

**SAN DIEGO**  
Integrated Regional  
Water Management

*San Diego IRWMP  
Joint Integration Workshop &  
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting #49*

April 22, 2014

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- Welcome & Introductions
- Prop 84-Round 3 Drought Relief Grant
- Prop 84-Round 3 Project Selection Process
- What is Integration?
- Integration Breakout Groups
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**Prop 84-Round 3 Drought Relief Grant Opportunity**

- To date, San Diego has received \$19 million in Proposition 84 grant funding through the IRWM Program
- **\$46 million** remain for San Diego
- Current round of IRWM funding is expedited for drought relief through a Statewide competition for **\$200 million**
- Funding to regions with greatest drought impacts

**Prop 84-Round 3 Drought Relief Grant Opportunity**

- Eligible Project Types:
  1. Provide immediate regional drought preparedness:
    - Promote water conservation, conjunctive use, reuse and recycling
    - Improve landscape and agricultural irrigation efficiencies
    - Achieve long-term reduction of water use
    - Efficient groundwater basin management
    - Establish system inerties

## Prop 84-Round 3 Drought Relief Grant Opportunity



- Eligible Project Types, con't:
  2. Increase local water supply reliability & delivery of safe drinking water
  3. Implement conservation programs & measures that are not locally cost-effective
  4. Reduce water quality conflicts or ecosystem conflicts created by drought
- Projects must also have multiple benefits

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## Prop 84-Round 3 Drought Relief Grant Opportunity

- Other Requirements from DWR:
  - 25% funding match required – DAC exception possible
  - Reimbursement eligible beginning January 17, 2014
  - Match funding eligible beginning January 1, 2010
  - Sponsors must adopt 2013 San Diego IRWM Plan
  - Conservation projects may claim other primary benefits such as immediate regional drought preparedness
  - Must meet California Labor Compliance requirements
  - Groundwater Management Plan and Urban Water Management Plan requirements apply

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## Prop 84-Round 3 Project Selection Process

- Project Selection and Review Process:
  1. Project scoring approved by RAC **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**
  2. Projects submitted to online database **by April 30<sup>th</sup>**
  3. Projects numerically scored and ranked by third party with firewall established by RWMG
  4. Project scoring discussed and vetted with RAC **May 15<sup>th</sup>**
  5. Projects evaluated by Project Selection Workgroup
    - Interviews will be held **May 28<sup>th</sup>**
  6. Suite of projects and funding amounts approved by RAC **June 4<sup>th</sup>**
  7. Application submitted to DWR in July 2014

Submit to Database

Numeric Scoring and Ranking

Project Selection Workgroup

RAC Approval

Prepare Grant Application

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## Prop 84-Round 3 Project Selection Process – Project Database

- Call for Projects April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Log In to Project Database (OPTI):
  - Download blank database form
  - Visit <http://www.sdirwmp.org/>
  - Click on “Project Database” tab
  - Sign in with your existing username or register
  - Click “(New +)” to submit a new project
- Questions?
  - Refer to OPTI handout
  - Contact Crystal Mohr: [cmohr@mcwater.com](mailto:cmohr@mcwater.com)

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## Prop 84-Round 3 Project Selection Process – Project Database

- Online Project Tracking and Integration (OPTI) Project Database:
    - Become a “Community Member” to submit a project
    - Works best with Mozilla or Chrome browsers
    - Required fields are indicated by a red asterisk\*
    - Recommend pre-filling out information in a Word file and copy-pasting it into the database
    - Save often!
    - Avoid using “back” button in your browser
    - Remember to hit “Submit” when you are done!
      - Project can be edited after submitting
- SEE HANDOUT FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE!**

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## Prop 84-Round 3 Project Selection Process – Project Database

Questions or Problems? Contact Crystal Mohr, [cmohr@rmcwater.com](mailto:cmohr@rmcwater.com) or 858-875-7421

## Prop 84-Round 3 Project Selection Process – Numeric Scoring

- To be eligible, projects must do all of the following:
  - Meet Objective A:
    - Encourage the development of integrated solutions to address water management issues and conflicts
  - Meet Objective B:
    - Maximize stakeholder/community involvement and stewardship of water resources, emphasizing outreach
  - Meet at least one other Plan Objective
  - Fall under one of the eligible project types for expedited drought relief funding:
    - Provide immediate drought preparedness
    - Increase local water supply reliability and water delivery
    - Implement non-cost-effective conservation measures
    - Reduce water quality or ecosystem conflicts created by drought

## Prop 84-Round 3 Project Selection Process – Numeric Scoring

- Your project will earn a higher score if it:
  - Contributes to multiple IRWM goals and objectives
  - Benefits multiple watersheds
  - Creates new applied water/offsets potable demands
  - Is linked to other water management projects
  - Fosters partnerships among entities
  - Builds upon other local and regional planning efforts
  - Benefits disadvantaged communities

## Prop 84-Round 3 Project Selection Process – Numeric Scoring

- Numeric scoring included in the 2014 IRWM Plan with some flexibility
  - “Other” category and weighting percentages

SEE HANDOUT FOR PROPOSED CRITERIA



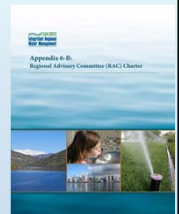
## Prop 84-Round 3 Project Selection Process – Numeric Scoring

Discussion? Questions?

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Vote needed on project evaluation criteria

## Prop 84-Round 3 Project Selection Process – Project Selection Workgroup

- Project Selection Workgroup Membership:
  - Representatives nominated by each RAC caucus, chair is appointed by workgroup
  - 3 representatives from RWMG (City, County, Water Authority)
  - 1 representative from each Caucus
    - Water Supply
    - Water Quality
    - Natural Resources and Watersheds
    - Disadvantaged Communities and Environmental Justice
    - Other/At Large



## Prop 84-Round 3 Project Selection Process – Project Selection Workgroup

### Nominations Received:

- **RWMG:**
  - City: Goldy Herbon; Peter Martin
  - County: Nancy Stalnaker; JoAnn Weber
  - Water Authority: Mark Stadler; Dana Friehauf
- **Water Supply:**
  - Ron Moshier (Sweetwater Authority); Greg Thomas (Rincon del Diablo)
- **Water Quality:**
  - Leigh Johnson (UC Extension); Loretta Bates (UC Extension)
- **Natural Resources/ Watersheds:**
  - Rob Hutsel (SD River Park Foundation); Julie Hampel (UC San Diego)
- **DAC/EJ:**
  - David Flores (Casa Familiar); Dave Harvey (Rural Community Assistance Corporation)
- **Other/At Large**
  - Robyn Badger (San Diego Zoo); Kelly Craig (San Diego Zoo)

## Prop 84-Round 3 Project Selection Process – Project Selection Workgroup

*Discussion? Questions?*

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Vote needed on Project Selection Workgroup membership

## Prop 84-Round 3 Project Selection Process – Schedule Details

- **Call for Projects: April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - Solicit new projects for consideration of Round 3 funding
- **Scoring Criteria and Integration Workshop: April 22<sup>nd</sup>**
  - Today's meeting!
- **Project Scoring Workshop: May 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - Present numerical scoring and solicit input on project priorities
- **Project Interviews: May 28<sup>th</sup>**
  - Project finalists will be interviewed by Project Selection Workgroup prior to finalization of project suite
- **Final RAC Recommendation on Proposal: June 4<sup>th</sup>**

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## The Ideal IRWM Project

- An integrated, multi-benefit water management projects that achieves one or more of IRWM goals:
  - Optimize water supply reliability
  - Protect and enhance water quality
  - Provide stewardship of our natural resources
  - Coordinate and integrate water resource management

## Project Integration

- Integration: The "I" in IRWM
  - Increases level of benefits for the Region
  - Improves likelihood project will receive IRWM grant funding

*North San Diego Water Reuse Project involves ten partner agencies to maximize water reuse and includes education and outreach to the public*



## Different Types of Integration

- **Partnerships** – Partnerships between different organizations
- **Resource Management** – Employing multiple water management strategies within a single project
- **Beneficial Uses** – Project supports several different beneficial uses
- **Geography** – Implementing watershed- scale or regional- scale projects
- **Hydrology** – Addressing multiple watershed functions within the hydrologic cycle

## Benefits of Integration

- **Overall:** Integration creates better projects and moves the Region toward the ultimate goals of IRWM planning and away from funding projects that would happen without the program.
- Increased chance of funding
- Cost-effectiveness
- Cost sharing
- Streamlining of approval processes
- Added expertise



## Potential Drawbacks of Integration

- Coordination takes time
- Reduction in grant funding for each partner
- Additional administrative costs
- Potential loss of control to partner
- Increased complexity
- Project changes

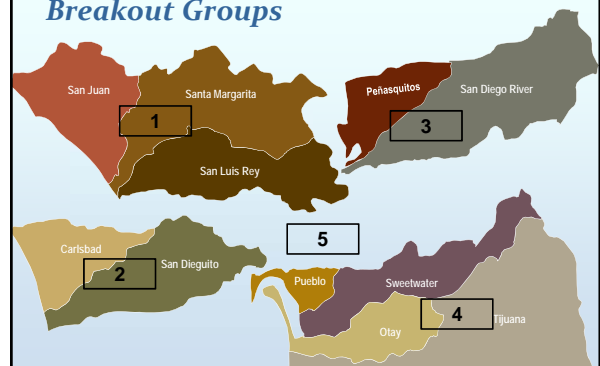
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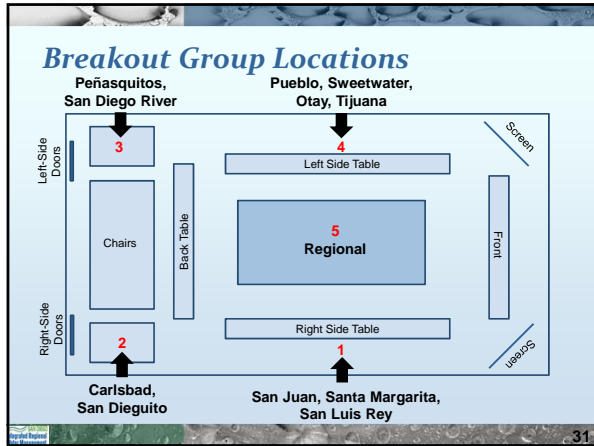
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## Ground Rules

- Everyone has an opportunity to participate
- Focus on new input
- Listen as an ally: focus on quality of listening
- Be concise
- Cell phones off
- Have fun

## Breakout Groups





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- ### 2014 Meeting Schedule
- Additional RAC meeting in May
    - Joint RAC Meeting & Scoring Workshop: May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - June 4, 2014
  - August 6, 2014
  - October 1, 2014
  - December 3, 2014
- Regular Meetings Held First Wednesday of Every Other Month -**
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