Coachella Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Program
Planning Partners

Thursday, November 8, 2018
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

Meeting Objectives:
A. Update Planning Partners on Coachella Valley IRWM Program
B. Present Highlights of 2018 Implementation Grant Proposal Solicitation Package – Proposition 1 Round 1

Agenda:
1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Coachella Valley IRWM Program Updates
   a. Program Success
3. Proposition 1 Implementation Grant Round 1
   a. Grant Solicitation
   b. Overview of Draft PSP
   c. Key Requirements
   d. Project Selection Process
   e. Project Scoring
4. Call for Projects
   a. Project Database
   b. OPTI Overview
   c. Local Eligibility Criteria
5. Public Comments
6. Summary & Next Steps

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Coachella Valley IRWM Program Updates
- Proposition 1 – Round 1
- Project Scoring
- Call for Projects
- Public Comments
- Summary and Next Steps
Prop 84 - Round 1 is complete.
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 January 2019.
Prop 1 - DAC Involvement Grant is underway.
## Program Success

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### Proposition 1 – Round 1
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

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)
~$7.8 million available for Colorado River Funding Area
- Reminder: The Colorado River Funding Area is shared by Coachella Valley, San Gorgonio, Imperial and Mojave

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

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 for changes:
  - CEQA requirements
- Request clarifications:
  - DWR clarify which permits are included in the requirement that project sponsors acquire “permits necessary to begin construction.”
  - DWR clarify where we should justify the benefits we are claiming for this project.
  - DWR clarify eligible costs for the Workshop. Is it just the time spent at the workshop or does it also include time preparing the Project Information Forms, etc.
  - DWR clarify what the climate change mitigation requirement eligibility requirement means. Is it strictly mitigation or do adaptation projects count as well?
- Requests adjustments to schedule
  - DWR requests 20 business days to provide items that DWR found to be missing if the application is deemed incomplete.
- Commend DWR on overall process
  - The support for increasing the grant admin cap and express support for the 10% limit on grant administration.
**Round 1 vs. Round 2 Funding**

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**Draft PSP**

Project Selection Process

- Project Selection and Review Process (dates tentative):
  - Project scoring presented to Planning Partners: **Today**
  - Projects submitted to online database: **Nov. 1st – Dec. 14th** (Firm)
  - Projects numerically scored and ranked: **Dec. 17th – Jan. 8th**
  - Projects evaluated by CVRWMG: **Jan. 9th**
    - **Potential Interviews will be held: late January**
  - Selection of Projects by CVRWMG: **Feb. 13th**
  - Projects vetted and approved by Planning Partners: **Feb. 20th**
  - Application submitted to DWR: **Apr. 12th**
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 2018 IRWM Plan with some flexibility (Chapter 9)

Process:

- Eligibility
- Info Vetting
- Scoring
- Ranking
- Selection for Grant Application
- Funding Area Workshop with DWR
- Grant Application
Questions?

Call for Projects
Project Database

- **Call for Projects:** **November 1 – December 14**
- **Log In to Project Database (OPTI):**
  - Download blank database form
  - Click on “Projects” tab
  - Sign in with your existing username or register
  - Click “(New +)” to submit a new project
- **Questions?**
  - Refer to OPTI handout
  - Contact Jaclyn Lemieux: jlemieux@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 copy-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
OPTI Database Demonstration

Link to Database

OPTI Database Demonstration
Local Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, projects must meet at least one IRWM Plan Objective. 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, where feasible.
6. 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, where feasible.

IRWM 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.

Plan objectives are described in Chapter 6 of the IRWM/SWRP Document
Project scoring is described in Chapter 9 of the IRWM/SWRP Document
Public Comments

Summary & Next Steps
2018-2019 Meeting Schedule

- Next Planning Partners Meeting:
  - Will be held in February
- Regular CVRWMG Meetings Held Second Wednesday of Every Month

Thank You For Attending!
# Project Scoring Guide

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1. New prioritization criterion based on input received by stakeholders on Objective J (refer to Chapter 6, Objectives for more information)