

**RAC-Approved Framework for Scoring Guidelines for
Final IRWM Implementation Grant Solicitation (2015)
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 by April 1, 2016 and completed by October 31, 2020. Preference given to projects completed by October 31, 2019.
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
Quantifiable Benefits	Each project must have two (2) quantifiable benefits that can be supported by existing documentation.
Responsiveness	Project sponsors must be immediately responsive to requests from the 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 projects that are ready to start by April 1, 2016 and be completed by October 31, 2020.
Project Physical Benefits – Water Supply, Water Quality, Environmental Benefits, and Other Expected Benefits	Proposal to include projects that realize quantifiable water supply benefits (amount of water supply produced, saved, or recycled).
	Proposal to include projects that realize quantifiable water quality benefits (types and amounts of water quality improvement provided and amount of water treated or improved).
	Proposal to include projects that realize quantifiable environmental benefits (types and amounts of species, acreage of habitat or floodplain improved, restored, or protected, amount of flow provided, or habitat units restored or protected).
	Proposal to include projects that realize other quantifiable benefits (amount of energy produced or saved, amount of greenhouse gases avoided, and other benefits).
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.
Implementing Agency	Proposal to include a balance of projects sponsored by non-governmental organizations and agencies.

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PROPOSAL-LEVEL CRITERIA, continued	
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
Proposal Funding and Amount of Projects	Proposal should request \$30,197,472* in grant funding and include 15-20 projects. Minimum grant request per project should be \$500,000.

*\$31,131,415 remains for the San Diego IRWM Region. \$30,197,472 will be allocated to fund projects and \$933,942 (3%) will be allocated for grant administration.