

Framework for Project Scoring and Weighting for the 2013 IRWM Plan

Criterion	Scoring Procedure	Points Assigned	Percent of Total Score ¹
Addresses Multiple Objectives ²	Score is based on # of objectives addressed ³	4+ objectives = 4 pts 3 objectives = 3 pts 2 objectives = 2 pts 1 objective = 1 pt	TBD
Spans Multiple Hydrologic Units	Score is based on the level of integration between Hydrologic Units	Multiple Hydrologic Units = 4 pts Integration within a single Hydrologic Unit = 2 pts Only site-specific = 0 pts	TBD
Addresses Multiple Beneficial Uses (BUs)	Score is based on # of beneficial uses addressed	4+ BUs = 4 pts 3 BUs = 3 pts 2 BUs = 2 pts 1 BUs = 1 pt	TBD
Addresses Multiple Watershed Services within the Hydrologic Cycle ⁴	Score is based on the number of watershed services within the hydrologic cycle	2+ watershed services = 2 pts 1-2 watershed services = 1 pts No watershed services = 0 pts	TBD
Creates New Applied Water or Offsets Potable Demand	Score is based on Yes/No response	Yes = 4 pt No = 0 pts	TBD
Linked to Other Water Management Projects	Score is based on Yes/No response	Yes = 4 pt No = 0 pts	TBD
Involves More than One Entity	Score is based on Yes/No response	Yes = 4 pt No = 0 pts	TBD
Implements IRWM Plan Recommendation or Issue ⁵ , IRWM Workgroup Recommendation, or a Recommendation in an Adopted Water Management Plan	Score is based on the kind of planning document that suggests implementing benefits or components of the project	IRWM Plan Recommendation or Issue = 4 pts Workgroup Recommendation = 2 pts Other Adopted Water Management Plan Recommendation = 1 pt	TBD
Directly Benefits Disadvantaged / Environmental Justice Communities	Score is based on the degree of benefit (direct vs. indirect)	Direct Benefits = 4 pts Indirect Benefit = 2 pts No Benefits = 0 pts	TBD
Other	TBD	TBD	TBD

1 Prior to each round of funding, percentages will be applied as appropriate. Please note that percentages may be set at 0 for any given criteria, indicating that any of these criteria may be removed from consideration for a specific funding opportunity.

2 Partial credit may be applied if the project indirectly meets this criterion.

3 RAC may be asked to prioritize the IRWM Plan Objectives prior to each grant cycle.

4 Watershed services are defined in *Chapter 2, Vision and Objectives* of the IRWM Plan Update.

5 IRWM Issues are identified in Table 1-3 of the IRWM Plan Update.

Framework for Scoring Guidelines for IRWM Grant Opportunities

Criteria	Suggested Workgroup Guidelines
PROJECT-LEVEL CRITERIA	
IRWM Plan Objectives	Select projects that contribute to the attainment of IRWM Plan objectives.
Legal, Scientific, and Technical Feasibility	Select projects that are well supported from a technical standpoint based on supporting studies and data.
Budget	Select projects that have well-developed budgets and exhibit reasonable costs. Note that DAC projects are exempt from the 25% funding match requirement.
Readiness to Proceed	Select projects that will be ready to proceed by December 2014.
Cost-Effectiveness – Water Supply, Water Quality, Flood Damage Reduction	Select projects that are cost-effective on both the short- and long-term, and provide quantifiable benefits to the region.
Benefits Tribes	Select projects that address the water resources needs of San Diego area tribes.
Integration	Review integration potential using pre-defined types of integration – Partnerships, Management strategies, Beneficial uses, Geographic, Hydrologic
Climate Change	Contributes to climate change adaptation or mitigation
PROPOSAL-LEVEL CRITERIA	
IRWM Plan Objectives	Proposal to include a suite of projects that addresses all IRWM Plan objectives.
Linkages to Other Projects	Proposal to include projects with synergies and linkages among them.
Funding Match	Proposal to achieve an overall 30% funding match.
Schedule	Proposal must include at least one project that will begin implementation by May 2014.
Economic Analysis – Water Supply, Water Quality and Other Expected Benefits, and Flood Damage Reduction	Proposal to include projects that realize quantifiable water supply benefits.
	Proposal to include projects that realize quantifiable water quality and other expected benefits.
	Proposal to include projects that realize quantifiable flood damage reduction benefits.
Geographic Parity	Proposal to include a suite of projects that will benefit hydrologic units across the Region.
Benefits Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)	Proposal to include at least one project that addresses the critical water supply or water supply quality needs of DACs.
Implementing Agency	Proposal to include a balance of projects sponsored by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and agencies.
Cost Effectiveness	Compare cost effectiveness of projects within each functional area (\$/level of benefit)
IRWM Integration	Compare integrated aspects of each project in accordance with the definition of integration established by the San Diego IRWM Program
Cutting-Edge Technology	Proposal to highly consider projects that implement cutting-edge or next-generation technologies that can effectively address water management issues
Guideline for Proposal: Proposal may include X-Y total projects (to be determined with each funding opportunity).	