



PROPOSAL EVALUATION

IRWM Grant Program – Local Groundwater Assistance, FY 2012-2013

Applicant	Water Replenishment District of Southern California	County	Los Angeles
Project Title	Los Angeles Forebay Groundwater Quality Task Force Investigation	Grant Request	\$ 250,000.00
		Total Project Cost	\$ 504,500.00

Project Description: Project identifies sources and extent of VOC and perchlorate contamination within the Los Angeles Forebay groundwater recharge area to protect quality and supply reliability of the groundwater basins underlying Southern Los Angeles County.

Evaluation Summary:

Scoring Criterion	Score
GWMP or Program	5
Technical Adequacy of Work to be Performed	5
Work Plan	10
Budget	3
Schedule	4
QA/QC	5
Past Performance	5
Geographical Balance	0
Total Score	37

- **GWMP or Program:** The proposed project falls in an adjudicated basin, the judgment was entered into in 1965. The application provides a link to the latest version.
- **Technical Adequacy of Work to be Performed:** This criterion is fully addressed with thorough and well-presented documentation. The proposed project is a necessary next step to identify the potential source(s) of contaminants that have been detected in the Los Angeles Forebay section of the Central Basin and will consist of drilling of soil borings and collecting and analyzing groundwater samples for VOCs and perchlorate. The project supports the Basin’s strategic plan goals and objectives to protect and preserve water quality. The knowledge gained from the investigation will ultimately be used to order responsible parties to implement remedial actions. Collaboration with other agencies is extensively discussed and the application describes an established and comprehensive outreach and education process that will be used to disseminate information. Coordination with federal and state agencies is well documented.
- **Work Plan:** Applicant fully addressed and documented the criterion. The work plan lists deliverables, provides an excellent level of detail of planned tasks and discusses how the performance of the project will be monitored. The tasks agree with the budget and schedule and relate to improving groundwater management. The project is expected to be constructed in public right-of-way; however, applicant provides assurances based on prior experience, that no issues are anticipated if it becomes necessary to drill on private land. Outreach process is described throughout the application and included as part of activities. Regarding environmental compliance, applicant states on pg. 22 “Since no permanent facilities are proposed as part of this project, CEQA obligations ... are neither applicable, nor required” However, reviewers believe that the applicant should, at a minimum, file an NOE.
- **Budget:** This criterion is not fully addressed and documentation is incomplete. Applicant presents a well laid out budget but details of the cost assumption used are insufficient. For example, a lump sum of \$10,000 is allocated for Task 1.5: Travel Control Plan without any explanation how this amount was arrived at. Similarly, basis for the estimates used for subcontractor services under Task 2 is not documented or discussed and various amounts are allocated for Travel Expenses and no explanation is provided. Additionally, applicant could have provided documentation from the subcontractor in support of the estimates used for Laboratory analyzes. Otherwise, the budget agrees with the work plan and schedule. Funding match will be provided by the applicant through staff time by the applicant and other Task Force agencies.



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- **Schedule:** Applicant presents a reasonable schedule that spans 18 months period beginning at PSP designated start time of April, 2013. Timelines for each task are realistic and agrees with work plan sequencing and budget. However, the applicant does not address how the schedule was developed or how obstacles will be overcome to meet scheduling needs.

- **QA/QC:** This criterion is fully addressed with thorough and well-presented documentation. Applicant demonstrates that well-defined QA/QC measures will be used and outlined procedural assurances on a task by task basis that will ensure high quality product is achieved including using standardized methodologies and analyses and experienced professionals and licensed contractors.

- **Past Performance:** This criterion is fully addressed with thorough and well-presented documentation. Applicant has received similar grants from other state and federal agencies and two from DWR including one that was completed in June 2012 and the other still ongoing. Applicant provided the reason for time extension and demonstrated project management experience.