

# **2008 Urban Drought Conservation Grant Program**

**\$12 Million Available**

**Funded by Proposition 50**

# Purpose of Workshop

- Review information in the Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP)
  - Eligibility
  - Funding
  - Project selection process
- Provide information on the Application Process
  - Attachments
  - Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST )

# 2008 Urban Drought Conservation PSP Materials

- 2008 Urban Drought Assistance PSP
- Attachment 1
- Attachment 2
- Attachment 3
- Frequently Asked Questions
- FFAST Training Manual

on DWR Web site at:

<http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/finance/index.cfm>

# Contents of the PSP

- Eligibility
  - Eligible Applicant
  - Eligible Project
  - Cost Share
- Agreement Requirements
- Schedule
- Review, Selection, Award Process
- Proposal Submittal (what, where, when)

# Eligibility Requirements

- Must be an eligible applicant
- Must submit an eligible project
- Project must have Benefits
- Minimum 20 % local cost share
- Submitted application is public information
- Must have submitted Urban Water Management Plan, if applicable

# Eligible Applicants

Entities involved with water management including:

- Cities, counties, cities and counties, joint power authorities, public water districts, other political subdivisions of the state, tribes
- Non-profit organizations, cooperatives, partnerships and associations composed of eligible entities
- Universities, colleges, State and federal agencies
- Investor owned utilities and incorporated mutual water companies
- Individuals, for-profit entities **NOT** eligible

# Eligible Projects

- Efficiency measures that help urban communities with water shortages and drought
- Best Management Practices for Urban Water Conservation (BMPs)
- Landscape Task Force Recommendations
- Other innovative water conservation projects (examples in PSP)

# Ineligible Projects

The funding source limits eligibility to water conservation. Many worthwhile drought actions are not eligible:

- Wellhead rehabilitation
- New storage tanks providing expanded capacity
- Measures you were going to implement anyway, for example:
  - Irrigation controllers for new landscape (may pay for upgrades)
  - Water meters for new construction (may pay if expedited, may pay separate landscape meter)

# Eligibility - Benefits

- **Projects Must Yield Demonstrated Benefits:**
  - Applied water reduction
  - Water Savings
  - In-stream flow & timing improvements
  - Water shortage and drought mitigation
  - Water quality improvements
  - Energy efficiency

# Eligibility - Cost Share

- A minimum of 20 % Applicant cost-share is required
- No cost-share is required of Disadvantaged Communities (as defined in PSP)

# Contractual Agreement Requirements

- **Standard terms and conditions**
- **Reporting requirements**
- **Letter of Commitment**
- **Environmental documentation**

# Geographic Scope & Project Duration

- Eligible projects may be implemented anywhere in California
- Project duration
  - Contract duration up to 2 years

# Available Funds

Funds are available in the following categories:	Total
Urban Drought Assistance Projects	\$10,000,000
Drought Assistance for Disadvantaged Communities*	\$2,000,000*
Total	\$12,000,000

\* Commitment of these funds is at the discretion of the Department of Water Resources

# Funding Caps

- The State will consider funding up to \$250,000 per eligible project
- Applicant may submit multiple proposals
- Sliding scale for “umbrella” projects

Programs Serving at Least This Many Retailers	Are Eligible for State Cost-Share Grants of Up To
1	\$250,000
5	\$1,000,000
10	\$2,000,000
20	\$4,000,000

# Selection Process

- Grant awards will be based on Applicant's percentage of cost-share
- Applications will be ranked on a descending order based on Percentage of Applicant Cost-share and Awarded until all funds are committed
- State reserves the right to accept, modify, or reject any proposal for good cause

# Schedule

- **June 30, 2008**    **Release Urban Drought Assistance PSP**
- **July 8, 2008**    **Interactive Webcast Workshop**
- **July 21, 2008**    **Applications due on FFAST**
- **July 31, 2008**    **Awards Announcement**
- **Aug. 25, 2008**    **Last contract signed**

# Proposal Application Development

## Application Consists of:

- Completion of:
  - Attachment 1 – Letter of Commitment
  - Attachment 2 – Project Description
  - Attachment 3 – Project Cost
  
- Completion of FFAST questionnaire, on-line

For FFAST application instructions visit DWR web site:

<http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/finance/index.cfm>

# Attachment 2 - Project Description

- Project Goals & Objectives
- Project Description
  - Tasks; Schedules; Benefits; Deliverables
- Project Monitoring & Evaluation
- Applicant's Qualifications
- Outreach
- Budget

Attachment 2 will become Contract Language

# Attachment 3 Project Costs

- Complete Attachment 3
- Consistent with Tasks & Subtasks Identified in the Attachment 2
- Provide Cost-Share for each Task
- Identify requested Grant Funds for each Task

**Attachment 3 will become Contract Budget**

# Submittal Process

- On-line Submittal Only
- Must use Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST)
- Need to obtain User Name & Password
- Complete FAAST questionnaire
- Submit Attachments 1, 2, 3 via FAAST as attachment

<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/index.html>

# FAAST Training Manual

- Introduction to FAAST
- How to start a FAAST application  
<http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/finance/index.cfm>
- FAAST application instructions
- Answers to application questions
- See PowerPoint Presentation for detail information on how to use FAAST  
<http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/finance/index.cfm>

# Hints

- Follow instructions in the PSP
- Complete Attachments & provide complete and concise information
- Make sure to *attach* your application (Attachments 1, 2, and 3) *and* Submit

# Deadline for Submittal of Proposal Application

**5 PM on July 21, 2008**

**FAAST Will Close at 5 PM**

# Need Help?

For questions on the Grant Program and  
Application Process:

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# Need Help?

For questions on Urban Water  
Management Planning & AB 1420:

Dave Todd: (916) 651-7027

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# Need Help?

For technical assistance to Disadvantaged Communities on development and preparation of proposals:

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(805) 756-2434 [sstyle@calpoly.edu](mailto:sstyle@calpoly.edu)

# Need Help?

**For questions on FFAST only:**

**State Water Board FFAST Help Desk**

**1-866-434-1083,**

**[FFAST\\_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:FFAST_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov)**

**Important Note: All e-mails MUST have the following identifier in the subject line:**

**DWR Prop 50 2008 Drought Assistance Grant  
Program**

# Need Help?

For questions on Disadvantaged Communities:

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