

Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) Grant Program

Technical Advisory Panel (TAP)
and Public Meeting
June 1, 2009
Sacramento

Meeting Agenda

- 10:00 Introductions and Objective
- 10:15 Presentation by DWR staff and TAP Discussion
- 11:45 Lunch Break (on your own)
- 12:45 Public Comments
- 1:45 TAP Discussion and Recommendations
- 3:00 Adjourn (no later than)

Overview of TAP Meeting

- Introductions
- Objective
 - Update TAP on 2008 awards
 - Take a comprehensive look at ways to improve the LGA program
 - Gain TAP Perspective and Public Input
- Public Input
- Questions and Discussion Format

Tentative Schedule

- Funding Considerations
- July/Aug – Issue Draft Guidelines & PSP
 - Post for 30 days
 - Then hold two public meetings
- September – Finalize Guidelines & Issue PSP
- October – Application Workshops
- November – Applications Due
- Dec. through April – Review Applications
- May 2010 – TAP Meeting and Make Awards

Program Information

- Issue Guidelines and PSP
 - Guidelines will:
 - Provide Program Guidance
 - Establish the Process and Framework for PSP
 - Goal of Guidelines: Issue Once per Funding Source
 - PSP would be Issued for each Grant Cycle
- On-line Application
- More Bond Accountability Requirements

Summary LGA Program Through 2008

June 2008 Awards

- \$6.4 Million in Prop. 50 Funds
- Awarded 31 Grants
 - 20 proposals fully funded
 - 6 proposals partially funded
 - 5 capacity building grants
- Almost all are under Contract

November 2008 Awards

- \$4.3 Million in Prop. 84 Funds
 - Use to fund additional Dec. 2007 applications
- Fully Funded 19 Additional Grants
- Supplemented 6 Partially Funded Grants
- Three (3) Capacity Building Grants

Totals for 2008

- 50 Total Funded Grants
 - 31 Prop. 50
 - 19 Prop. 84
- Awarded Percentage is 41%
- Past Years – 36 to 42% Funded

Program Status

FY	Apps Received	# Funded	Projects Completed	Total Grant Amount (in millions)
2001	64	24	23	\$5.0
2002	50	21	21	\$4.4
2003	69	26	26	\$5.8
2004	72	28	28	\$6.2
2005	75	30	29	\$6.4
2008	122	50	0	\$10.7
Totals	452	179	127	\$38.5

Current as of 5/09

Capacity Building Grant Update

- Experimental – First Time
- Generally well received by Applicants
- Proposals Funded:
 - City of Lindsay
 - Napa County
 - Riverside County (Anza-Terwilliger)
 - Shasta Valley RCD
 - City of Ukiah
 - Modoc County
 - Indio Water Authority
 - Sierra RCD

Possible Options to Improve/Modify the Program

- Increase Maximum Grant Amount
- Efficiencies to GWMP Review
- Rural Assistance
- Requirement to Complete Existing Grant
- Require Cost Share
- Other?

Increase the Maximum Grant Amount?

- Same \$250,000 Limit since 2001
- Pro:
 - Costs have increased
 - Each grantee will perform more work
 - More efficient for DWR to administer
- Con:
 - Fewer applicants would receive grants
 - Some costs have decreased since 2007

Can the GWMPs Review Process be More Efficient?

- GWMPs Resubmitted for Each Cycle
 - Repetitive for DWR and grantees
- Pro:
 - Reduce number of time the same GWMP is reviewed
 - Simplifies application and review process
 - Avoids cycle-to-cycle inconsistencies in GWMP reviews
- Con:
 - GWMP criteria would be static
 - Hampers “living document” concept

Should the Program Emphasize Rural Assistance?

- Set Aside Funding or Give Some Preference to Rural Areas
- Pro:
 - Directs funding to areas in the state that have greater need
 - Alter geographically distribution
 - Assist areas with limited funding sources
- Con:
 - Excludes urban areas
 - Less competitive
 - May be awarding lesser developed proposals

Require Grants be Completed Before Awarding More Funds?

- Make a Condition that Past LGA Grants be Completed Before:
 - Applying?
 - Awarding?
- Pro:
 - Incentive for completing work
 - Focus attention on existing commitments
- Con:
 - Agency would have to wait for funding
 - Continuity of certain programs may be lost

Require a Cost Share?

- Cost Share not Currently Required
- Mandate versus Preference
- Pro:
 - Leverages State funds
 - Agencies who are able should share in cost
- Con:
 - Exclude most needy agencies
 - 62% of the 2007 supplied some cost share

Discussion/Comments

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