Innovative Solutions for Water and the Environment

Joint RAC Meeting # 77 and Prop 1-Round 1 Implementation Grant Kick-off

November 7, 2018

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Congrats, Phil!

- Phil is the 2018 National Cox Conserves Hero
- $60,000 to The San Diego River Park Foundation

Thank you to all who voted!
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**Application Process Schedule**

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Prop 1-Round 1 Grant Solicitation

Eligible project types:
- Water reuse
- Water-use efficiency and conservation
- Storage
- Regional water conveyance facilities
- Watershed protection and restoration
- Stormwater resource management
- Conjunctive use
- Desalination
- Decision support tools
- Water quality and treatment
- Regional projects or programs

Prop 1-Round 1 Draft PSP

- Released October 5, 2018
- Eligible proposals must:
  - Respond to climate change
  - Contribute to regional water self-reliance
- All projects must:
  - Address the most critical needs of the IRWM region
  - Be consistent with Statewide Priorities
  - Have an expected useful life of at least 15 years (if applicable)
Prop 1-Round 1 Draft PSP

- $19.9 million available for San Diego Funding Area,
  $15.4 million for San Diego IRWM Region

DWR Process and Schedule:
- Submit Proposal Summary & Project Information Forms to DWR
  • 2-weeks before workshop
- Pre-Application Funding Area Workshop
  • May 2019 (tentative)
- Submit Application to DWR
  • 12-weeks after workshop

Reminder: The San Diego Funding Area Allocation is shared by San Diego, Upper Santa Margarita, and South Orange IRWMs

Prop 1-Round 1 Grant Solicitation

- Funding Criteria from DWR:
  - 50% funding match required
    - DAC waiver possible, partial or full
  - Reimbursement eligible after Final Award date
  - Match funding eligible beginning January 1, 2015
- Anticipated Grant Agreement Timeline:
  - 5 years - January 2020-December 2024 (tentative)
Key Requirements

• CEQA and permits necessary to start construction must be completed within 6 months of Final Grant Award or prior to agreement execution, whichever occurs first
  ▪ Grant Agreement will not be executed without CEQA
  ▪ DWR will remove projects from the agreement if they fail to meet this criterion
  ▪ Exception for DACs and tribes
• CEQA and permits estimated due by March 2020

Comment Letter on Draft PSP

• Request clarifications:
  ▪ Which permits are “necessary to begin construction”?
  ▪ Confirm projects should include multiple benefits
  ▪ How will Low Project Threshold be determined?
  ▪ Which Workshop costs are eligible for match?
• Revisit CEQA requirements:
  ▪ CEQA/permitting deadline will affect types of projects that are submitted
  ▪ IRWM projects are complex and may need more time for CEQA and permits
  ▪ CEQA costs should be eligible for match or reimbursement
Comment Letter on Draft PSP, cont.

- Commend DWR on overall process
  - Increase in grant administration – 10% overall
  - Additional time to respond to completeness check
- Request adjustment to how funds are allocated between Round 1 and Round 2
  - No minimum DAC threshold in Round 1
  - Combination of Round 1 and Round 2 DAC funding meet the DAC allocation

Round 1 vs. Round 2 Funding

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Project Selection Process

• Project Selection and Review Process:
  ▪ Project scoring approved by RAC: Today
  ▪ Projects submitted to online database: Nov. 7th – Jan. 11th
  ▪ Projects numerically scored and ranked by third party with firewall established by RWMG
  ▪ Project scoring discussed and vetted with RAC: Feb. 6th
  ▪ Projects evaluated by Project Selection Workgroup
    - Interviews will be held Mar. 2019
  ▪ Suite of projects and funding amounts approved by RAC: Apr. 3rd
  ▪ Application submitted to DWR in Aug. 2019 (tentative)
**Project Selection Workgroup**

- Workgroup members review top scoring projects and select projects to include in application
- Meet 5-6 times in February and March
- Must recuse themselves if their organization’s projects are discussed
- Workgroup member nominations at next RAC meeting: **December 5, 2018**

**DWR Scoring Criteria – Proposal**

- For Proposal, DWR considers the following:
  - At least one project provides safe, clean, affordable, and accessible potable water
  - At least one project addresses contaminants in AB 1249, if applicable
  - Does proposal support intent of IRWM?
  - Collaboration/coordination of agencies, regions, or funding areas
  - Efficiencies or mutual solutions
**DWR Scoring Criteria – Project**

- For Projects, DWR considers the following:
  - Sufficient information provided to understand project and believe project claims
  - Consistency and reasonableness of Work Plan, Budget, Schedule
  - Project addresses critical needs and priorities of region
  - Project addresses climate change
  - Ability to access/use project site
  - Leveraging other funds beyond cost share requirement
  - Multiple benefits
  - Benefits multiple regions/funding areas
  - Uses new/innovative technology

**Project Scoring Process**

- Numeric scoring included in the 2019 IRWM Plan with some flexibility
  - “Other” category and weighting percentages
Weighting Project Scoring Criteria

• Scoring Criteria Weighting and Project Selection Workgroup Guidelines Revisions

SEE HANDOUT FOR PROPOSED CRITERIA
Switch to Word files for group edits

Discussion? Questions?

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Vote on Scoring Criteria
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Project Database

- Call for Projects: **November 7 – January 11**
- Log In to Project Database (OPTI):
  - Download blank database form
  - 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 Sally Johnson: sjohnson@woodardcurran.com
**Using OPTI**

- Online Project Tracking & Integration (OPTI) 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 copying-pasting it into the database
  - Save often!
  - Avoid using “back” button in your browser
  - Remember to hit “Submit” when you are done!
- Projects can be edited after submitting

SEE HANDOUT FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE!

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**Project Database**

Questions or Problems? Contact Sally Johnson, sjohnson@woodardcurran.com or 858-875-7427
Technical Workshop

Wednesday, December 5, 2018
Immediately following RAC meeting
MOC II
9192 Topaz Way
San Diego, CA 92123

Local Eligibility Criteria

• To be eligible, projects must do all of the following:

  1. Meet 2019 IRWM Plan Objective A:
     • Encourage the development of integrated solutions to address water management issues and conflicts

  2. Meet 2019 IRWM Plan Objective B:
     • Maximize stakeholder / community involvement and stewardship of water resources, emphasizing education and outreach

  3. Meet at least one other 2019 IRWM Plan Objective
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**2018-19 Meeting Schedule**

- Next RAC Meeting: December 5, 2018
  - Will be held at City of San Diego’s MOC II facility!
- Technical Workshop: December 5, 2018 at MOC II
- 2019 Meeting Schedule:
  - February 6
  - April 3
  - June 5
  - August 7
  - October 2
  - December 4

- *Regular Meetings Held First Wednesday of Every Other Month* -