

# **Coachella Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Partners**

**Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Coachella Valley Water District  
75-515 Hovley Lane East  
Palm Desert, CA 92211**

## **AGENDA**

### **Meeting Objectives:**

- A. Discuss Updates to the Statewide IRWM Grant Program
- B. Discuss Round 3 Drought Solicitation
- C. Discuss Regional Drought Impacts and Concerns

### **Agenda:**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Status of IRWM Grant Program
  - a. Status Update for Rounds 1 and 2
  - b. Requirements for Round 3 Drought Relief Solicitation
  - c. Anticipated Schedule for Round 4
- 3. Overview of Projects Selected for Round 3 Drought Relief Solicitation
  - a. Planning Partners Discussion of Projects
  - b. Next Steps
- 4. Discuss Potential Regional Drought Impacts and Concerns
- 5. Other Funding Opportunities
- 6. Next Steps



**Coachella Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan  
Planning Partners Meeting**

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### Status Update for Rounds 1&2

- Implementation Grant-Round 1 funding (\$4 million)
  - Funding for four high-priority projects
  - All projects underway – amendment has been executed
- Implementation Grant-Round 2 funding (\$5.24 million)
  - Grant contract not yet executed

### Drought Relief Grant Opportunity Requirements

- Current round of IRWM funding is expedited for drought relief through a Statewide competition for \$200 million
- \$16.7 million remaining for Colorado River Funding Area
- Funding capped at \$12.5 million for Colorado River Funding Area
- Funding to regions with greatest drought impacts

## Drought Relief Grant Opportunity Requirements

- Eligible Project Types:
  - 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



2014 IRWM Drought Grant Solicitation  
Integrated Regional Water Management  
Implementation Grant Program  
Funded By Proposition 84  
June 2014



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## Drought Relief Grant Opportunity Requirements

- Eligible Project Types, con't:
  - Increase local water supply reliability & delivery of safe drinking water
  - Implement conservation programs & measures that are not locally cost-effective
  - Reduce water quality conflicts or ecosystem conflicts created by drought
- Projects must also be consistent with an adopted IRWM Plan and provide multiple benefits





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## Round 4 Schedule

- Draft Program Guidelines & PSP: Spring 2015
- Call for Projects: Spring 2015
- Project Technical Support: Spring/Early Summer 2015
- Final Program Guidelines & PSP: Summer 2015
- Applications Due: Fall 2015


Questions?  
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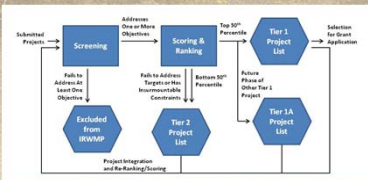

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## Prop 84-Round 3 Selection Process

- Call for Projects: Open April 2014
  - Received 7 project submittals through the online project database
  - Projects scored in accordance with 2014 Coachella Valley IRWM Plan
- Following project scoring, projects evaluated per qualitative project selection criteria

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## Prop 84-Round 3 Selection Process

- Qualitative Project Selection Criteria:
  - Solicitation-Specific Considerations
    - Evaluate considerations provided by DWR in PSP
  - Benefits
    - Evaluate if the project provides multiple benefits
  - Economic Feasibility
    - Evaluate benefits (amount of water produced or saved) per grant request
  - Technical Feasibility
    - Evaluate if the project has supporting documentation and is technically feasible
    - Evaluate funding match (25% minimum or DAC waiver eligibility)
  - Status of Project
    - Evaluate readiness to proceed and start of implementation (by April 1, 2015)



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## Recommended Proposition 84-Round 3 Grant Package

No.	Projects Submitted for the Round 3 Grant Cycle
1	Desert Water Agency Turf Buy Back
2	Coachella Valley Golf Course Turf Reduction Program
3	Coachella Water Authority Demonstration Garden
4	Coachella Water Authority Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Tertiary Upgrade
5	Avenue 54 Water Main Loop Between Harrison & Frederick
6	Indio Water Authority Recycled Water Project
7	DAC Onsite Plumbing Retrofit Project

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## Recommended Proposition 84-Round 3 Grant Package

Projects Selected for the Round 3 Grant Cycle	Recommended Grant Funding
Regional Turf Rebate Program	\$3,800,000
Indio Water Authority Recycled Water Project	\$5,000,000
DAC Onsite Plumbing Retrofit Project	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,100,000</b>

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## Planning Partners Discussion of Recommended Project List

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## Regional Drought Impacts and Concerns

- DWR Drought Impact Categories:
  - Groundwater basin overdraft
  - Risk of not meeting existing drinking water demands
  - Risk of not meeting existing agricultural demands
  - Risk of not meeting ecosystem water demands
  - Drinking water MCL violations
  - Discharge water TMDL violations
  - Other drought-related adverse impacts
- To receive full points, Region must encounter impacts by September 30, 2014

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## Planning Partners Discussion of Current and Expected Drought Impacts in the Coachella Valley



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## Other Funding Opportunities

- State Water Resources Control Board: Interim Emergency Drinking Water Funding
  - [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/caa/dw\\_droughtfund/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/dw_droughtfund/index.shtml)
  - \$4 million available statewide
  - Funding for interim replacement drinking water for economically disadvantaged communities (DACs) with contaminated water supplies
    - Bottled Water
    - Hauled Water
    - Vending Machines
    - Wellhead Treatment
    - Point of Use Devices
    - Planning (if a long-term solution for emergency drinking water issues)






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## Other Funding Opportunities

- State Water Resources Control Board: Clean Water State Revolving Fund
  - [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/srf/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/index.shtml)
  - 1% interest rate for recycled water projects with complete applications submitted between January 17, 2014 and December 2, 2015
    - 1% rate available up to a funding cap of \$800 million
  - Projects must provide new water supplies within the next 3 years





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## Next Steps

- Grant Application Due:
  - July 21, 2014
- Next Planning Partners Meeting:
  - September 12, 2014 – 1-3 p.m.




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