

Why is IRWM Important?

Fosters Collaboration Between Agencies

Supports Effective Water Management

Enables Stakeholder Participation

Positions Region for Funding

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Who is Leading the Coachella Valley IRWM Program?

- Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) was formed in Sept 2008 to establish and fund IRWM planning
 - Coachella Water Authority
 - Coachella Valley Water District
 - Desert Water Agency
 - Indio Water Authority
 - Mission Springs Water District

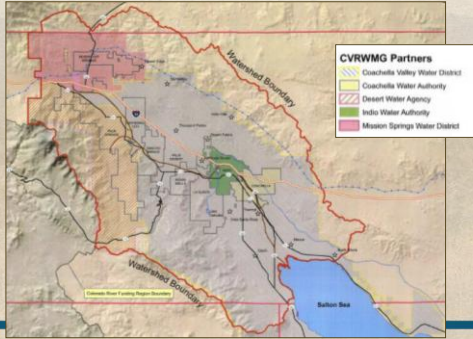
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Who are the Planning Partners?

- Coachella Valley Planning Partners are currently being identified:
 - County of Riverside
 - Local City representatives
 - Coachella Valley Association of Governments
 - Regional Water Quality Control Board
 - Natural resources representatives
 - Disadvantaged community representatives
 - Tribal representatives

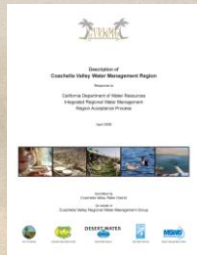
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Where is Coachella Valley IRWM Region?



What Has Been Completed to Date?

- Region Acceptance Process submitted in April 2009 to DWR to qualify as IRWM region
- Public Workshop #1 held in October 2009 to kick-off IRWM program
- Consultant team hired to support preparation of IRWM Plan
- Planning meetings held in May 2010 to identify key issues and next steps



What is IRWM Planning Process?

1. CVRWMG, Planning Partners, and Stakeholders develop an IRWM Plan:
 - Identify water resource needs, issues, and conflicts
 - Establish regional goals and objectives for water management
 - Identify water management projects that contribute to Plan goals
 - Define how regional coordination is enhanced by Plan implementation
2. Prioritize achievement of IRWM Plan goals and objectives
3. Select projects for grant application(s) that best meet the regional priorities

What are IRWM Plan Requirements?

Table 2 - IRWM Plan Standards

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance • Region Description • Objectives • Resource Management Strategies (RMS) • Integration • Project Review Process • Impact and Benefit • Plan Performance and Monitoring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Management • Finance • Technical Analysis • Relation to Local Water Planning • Region to Local Land Use Planning • Stakeholder Involvement • Coordination • Climate Change |
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From Guidelines: Regional Water Management Grant Program Funded By Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E Draft (March 2010)

Sample IRWM Plan Outline

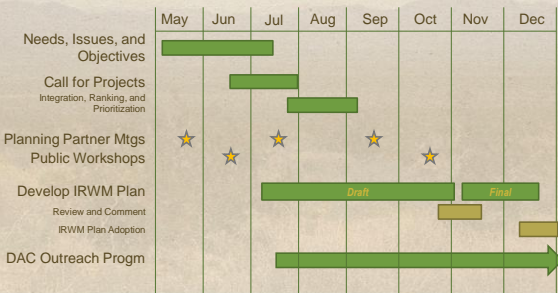
IRWM Plan

1. Introduction
2. Region Description
3. Issues and Needs
4. Objectives
5. Resource Management Strategies
6. Project Integration and Objectives Assessment
7. Project Evaluation and Prioritization
8. Framework for Implementation
9. References

Appendices

- A. Memorandum of Understanding
- B. Stakeholder Meeting Materials
- C. Public Outreach and Communication Plan
- D. Master IRWM Plan Project List
- E. Prioritized Project List
- F. High Priority Project Descriptions (for Prop. 84 Grant Application)
- G. Letters of Support
- H. Comments Received on Draft IRWM Plan

What is the Proposed Timeline for IRWM Plan Development?



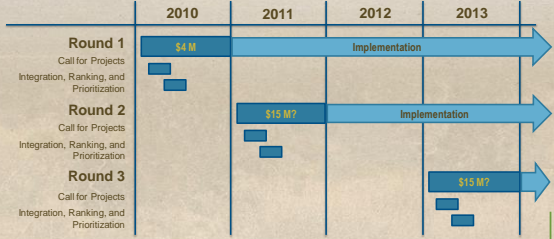
Proposition 84 Grant Funding

- Passed by California voters in November 2006
- Provides \$1 billion for IRWM planning and projects
 - \$36 million allocated for Colorado River Funding Area (which includes Imperial, Borrego, and portions of Mojave regions)
 - Grant funding is competitive within each Funding Area



3 Rounds of Prop 84 Funding

DWR Anticipates 3 Rounds of Prop 84 Funding



What Types of Activities Are Considered?

- Reduce Water Demand
- Improve Operational Efficiency & Transfers
- Increase Water Supply
- Improve Flood Management
- Improve Water Quality
- Practice Resource Stewardship

Proposition 1E Grant Funding

- Passed by California voters in November 2006
- Provides \$300 million for IRWM projects addressing stormwater and flood management
 - Emphasis on addressing immediate public health and safety needs and strengthening existing flood control facilities to address seismic safety issues
 - Separate grant applications with \$30 million cap

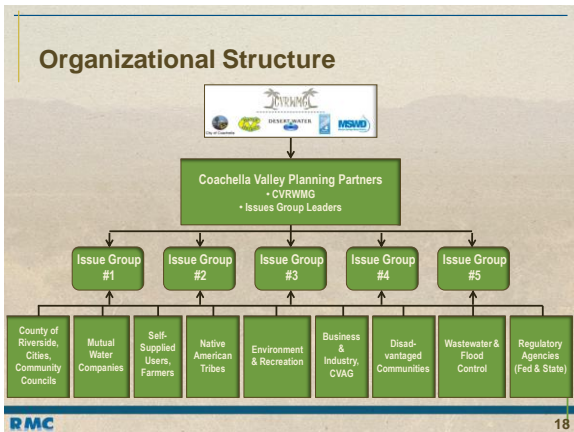
Additional IRWM Program Activities

- Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Outreach Demonstration Program
 - CVRWGMG has submitted a work plan to DWR for expanded outreach and support to DACs related to IRWM planning
 - Anticipated approval of work plan in June-July 2010
- Planning Grant
 - CVRWGMG will submit a Planning Grant application to support IRWM Plan development and focused studies
 - Anticipated grant application cycle in August-Sept 2010

How Will Stakeholders be Involved?

- All interested stakeholders and members of the general public are invited to participate with the CVRWGMG in developing a long-term IRWM program.





How Can You Stay Informed?

- Public Workshops – key milestones
- Website – www.cvrwmg.org
- Newsletters / press releases
- Online project database – irwm.wrime.com/cvirwm
- Stakeholder email list

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- What is IRWM Planning?
- Water Resources Issues**
- IRWM Plan Goals and Objectives
- Project Solicitation
- Next Steps

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Coachella Valley Issues Have Led to IRWM Planning

Technical	Groundwater	Recycling	Sanitation	Flood Control
	Regulatory	Legislation	Institutions	
Economic/ Community	DACs	Tribes	Economic Conditions	
			Unemployment	Home Values
				Water/Sewer Rates

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Issue Groups

1. Water Supply / Conservation
2. Groundwater
3. Wastewater / Recycled Water
4. Stormwater / Flood Management
5. Natural Resources

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Issue Groups

- What are the key water management issues facing the Valley? Why are these issues important to you or to the region?
- Where are the water management conflicts that need to be resolved?
- Are some issues more important than others? Please place a star next to your top 3 priority issues.

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What Goals Should be Established for the IRWM Program?

1. Optimize water supply reliability.
2. Protect water quality.
3. Provide stewardship of our water-related natural resources.
4. Coordinate and integrate water resource management.
5. Ensure cultural and social sustainability of water in the Valley.

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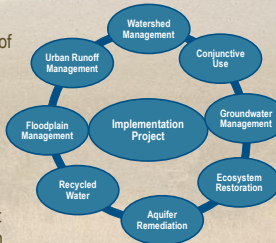
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What is Project Solicitation?

1. Compile comprehensive list of projects in the region
2. Allow information to be reviewed, organized, and regularly updated
3. Provide opportunity for stakeholder review and comment
4. Facilitate integration of projects and/or water management strategies
5. Help prioritize projects for grant funding and inclusion in the IRWM Plan

What is Integration?

- Approach
 - Develop projects made up of integrated strategies to accomplish IRWM Plan objectives
- Benefits
 - Water management, coordination, regulatory, public awareness, and cost savings benefits result from combining strategies



Call for Projects

- Projects submitted by **July 30, 2010** will be included in the Coachella Valley IRWM Plan
- Projects may be submitted after the deadline for consideration in future funding cycles
- As each new grant cycle arises, there will be an opportunity to update and or submit new projects for consideration

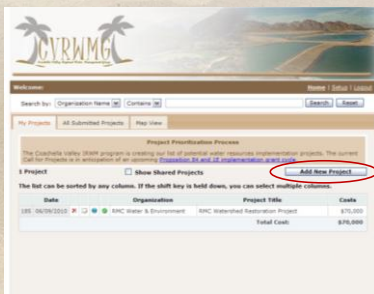
How Can You Submit Projects?

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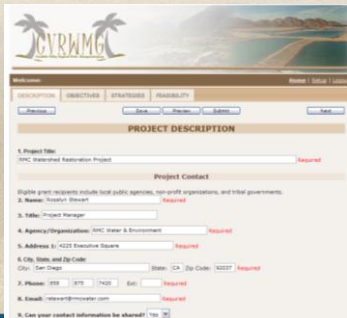
How Can You Submit Projects?

- Add/edit projects for inclusion in IRWM Plan list
- Provide project description, budget, and feasibility



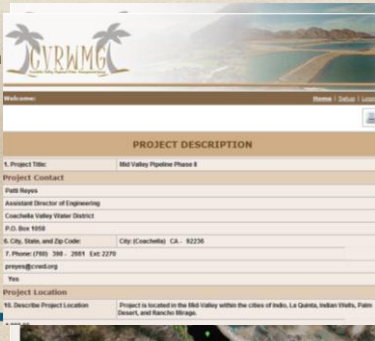
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- Collects the following information:
 - Project Description
 - Objectives
 - Water Management Strategies
 - Project Feasibility



How Can You Submit Projects?

- View other submitted projects and integration opportunities
- Identify and contact potential project partners



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What are the Next Steps?

- Call for Projects is open through July 30, 2010
 - All submitted projects will be included in IRWM Plan
- Planning Partners will draft goals/objectives, prioritization criteria, and regional priorities
- Public Workshop #3 will be held in October to review drafts
- Draft IRWM Plan released for public review in November

