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DWR Announces Workshops to Receive Public Input on Draft Funding Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Packages for Local Groundwater Assistance and Proposition 50 Supplemental Funding Programs

Two Public Meetings Scheduled

SACRAMENTO –The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has scheduled two workshops to solicit comments on the Draft Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Packages (PSP) prepared for the Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) and the Proposition 50 Supplemental Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) funding.

LGA GRANT PROGRAM

LGA grants provide local public agencies with up to \$250,000 to conduct groundwater studies or to carry out groundwater monitoring and management activities. Approximately \$4.7 million in funding from Proposition 84 is available for the fiscal year 2009-2010 LGA Grant Program. Priority for Proposition 84 LGA grant funding will be given to local public agencies that have adopted a Groundwater Management Plan and demonstrate collaboration with other agencies in the management of a groundwater basin.

SUPPLEMENTAL IRWM FUNDING

The Proposition 50 IRWM grant program provides funding for projects that protect communities from drought, protect and improve water quality, and reduces local dependence on imported water. DWR has approximately \$7.4 million in funding to supplement prior Proposition 50 IRWM implementation grants. Only those grantees who, under prior cycles of the Proposition 50 IRWM implementation grant program, received partial grant funding will have an opportunity to compete for this supplemental grant funding.

DWR is presenting information on the Draft Guidelines and PSPs for each grant program at workshops to be held on January 5 and 7, 2010 in Sacramento and Irvine, respectively. The meeting date, time, and location for the two workshops are provided below. Each workshop will be broken into two sessions. The presentation and public comment period for the LGA Draft Guidelines and PSP will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon; while the presentation and public comment for the Proposition 50 Supplemental IRWM Draft Guidelines and PSP will be from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

January 5, 2010 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

California EPA Building, Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Webcast: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/> e-mail questions or comments during the webcast to DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov

January 7, 2010 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Irvine Ranch Water District
Duck Club
3512 Michelson Drive
Irvine, CA 92618

It is not necessary to register to attend these meetings. The Draft Proposition 84 LGA and Proposition 50 Supplemental Funding IRWM Guidelines and PSPs will be posted on the following DWR websites by December 4, 2010:

<http://www.water.ca.gov/lgagrnt/>

http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/integregio_implementation.cfm

For each program, oral and written comments on the Draft Guidelines and PSPs will be accepted at the workshops and the final submittal date for written comments is January 12, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. To submit comments on the draft documents you can send an e-mail to DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov, or mail them to DWR, ATTN: Trevor Joseph, Div. IRWM, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0002, or drop them off at the Lobby, 901 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, ATTN: Trevor Joseph.

For more information on the LGA contact Jerry Snow at (916) 651-9264. For the Proposition 50 Supplemental IRWM grant program workshops, contact Trevor Joseph at (916) 651-9218.

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