - \$800 Million SWRCB
 - \$100 Million DWR

SGWP Program Overview

§ 79775 - \$100 million for competitive grants to “develop and implement groundwater plans and projects in accordance with groundwater planning requirements established under Division 6” of the water code.

- At least 10% for Severely Disadvantaged Communities
 - MHI < 60% of statewide average
- Required Local Cost Share
 - At least 50% of Total Project Cost



SGWP Program Overview

Available Funding

- ◉ \$10 Million for Counties' groundwater planning activities - FY 2015-16
- ◉ \$83 Million for Groundwater Sustainability/Management Plans - FY 2017-18
- ◉ \$7 million for bond issuance and program delivery

Eligibility Requirements and Preferences

- ◉ Eligible Grant Applicants
- ◉ Eligible Project Types
 - Must do...
 - Must not do...
- ◉ Other Eligible Criteria
- ◉ Program Preferences

Eligible Grant Applicants

- Public Agencies
- Non-profit Organizations
 - 501 3(c) in CA
- Public Utilities*
- Tribes
 - Federally Recognized
 - State Indian Tribes listed on NAHC
- Mutual Water Companies*

** Must not benefit investors (mutual water company or PU)*

Eligible Project Types

Project - Must do one of the following

- Advance Purpose Groundwater Sustainability
- Be consistent with relevant Water and Government Codes.
- Promote State Planning priorities and sustainable community strategies

Eligible Project Types

Projects - Must not

- Adversely impact wild and scenic rivers
- Acquire land thru eminent domain
- Acquire water except for fisheries or ecosystem benefit
- Pay for remediation of costs recoverable from RP
- Pay for any activities related to Delta Conveyance
- Located in Adjudicated Basins

Other Eligible Criteria

Project Proponent Compliance Requirements:

- GWMP
- CASGEM
- Agricultural Water Suppliers
- Urban Water Suppliers
 - UWMP, AB1420, SBx7-7
- Surface Water Diversion

Program Preferences and Statewide Priorities

- ◉ Leverage funds
- ◉ New and Innovative Technology
- ◉ Chapter 10
 - GW contamination is a threat to drinking water
 - Enhance local water supply
 - Address contamination where no responsible parties identified
- ◉ Statewide
 - Directly benefit DAC or SDAC
 - Counties forming or participating in GSA's
 - Regional project or program that implements IRWM plan

General Overview - Grant Solicitation

- ◉ Competitive Process
- ◉ Solicit Proposals
- ◉ Electronic submittal via GRanTS
- ◉ Proposal Selection
 - Completeness/eligibility review
 - Technical and management review
- ◉ Grant Awards
- ◉ Grant Agreement
- ◉ Cost Reimbursement Process

Questions?

Draft PSP Overview

- Purpose
- Eligibility
- Funding
- Schedule
- Application
- Review and Scoring

Purpose

2015/16 Budget Summary from DOF

- ◎ 10 Million “in immediate funding will be dedicated to counties with stressed groundwater basins to update or develop local ordinances and plans that protect basins and their beneficial users and help facilitate basin-wide sustainable groundwater management under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, in coordination with other local water managers.”

Eligibility

Criteria

- County Governments
- Must not be an adjudicated GW Basin
- Must address sustainable groundwater of stressed GW basin

Eligibility

Stressed Groundwater Basins either

○ Critical Overdraft (per DWR)

or

○ Groundwater Basin exhibits

- Reduction in groundwater storage
- Seawater intrusion
- Degradation of groundwater quality
- Land subsidence
- Surface water depletion

Eligibility

Project Types

- Enact Ordinance to address groundwater sustainability
- Update or develop groundwater sustainability plans or complete actions toward completion of plans

Eligibility

Table 1 - California Counties and Related Information

County	Critically Over-Drafted Basins ¹	Countywide Median Household Income <80% <i>or</i> EDA	CASGEM compliant ²
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Funding

- Maximum Award
 - \$500,000 if DAC/EDA AND Critically Over Drafted Basin
 - \$250,000 per grant all others
- Minimum Local Cost Share 50%
- Eligible reimbursable costs incurred after award date
- Eligible local cost share (match) incurred after November 4, 2014



Tentative Schedule



Activity	Date
Public Comment Period Draft GL/PSP	Aug 25 - Oct 5 2015
Final GL/PSP	Late Oct 2015
Solicitation Opens	Late Oct 2015
Applicant Workshop - Webcast	Early Nov 2015
Solicitation Closes	Late Nov 2015
Draft Funding Recommendations	Jan 2016
Final Funding Recommendations	Feb 2016
Projects Complete	Dec 2017



Application

- ◉ Online Application Process - GRanTS
- ◉ Applicant Information Tab
- ◉ Project Tab
- ◉ Information Tab
- ◉ Five required attachments Attachment 1 - 5
- ◉ Three optional attachments 6-8

Application

Required Attachments

- ◉ Eligibility
- ◉ Basin Conditions
- ◉ Workplan
- ◉ Budget
- ◉ Schedule

Review and Scoring

- Eligibility and Completeness Review
 - Compliance with applicable laws
 - All required elements submitted
 - Entire application received prior to deadline:
5PM
- Technical Review
 - Yes or No format
 - Points assigned for each Yes answer
 - All one point except questions 6 and 14



Questions?

Public Comments

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