

Coachella Valley IRWM Considerations Guide

Criteria	Suggested Guidelines
PROJECT-LEVEL CRITERIA	
IRWM Plan Objectives	Select projects that contribute to the attainment of IRWM Plan objectives.
Legal, Scientific, and Technical Feasibility	Select projects that are well supported from a technical standpoint based on supporting studies and data.
Budget	Select projects that have well-developed budgets and exhibit reasonable costs. Note that DAC projects are exempt from the 50% funding match requirement.
Readiness to Proceed	Select projects that will be ready to proceed by Deadline established in PSP or within 3 months of LPS contract execution
Realization of Benefits	Consider timing of project benefit realization compared to project completion date (e.g., when water meter will begin recording deliveries vs completion of the pipeline).
Cost-Effectiveness – Water Supply, Water Quality, Flood Damage Reduction	Select projects that are cost-effective on both the short- and long-term, and provide quantifiable benefits to the region.
Benefits Tribes	Select projects that address the water resources needs of Tribes in Coachella Valley
Climate Change	Contributes to climate change adaptation or mitigation
PROPOSAL-LEVEL CRITERIA	
IRWM Plan Objectives	Proposal to include a suite of projects that addresses all IRWM Plan objectives.
Linkages to Other Projects	Proposal to include projects with synergies and linkages among them.
Funding Match	Proposal to achieve an overall 50% funding match.
Schedule	Proposal must include at least one project that will begin implementation by deadline established in PSP or within 1 month of LPS contract execution.
	Proposal to include majority of projects that realize benefits within 3 years of project completion.
Economic Analysis – Water Supply, Water Quality and Other Expected Benefits, and Flood Damage Reduction	Proposal to include projects that realize quantifiable water supply benefits.
	Proposal to include projects that realize quantifiable water quality and other expected benefits.
	Proposal to include projects that realize quantifiable flood damage reduction benefits.
Geographic Parity	Proposal to include a suite of projects that will benefit watersheds across the Region.
Benefits Disadvantaged Communities	Proposal to include at least one project that addresses the critical water supply or water supply quality needs of disadvantaged communities.
Implementing Agency	Proposal to include a balance of projects sponsored by non-governmental organizations and agencies.
	Proposal to include a balance of projects that include known successful project sponsors and projects that include partnerships with organizations who have not previously been awarded funding through the IRWM Program
Cost Effectiveness	Compare cost effectiveness of projects within each functional area (\$/level of benefit)
Cutting-Edge Technology	Proposal to highly consider projects that implement cutting-edge or next-generation technologies that can effectively address water management issues