

Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Workshops

Department of Water Resources

Overview of Prop 84 IRWM

- Budget Update
- Public Resources Code (PRC) §75026 *et seq.*
- PRC §75026(a)
 - Assist local public agencies
 - Defines what an IRWM plan shall do
 - Defines projects eligible for funding
 - Consistent with an adopted IRWM
 - Multiple benefits
 - One or more project elements, PRC § 75026(a) 1-11
- PRC §75026(b) – Program Preferences

Overview of Prop 84 IRWM

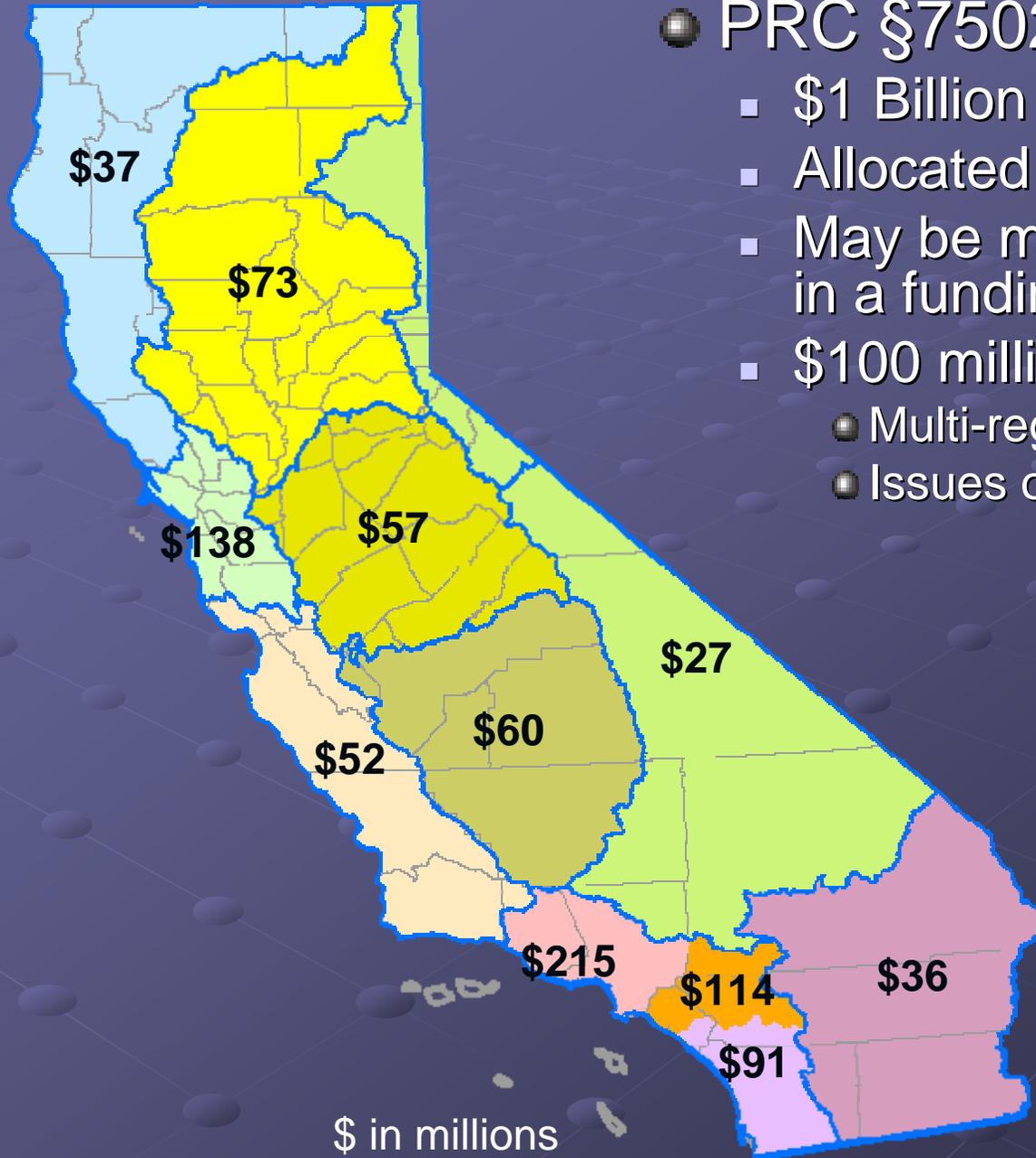
● PRC §75028(a)

- Competitive grants within each funding area
- May establish standards & procedures
 - Development & approval of local project selection processes
- Defer to approved local project selection
 - Review projects only for consistency with PRC §75026

● PRC §75028(b) – No reallocation of funds

● PRC §75027

- \$1 Billion for IRWM
- Allocated to “Funding Areas”
- May be multiple IRWM regions in a funding area
- \$100 million Interregional
 - Multi-regional needs
 - Issues of statewide significance



IRWM Plan Standards

IRWM Plan Standards

● Goals:

- Revise standards to provide impetus to improve quality and content of plans.
- New standards not change over course of Prop 84 funding source.

IRWM Plan Standards

- Mandated Changes
 - Bond law changes
- Process Improvement Changes
 - Separate “standards” from “guidance”
 - Prop 50 lessons learned
- Other changes, such as
 - Climate Change
 - Integration of flood management

IRWM Plan Standards

- Draft of Standards
 - Still developing & refining
 - Best available direction
- Comparison Table
- Example Guidance

Region Acceptance Process

Philosophy

- State grant program not the sole purpose of IRWM planning
- “Promote [IRWM] to ensure sustainable water uses, reliable supplies, better water quality, environmental stewardship, efficient urban development, protection of agriculture, and a strong economy” (CWP 2005)

Regional Acceptance Process

● Rationale

- Ensure effective planning and management prior to investment of State grant funds
- Foster development of sustainable regional efforts

● Will apply to all IRWM Regions

- New and Existing

Region Acceptance Process

- Nurture effective IRWM Planning
- “Early intervention”
 - Address possible problems
- Will formalize process

Process Steps

- Informal Session
 - Individual & meetings
 - DWR and IRWM effort(s) in Funding Area
 - Identify questions & concerns that should be addressed before “formal” submittal
- IRWM effort submits documentation
- DWR review & draft recommendations
- Public Review
- Final Decision

Region Acceptance Process

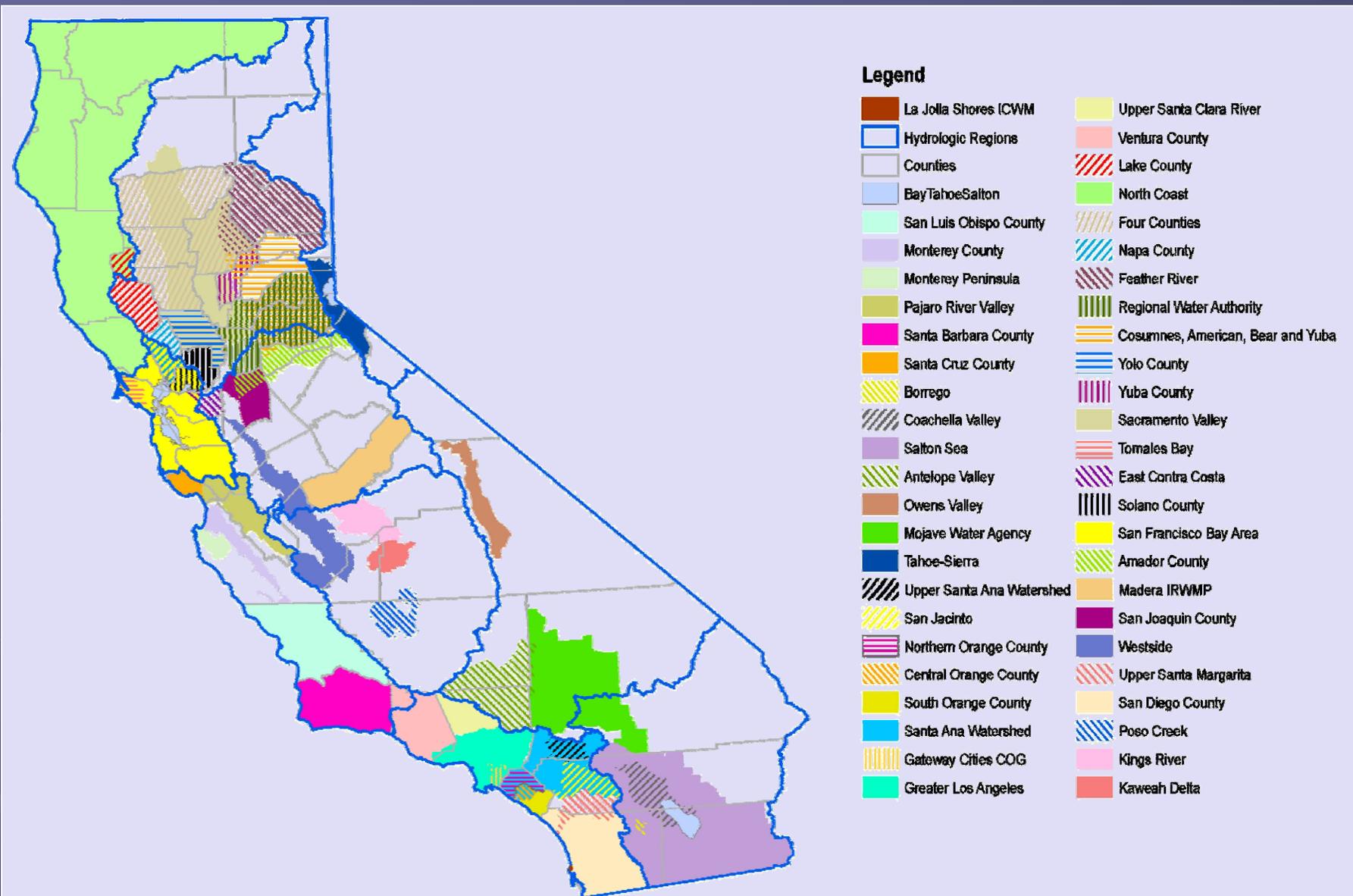
● DWR Actions

- Accept/Deny
- Request additional information
- Defer pending consolidation/coordination

● Who will make decision?

- Initial discussions & recommendations
 - Division management & District Chiefs
- Final decision – DWR Director

Snapshot of Existing IRWM Regions



Region Acceptance Process

- Need to consider:
 - Impact on grant schedules
 - Time to complete
 - Timing of Planning & Implementation grants
 - Structure to be efficient and effective
 - Minimize duplication of effort in Step 1 or Step 2

Region Acceptance Process

- Need to consider:
 - Collective look at each Funding Area
 - Overlapping/Adjacent regions
 - Scheduling release of funds
 - Structuring competitive grant program
 - Integration of Flood Management

Region Acceptance Process

- Need to consider:

- Differing information needs for planning versus implementation grants
- Amount of information available from “developing” regions
- What happens when region is not accepted
 - Technical Assistance

Integration of Flood Management

How to foster integration of:

- IRWM & Flood Management
- Incentive-based
 - Grant funding for planning
 - IRWM & Regional Flood Management (RFM)
 - Grant funding for implementation
 - IRWM & Stormwater-Flood Management
 - Funding dependent upon IRWM Plan
- DWR Example – California Water Plan

Prop 84 Regional Flood Management Planning

- Prop 84 Chapter 3 – Flood Control
 - \$275 million for various actions including
 - “...implement a multi-objective management approach for floodplains...” (PRC §75032(e))
 - Amount Available
 - To be determined

RFM Planning Funds

- Use to support:
 - Enhance existing Flood Management component of IRWM Plan
 - Begin RFM planning
- Proposal – Additive grant funding
 - Up to \$1 million for IRWM Planning, plus
 - Up to \$1 million for RFM Planning

Prop 1E Stormwater-Flood Management Grant Program

- PRC §5096.827
- \$300 million
- Stormwater Flood Management Projects
 - Designed to manage stormwater runoff to reduce flood damage
 - Provide other benefits, where feasible

Stormwater-Flood Management

- Must demonstrate reduction in flood damage
 - “How to” guidance
- Non-state cost share of not less than 50%
 - Cannot waive or reduce
- Proposal – Maximum grant amount
 - \$30 million/project

Stormwater-Flood Management

- Not part of the State Plan of Flood Control
 - PRC §5096.805(j)
 - Need to provide technical assistance
 - Tiered Evaluation
 - “Obviously” not part
 - Unclear – DWR consultation
 - Detailed technical analysis

Stormwater-Flood Management

- Consistent with applicable IRWM plan
 - Must be included in an IRWM plan
- Consistent with Basin Plan
 - Coordinate with RWQCB
- DWR will also coordinate with SWRCB
 - Prop 84 Stormwater Grant funding
 - Input on water quality issues

Stormwater-Flood Management

- Implementing Legislation – AB739 (Laird)
- Develop Guidelines
- Coordinate with SWRCB
- Project Preferences
 - Not receiving funds from:
 - PRC §§ 5096.824 or 75034
 - Provides multiple benefits:
 - Water quality improvements, ecosystem, reduces in-stream erosion & sedimentation, groundwater recharge

Should DWR Consider?

● Additional Program Priorities

- Advancing regional flood management
- Meeting IRWM Objectives and Priorities
- Meeting needs of Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
- Fostering Low Impact Development
- Projects with highest flood damage reduction

● How?

- Scoring Criteria
- Funding Set Asides

Disadvantaged Communities Assistance

DAC Assistance

- Intent is to assist DACs to effectively participate in the long-term IRWM process
- Foster inclusion of DACs in IRWM solutions
- Not designed to comprehensively address immediate needs of DACs

DAC Assistance

- \$15 million proposed over 4 years
 - \$5 million Planning Grant component
 - 2 years @ \$2.5 million
 - \$10 million DAC Assistance component
 - 4 years @ \$2.5 million
- Proposal – Assistance cap
 - \$500,000 per
 - Funding Area?
 - Region?
 - Project?

DAC Assistance – Year 1

- Funding for planning grants, plus
- Considering a Pilot Program
 - Directed funding to entities to perform varying examples of DAC assistance
 - Looks at possible assistance models
 - Successful items transfer to Year 2 grant program

DAC Assistance – Year 2

- Grant program
 - Part of the planning grant application
 - May include assistance for:
 - Targeted DAC outreach
 - DAC participation in the IRWM planning
 - Technical assistance for needs assessment, design, technical writing
 - Feasibility Studies
 - Construction of projects of immediate

Schedule

- Regional Acceptance – Summer 2008
- Draft Guidelines – Late Summer 2008
- Final Guidelines – End of 2008
- Planning Grant Solicitations – Early 2009
- Awards – Mid 2009
- Implementation Grants to follow

Wrap up

- Next Steps

- Electronic Input

- Word compatible file
- Emailed to DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov
- Received by early/mid June
- Questions – Joe Yun @ (916) 651-9222

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