

RAC- Approved Framework for Scoring Guidelines for Round 3 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation

Adapted from Table 9-2 of the 2013 San Diego IRWM Plan

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 with implementation by April 1, 2015 and will be completed by June 2020. Extra consideration provided for projects that will be completed by June 2018.
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
Drought Relief	Select projects that meet SB104's expedited drought relief funding mandate as defined in the Draft PSP as projects that do at least one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide immediate regional drought preparedness 2. Increase local water supply reliability and delivery of safe drinking water 3. Implement conservation programs and measures that are not locally cost-effective 4. Reduce water quality or ecosystem conflicts created by drought
Responsiveness	Project sponsors must be immediately responsive to requests from Project Selection Workgroup, RWMG, grant writing team, grant administrators, and other grant support personnel
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 April 1, 2015.
Project Physical Benefits – these are benefits in addition to the mandatory drought relief benefits	Proposal to include projects that realize quantifiable water supply benefits. Benefits include but are not limited to producing, saving, or recycling water.
	Proposal to include projects that realize quantifiable water quality and other expected benefits. Benefits include but are not limited to improving water quality or treating water.
	Proposal to include projects that realize quantifiable environmental and other expected benefits. Benefits include but are not limited to improving, restoring, or protecting habitat, floodplain, or species.
	Proposal to include projects that realize quantifiable energy or greenhouse gas benefits. Benefits include but are not limited to producing or saving energy or avoiding greenhouse gas emissions.
Geographic Parity	Proposal to include a suite of projects that will benefit watersheds across the Region.
Benefits Disadvantaged Communities	Proposal to include at least one project that addresses the critical water supply or water supply quality needs of disadvantaged communities.

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Implementing Agency	Proposal to include a balance of projects sponsored by non-governmental organizations and agencies.
Cost Effectiveness	Compare cost effectiveness of projects within each functional area (\$/level of benefit). Note that conservation projects must be <i>not locally cost-effective</i> .
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
Proposal Funding and Amount of Projects	Proposal should request \$16.5-\$20 million in grant funding and include 6-8 projects. Minimum grant request per project should be \$500,000.