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**DWR Releases Draft Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package For Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program**

**SACRAMENTO** -- The Department of Water Resources has scheduled a meeting for comments on draft guidelines and a proposal solicitation package prepared for local groundwater assistance funding. The meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 23 in the Coastal Hearing Room of the California EPA Building at 1001 I Street, Sacramento.

A webcast of the meeting will be available at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. During the webcast, questions or comments may be emailed to [DWR\\_IRWM@water.ca.gov](mailto:DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov)

Local groundwater assistance (LGA) grants provide local public agencies with up to \$250,000 to conduct groundwater studies or carry out groundwater monitoring and management activities. Approximately \$4.7 million in funding from Proposition 84 is available for the fiscal year 2011-2012 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.

Registration is not required to attend the February 23 meeting.

The Draft Proposition 84 LGA Guidelines and proposal solicitation package have been posted at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/lgagrants/>.

Oral and written comments on the draft guidelines and PSP will be accepted at the workshops. The deadline for written comments is 5 p.m. March 1, 2012.

Comments on the draft documents may be emailed to: [DWR\\_IRWM@water.ca.gov](mailto:DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov), or mailed to: DWR, ATTN: Tom Lutterman, Div. IRWM, P. O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0002. Comments may also be left at the Bonderson Building Lobby, 901 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, ATTN: Tom Lutterman.

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