Coachella Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Program Planning Partners

Wednesday, January 17 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Coachella Valley Water District 75-515 Hovley Lane East Palm Desert, CA

AGENDA

Meeting Objectives:

- A. Updates on Coachella Valley IRWM Program
- B. Overview of Coachella Valley Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)/ Stormwater Resources (SWR) Plan Update
- C. Overview of Stormwater Projects Prioritization
- D. Overview of Project Database Update
- E. Updates on Upcoming Funding Programs

Agenda:

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Coachella Valley IRWM Program Updates
 - a. Project Highlight CVWD Well Retrofit Program
- 3. Coachella Valley IRWM/SWR Plan Update
 - a. Overview of IRWM/SWR Plan Update
 - i. Update on Boundary Change
 - b. Review of Goals and Objectives
 - c. Project Evaluation and Scoring
 - i. Overview of IRWM Project Scoring
 - ii. Overview of Stormwater Project Prioritization Process
 - 1. Results of Stormwater Prioritization Exercise
 - d. Overview of Project Database Update
- 4. Proposition 1 Opportunities
 - a. Stormwater Grant Program Round 2
 - b. IRWM Implementation Round 1

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- c. Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program
- d. WaterSMART Programs
- 5. Questions and Comments
- 6. Break
- 7. Database Working Session



Agenda



- Welcome and Introductions
- ◆ Coachella Valley IRWM Program Updates
- Overview of Coachella Valley IRWM/SWR Plan Update
- Overview of IRWM & SWR Project Prioritization
- Overview of Project Database Update
- Updates on Upcoming Funding Programs
- Meeting Adjourned
- Project Database Demonstration





Coachella Valley IRWM Program Updates

Program Updates



- Prop 84 Round 1 is complete and the Final Report is being prepared for submittal to DWR.
- Prop 84 Rounds 2 and 3 are continuing and are anticipated to be complete in December 2018.
- Prop 84 Round 4 is underway and is anticipated to be complete in April 2020.
- ◆ Prop 1 Planning Grant is underway and is anticipated to be complete in September 2018.
- Prop 1- DAC Involvement Grant is in the contracting process and is anticipated to be underway within the next couple months.



Program Success



Grant Solicitation Name	Number of Projects Funded	Total Grant Award	Current Status
Proposition 84 Planning Grant	1	\$1,000,000	Complete
DAC Outreach Grant	1	\$500,000	Complete
Proposition 84 – Round 1	4	\$4,000,000	Complete
Proposition 84 – Round 2	8	\$5,240,000	Underway
Proposition 84 – Round 3	2	\$5,270,636	Underway
Proposition 84 – Round 4	6	\$2,361,627	Underway
Proposition 1 Planning Grant	1	\$211,982	Underway
Proposition 1 DAC Involvement	3	\$1,118,030	Contracting Underway
TOTAL	26	\$19,490,293	



Program Updates



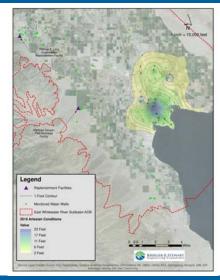
Project Highlight – CVWD Well Retrofit Program



Groundwater Management has Caused Return of Artesian Conditions in a Large Portion of the Eastern Coachella Valley



- Implementation of the Coachella Valley Water Management Plan
 - Direct recharge at Thomas E. Levy Groundwater Replenishment Facility
 - Water conservation programs
 - Source substitution
- Returning natural artesian conditions lifting groundwater up to 10 feet above ground surface
- Prevents salt water intrusion
- Exports salts from the basin





Rising Water Levels Indicate a Healthy Aquifer but Can Lead to Issues with Improperly Sealed or Abandoned Wells



Issues include:

- Water loss
- Pathway for groundwater contamination
- Property damage
- Mosquito breeding source







Regional Well Retrofit and Abandonment Program



- Proposition 84 IRWM Round 4 Implementation Grant secured by the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group
- Program makes available rebates totaling \$253,283
- Rebates of \$35,000 per well available to qualifying well owners
 - Properly sealing leaking artesian wells
 - Destroying improperly abandoned wells
 - Retrofit for state reported monitoring wells (public agencies)
- Up to two (2) rebates per applicant



Uncontrolled Artesian Well Retrofit Rebate: \$2,500





Pre-project inspection, July 2017



Post-project inspection, December 2017



Uncontrolled Artesian Well Destroyed Rebate: \$6,180









Post-project inspection, October 2017



For More Information



- ♦ Visit CVWD's Rebate webpage
 - http://cvwd.org/381/0ther-Rebates
- Call Randy Vorster, Environmental Services Coordinator
 (760) 398-2651, extension 2233
- Program applications should be submitted as soon as possible to take advantage of available funds.





Coachella Valley IRWM / SWR Plan Update

Overview of IRWM / SWR Plan Update



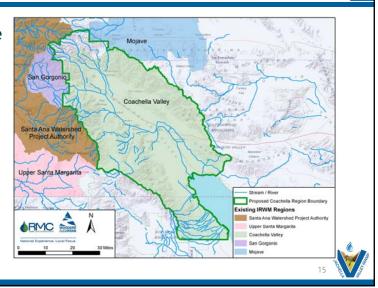
- Final Proposition 1 Planning Grant Award: \$211,982
- Comprehensive update to the 2014 Coachella Valley IRWM Plan will include:
 - Plan Standards: Compliance with 2016 IRWM Guidelines
 - SWRP: Incorporate requirements of 2015 SWRP Guidelines resulting in an IRWM Plan that also serves as a functionally equivalent SWRP
 - Governance: Incorporate Valley Sanitary District into Plan text
- Update will maintain eligibility for projects to receive grant funding, including State funding for stormwater projects



Overview of IRWM Plan / SWRP Update



- Update on Boundary Change
 - DWR approved the boundary change November 16, 2017.
- Expanded on the northwest side to include parts of the watershed that were not previously included.





Review of Goals and Objectives



▲ 13 IRWM/SWR Plan Objectives

- 1. Provide reliable water supply for residential, commercial, agricultural, and tourism needs.
- 2. Manage groundwater levels to reduce overdraft, manage perched water, and minimize subsidence.
- 3. Secure reliable imported water supply, including State Water Project supply.
- 4. Maximize local supply opportunities with water conservation and recycling, source substitution, and *runoff capture and infiltration*.
- 5. Protect and improve groundwater quality.
- Preserve and improve surface water quality by maintaining agricultural drainage systems, protecting natural runoff quality, and reducing pollution in stormwater runoff.
- 7. Preserve and restore the water-related local environment.



Review of Goals and Objectives

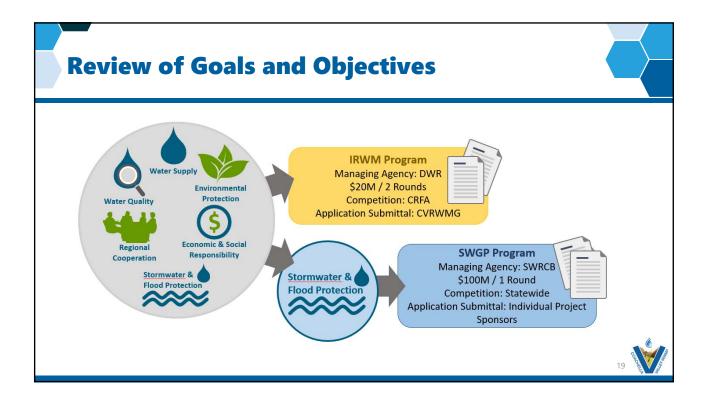


◆13 IRWM/SWR Plan Objectives

- 8. Manage flood risks, including current and future needs.
- 9. Optimize conjunctive use of available water resources.
- 10. Maximize stakeholder involvement and stewardship in water resource management.
- 11. Address water-related needs of local Native American culture.
- 12. Address water and sanitation needs of disadvantaged communities.
- 13. Maintain affordability of water.

Although it is not stated explicitly, the need to address the identified vulnerabilities to climate change in the Region is embedded in many of these objectives as an overarching theme of the plan.





IRWM Project Evaluation and Scoring



- Overview of IRWM Project Scoring
 - 3 fundamental components:
 - 1) Principles of IRWM planning
 - 2) Priorities of the Coachella Valley Region
 - 3) Project Feasibility
 - Scoring based on responses in online project database
 - Scoring process in accordance with 2016 IRWM Guidelines



IRWM Project Evaluation and Scoring



- ◆ IRWM Project Scoring
 - Each project assigned score for each criterion
 - Criteria are weighted
 - Max score = 200
 - Top 50th percentile of projects = Tier 1, which are considered for IRWM funding

Component	Criterion	Scoring Procedure ¹	Points Assigned	Weighting	Sub	
A. Addresses Multiple IRWM Plan Objectives 1. Principles of IRWM Planning C. Addresses a Statewide Priority D. Linked to Other Projects E. Involves More than One Partner	A. Addresses Multiple IRWM Plan Objectives	Score based on # of objectives addressed	4+ objectives = 20 pts 3 objectives = 15 pts 2 objectives = 10 pts 1 objective = 5 pts	11%		
	B. Integrates Multiple Resource Management Strategies	Score based on # of strategies employed	8+ strategies = 20 pts 6-7 strategies = 15 pts 4-5 strategies = 10 pts 2-3 strategies = 5 pts	11%	70	
	C. Addresses a Statewide Priority	Score is based on Yes/No response	Yes = 10 pts No = 0 pts	6%		
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	E. Involves More than One Partner	Score is based on Yes/No response	Yes = 10 pts No = 0 pts	6%		
2. Priorities of the Coachella Valley B. Protects or Improves Water Coachella C. Manages Flood Risks D. Optimizes Conjunctive Urgroundwater Supplies E. Directly Benefits Disadva F. Maximizes stakeholder in	A. Optimizes Water Supply Reliability	Score is based on Yes/No response	Yes = 20 pts No = 0 pts	9%		
	B. Protects or Improves Water Quality	Score is based on Yes/No response	Yes = 20 pts No = 0 pts	9%		
	C. Manages Flood Risks	Score is based on Yes/No response	Yes = 20 pts No = 0 pts	9%	120	
	D. Optimizes Conjunctive Use of Surface and Groundwater Supplies	Score is based on Yes/No response	Yes = 20 pts No = 0 pts	9%		
	E. Directly Benefits Disadvantaged Communities	Score is based on Yes/No response	Yes = 20 pts No = 0 pts	9%		
	F. Maximizes stakeholder involvement and stewardship in water resource management*	Score is based on Yes/No response	Yes = 20 pts No = 0 pts	9%]	
3. Project Feasibility	A. Identified in Existing Plan	Score is based on Yes/No response	Yes = 10 pts No = 0 pts	6%	10	



SWRP Project Evaluation and Scoring



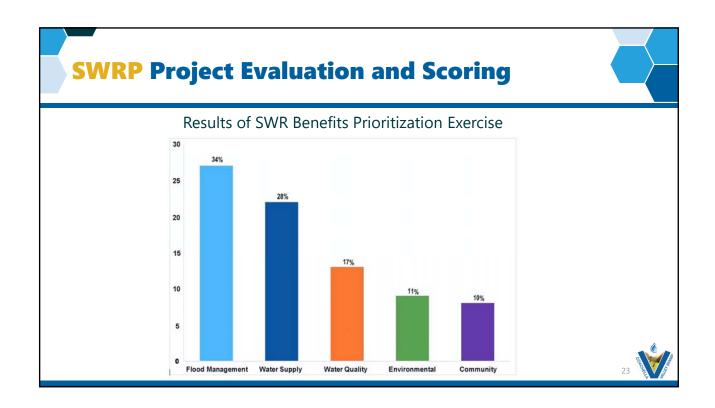
Results of SWR Benefits Prioritization Exercise

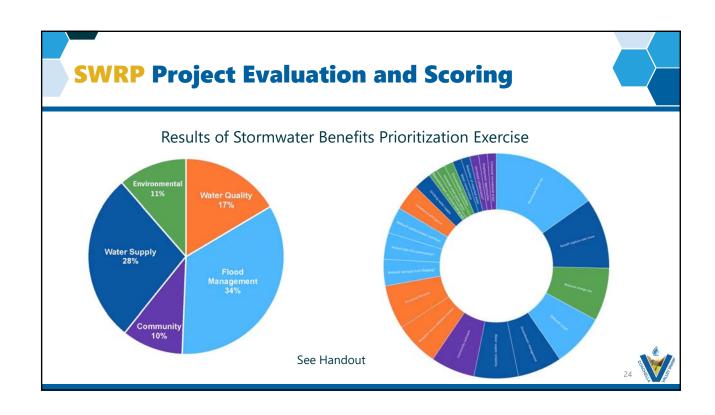
- Highest priorities for SW projects:
 - 1. Decrease flood risk
 - 2. Runoff capture and reuse
 - 3. Reduce runoff
 - 4. Reduce energy use
 - 5. Increase infiltration
 - 6. NPS pollution control
 - 7. Community outreach
 - 8. Water supply reliability
 - 9. Groundwater management

	SWRP Benefits	Prioritization
Water	Increased filtration	00000
	Compliance with permit	000
	Nonpoint source pollution control	00000
	Natural water drainage	
Flood	Decreased flood risk	0000000000
	Reduced runoff	000000
	Reduced sanitary sewer overflows	000
	Protect high risk communities*	000
	Reduced damages from flooding*	000
Community	Enhanced recreational areas	•
	Community outreach	00000
	Employment opportunities	•
	Increased collaboration*	•
Water Supply	Water supply reliability	00000
	Groundwater management	00000
	Runoff capture and reuse	0000000
ter	Drinking water supply	••
Wat	Reduction of imported water	•
	Water conservation	•
	Environmental protection	•
-	Wetland enhancement	
TE .	Stream/riparian enhancement	
me.	Instream flow augmentation	
ron	Increased urban green space	•
Environmental	Reduced energy use	00000
	Reestablishment of natural hydrograph	•
	Water temperature improvements	









SWRP Project Evaluation and Scoring



- Overview of SWR Project Scoring
 - 6 factors considered
 - 1) Water quality benefits
 - 2) Water supply benefits
 - 3) Flood management benefits
 - 4) Environmental benefits
 - 5) Community benefits
 - 6) Source of funding available
 - Scoring based on responses in online project database



SWRP Project Evaluation and Scoring

- Step 2: Scoring and Ranking
- Ranking based on total score

Project Eligibility

Project eligibility will be determined on a pass-fail basis

Multiple Benefits and Quantification of Benefits

- Scoring for Main Benefits provided by the project:
 - 2 points for 2 Main Benefits
 - 3 points for 3 Main Benefits
 - 4 points for 4 Main Benefits
 5 points for 5+ Main Benefits
- Scoring for Additional Benefits provided by the project:
 - o 1 point for 1 Additional Benefit
 - 2 points for 2 Additional Benefits
 - 3 points for 3 Additional Benefits
 4 points for 4+ Additional Benefits
- Sources of Quantitative Benefits (assign points for highest level of technical document that has been completed for the project)
 - 4 points for a Design document
 - 3 points for an Environmental Assessment/EIR
 - o 2 points for a Feasibility study
 - o 1 points for another planning document or "back of envelope"

Funding

- 1 point if the project sponsor has secured a permanent source of funding for capital costs.
- 1 point if the project sponsor has secured a permanent source of funding for O&M costs.



See Handout

SWRP Project Evaluation and Scoring



- SWR Project Scoring
 - Each project assigned a score for each criterion
 - Max score = 23
 - Projects will be ranked based on the scores
 - Project scoring in accordance with SWGP Guidelines
 - We will be communicating with the SWRCB to determine how they will use the ranking and scores
 - All projects are technically eligible to apply for Prop 1 funding for stormwater projects regardless of score or ranking



SWRP Project Evaluation and Scoring



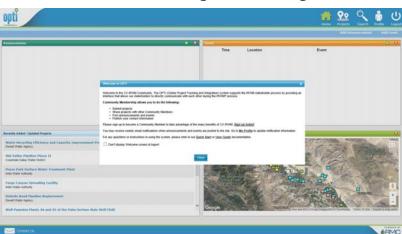
Discussion



Overview of Project Database Update



Database tutorial will occur following this meeting.







Proposition 1 Opportunities



- ◆ SWRCB's Stormwater Grant Program:
 - Planning Grant: March 2016 (not applied)
 - Implementation Round 1: July 2016 (not applied)
 - Implementation Round 2: Spring 2018
 - Statewide Competition = \$90 Million remaining
 - http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/sw gp/prop1/#fundprojects

Reminder: Local Projects Must be in IRWM / SWR Plan, but Must Apply for SWGP on Their Own



SWRP Call for Projects



- Opened on January 16th.
- Closes on February 16th for inclusion in the 2018 IRWM/SWR Plan¹.
- Q&A and demo of the project database will occur immediately following this meeting.

1. Projects can be submitted before the SWRCB closes applications



Proposition 1 Opportunities



- **♦ DWR's IRWM Grant Program:**
 - Planning Grant: December 2016 (awarded)
 - DAC Solicitation: January 2017 (awarded)
 - Implementation Round 1: Spring 2018
 - Implementation Round 2: 2020
 - Funding Area Competition (Coachella, Mojave, Imperial, San Gorgonio)
 = \$19.8 Million remaining

Reminder: Coachella Valley Project Database Always Open and CVRWMG will Coordinate Regional Application



Proposition 1 Opportunities

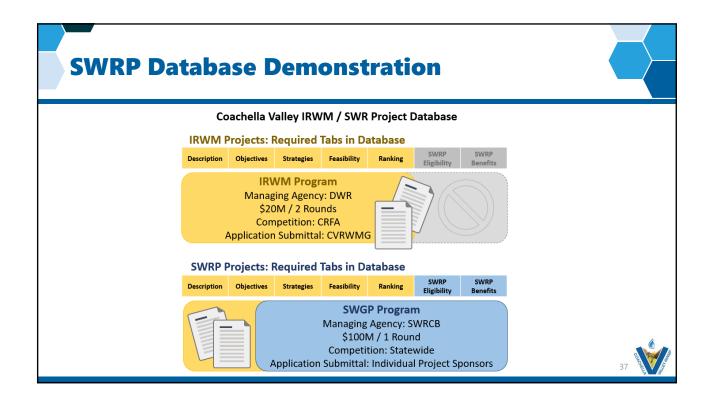


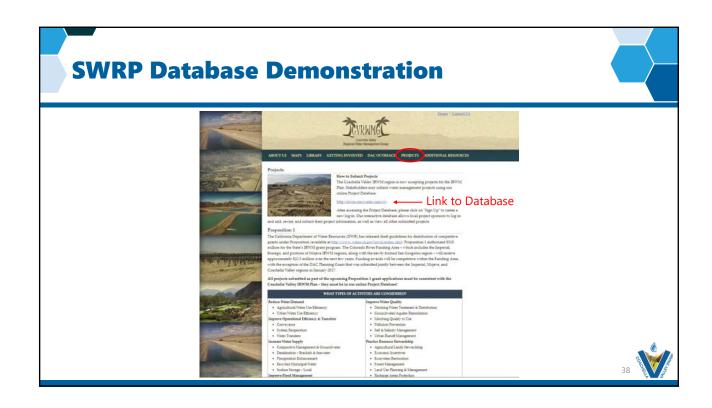
- USBR's WaterSMART Programs:
 - Drought Response Program:
 - Drought Planning: applications due February 7, 2018
 - Drought Projects: applications due February 13, 2018
 - Reservoir Operations Alternatives Calculating Economic Effects: applications due February 27, 2018
 - Cooperative Watershed Management Program, Phase 1: applications due January 31, 2018 (\$1.4 Million)
 - Statewide Competition = combined \$5.5 Million

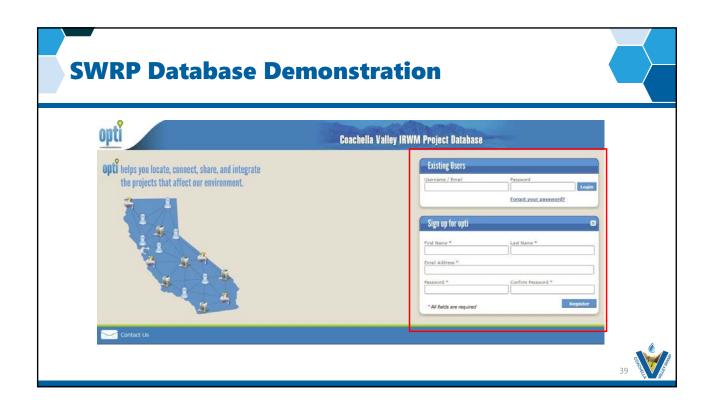
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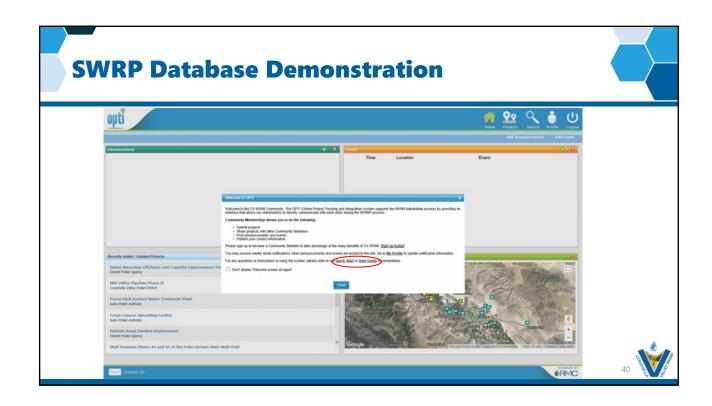


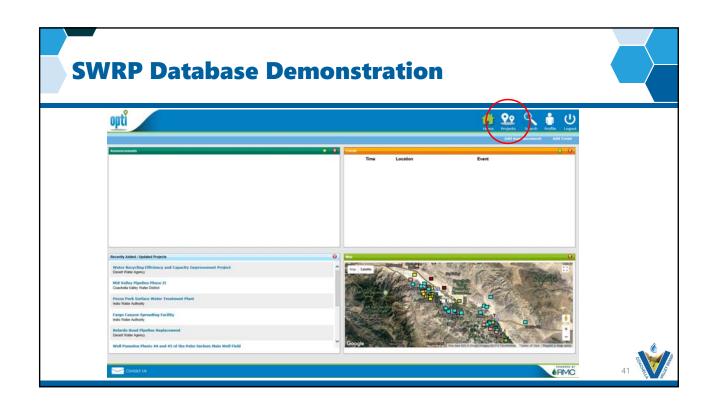


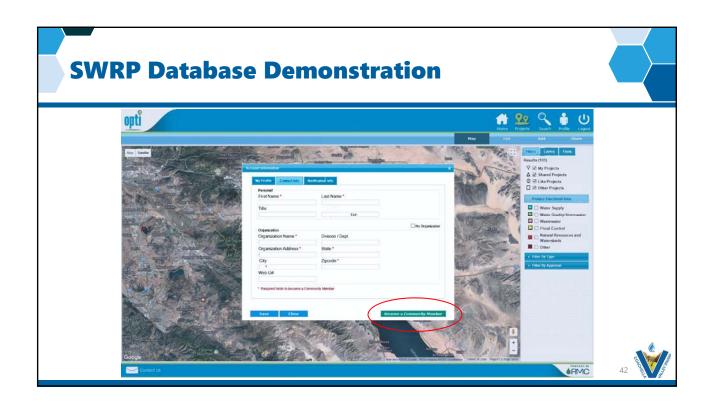




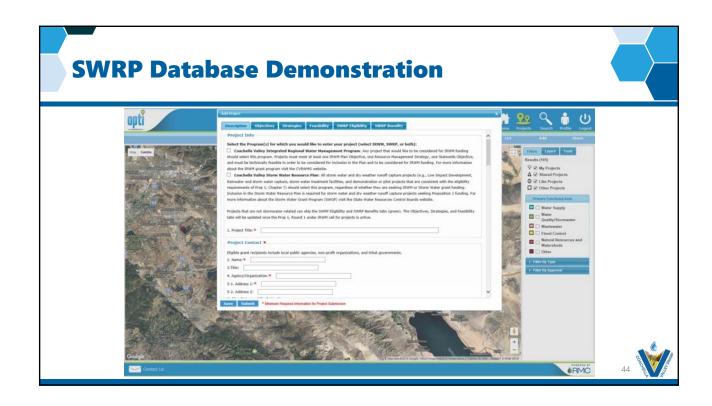


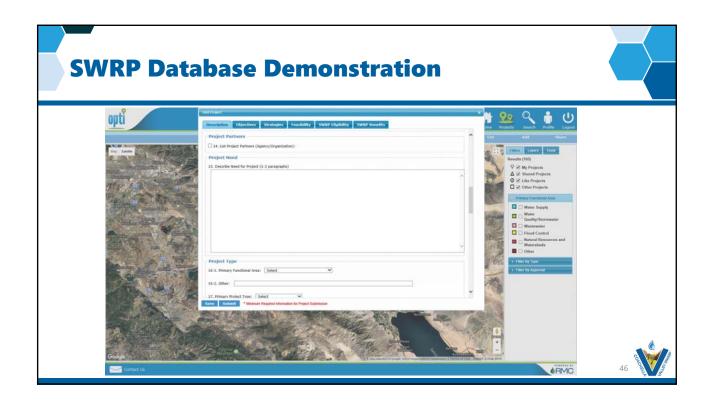




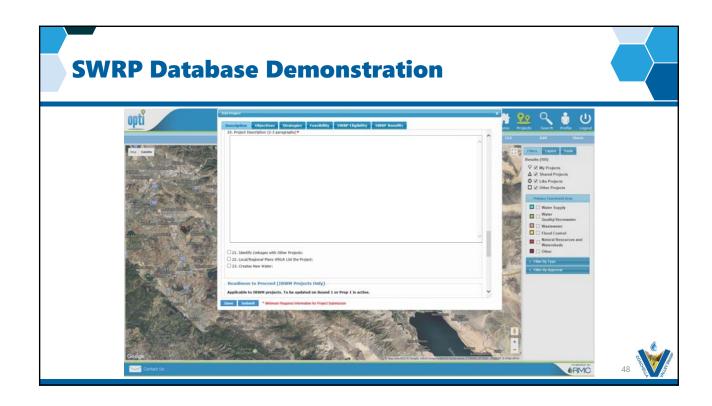


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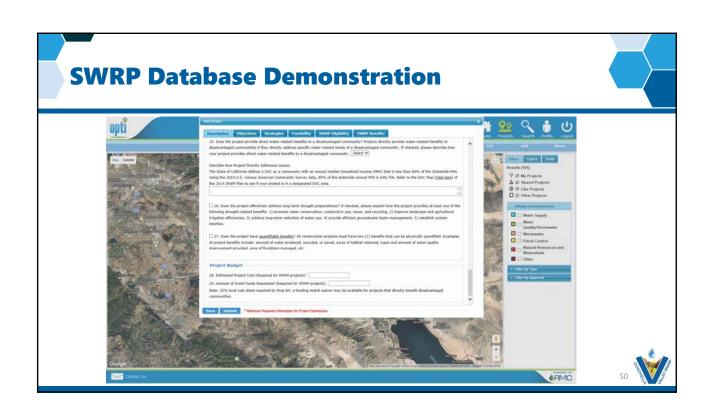




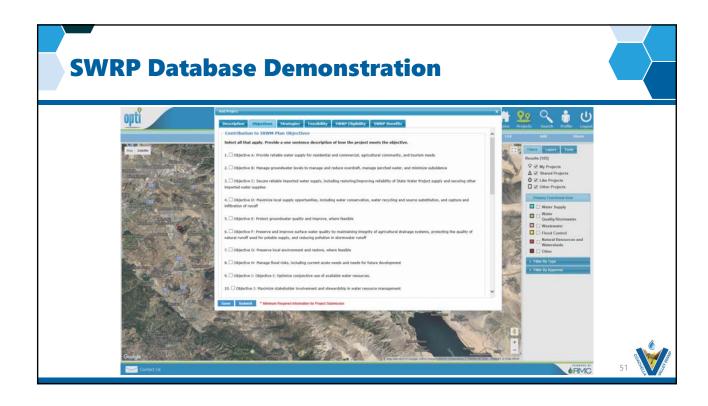
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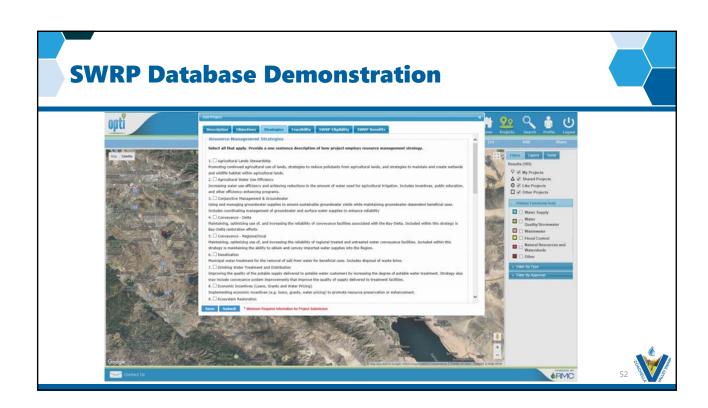


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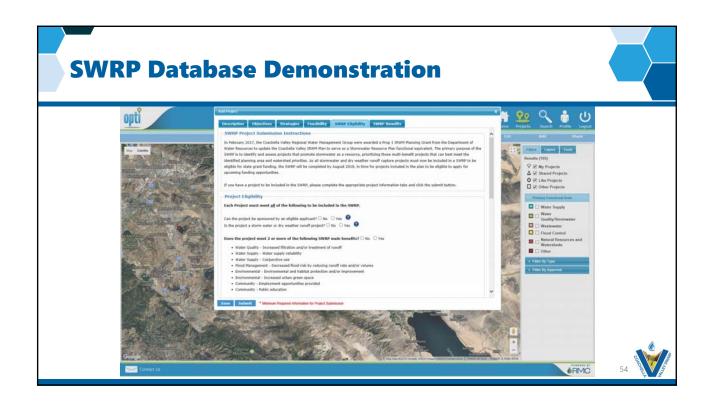


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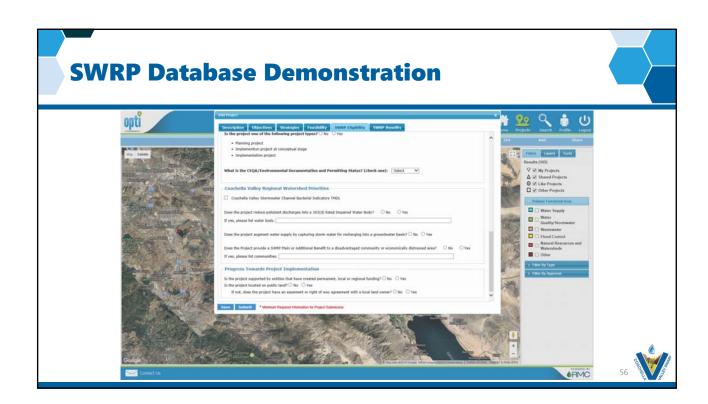




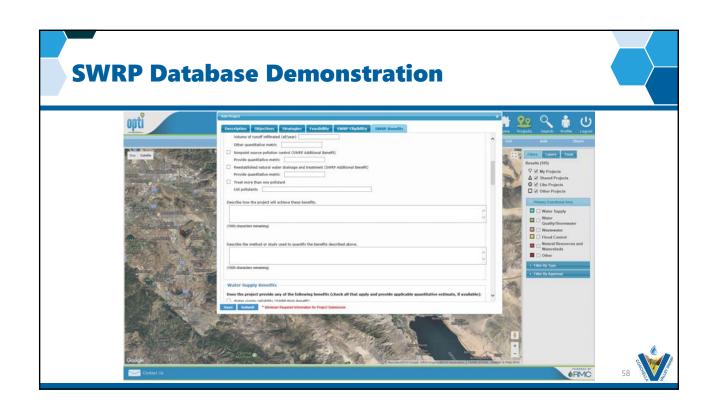
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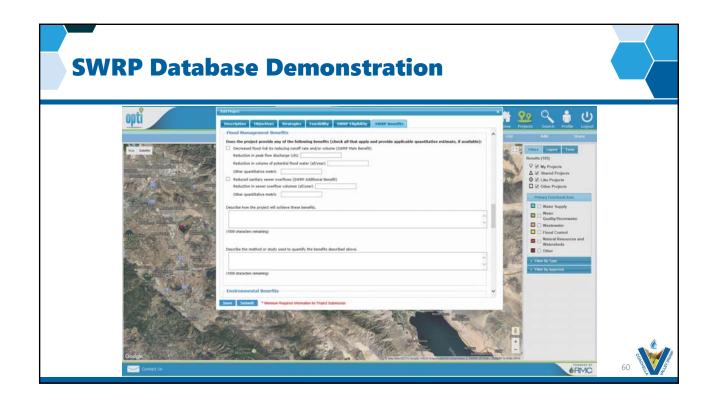
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