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DWR and SWRCB ANNOUNCE PROP 50 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM DRAFT GUIDELINES NOW AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND PUBLIC MEETINGS TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ARE SCHEDULED

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) have issued the draft guidelines for the Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program. The draft guidelines can be found on the following web sites:

<http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/integregio.cfm>

<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/irwmgp/>

The IRWM Grant Program provides funding for projects to protect communities from drought, protect and improve water quality, and reduce dependence on imported water. The draft guidelines establish the process that the DWR and the SWRCB will use to jointly administer the IRWM Grant Program.

DWR and the SWRCB will host two public meetings that will provide interested persons with an opportunity to provide DWR and the SWRCB with input on the draft guidelines.

The public meetings will be held on the following dates and locations:

August 31, 2004 – 10:00 a.m.

Ayres Suites Hotel
1945 East Holt Blvd
Ontario, CA 91764

September 9, 2004 - 10:00 a.m.

Joe Serna Jr., Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor, Coastal Hearing Room

Sacramento, CA 95814

The September 9th public meeting will be web broadcast at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. During the broadcast listeners may e-mail comments or questions to: dfa_grants@swrcb.ca.gov.

For more information on the draft guidelines and public meetings, contact Tracie Billington, DWR, at (916) 651-9226 or Jim Marshall, SWRCB, at (916) 341-5636.

All written public comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2004. Please send or e-mail comments to Tracie Billington at tracieb@water.ca.gov, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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