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- SAWPA Commission
- PA 22, PA 23, and PA 24 Committees
- OWOW Steering Committee

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020 – 11:00 A.M.

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OWOW Steering Committee Members

Kati Parker, Convener | SAWPA Commissioner
Kelly E. Rowe, SAWPA Commissioner
Doug Chaffee, Orange County Supervisor
Karen Spiegel, Riverside County Supervisor
Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County Supervisor
Rusty Bailey, Mayor, City of Riverside

Jose Solorio, Councilmember, City of Santa Ana James Hessler, Altman Plants Garry W. Brown, Orange County Coastkeeper Linda Ackerman, Regional Water Quality Control Board Deborah Robertson, Mayor, City of Rialto

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All votes taken during this meeting will be conducted by oral roll call.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 28, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Kati Parker, Convener)

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Committee on items within the jurisdiction of the Committee; however, no action may be taken on an item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Government Code §54954.2(b).

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: November 21, 2019 and January 23, 2020.....7

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

Α.	Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Support in 2020 Bond	
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	Presenter: Ian Achimore	
	Recommendation: Receive and file.	

5. <u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS</u>

6. <u>REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u>

7. ADJOURNMENT

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/s/

Kelly Berry, CMC



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2020 - OWOW Steering Committee Meetings

Fourth Thursday of Every Other Month

(January, March, May, July, September, November) (NOTE: All meetings begin at **11:00 a.m.**, unless otherwise noted, and are held at SAWPA.)

January 23, 2020	March 26, 2020 [cancelled]	
May 28, 2020	July 23, 2020	
September 24, 2020 November 19, 2020*		
* Meeting date adjusted due to conflicting holiday.		

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2019

	Committee Members	
Santa Ana Watershed Proj	ect Authority Representatives	
Kati Parker, Convener, Inland	Empire Utilities Agency	Present
Denis A. Bilodeau, Orange Co	unty Water District	Present [11:10 a.m.]
County Supervisor Represe	entatives	
Doug Chaffee, Orange County	Board of Supervisors	Present
Karen Spiegel, Riverside Coun	ty Board of Supervisors	Present
Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors		Absent
County Municipal Represe	ntatives	
Deborah Robertson, Mayor, C	ity of Rialto	Absent
Rusty Bailey, Mayor, City of R	iverside	Present
Jose Solorio, Councilmember, City of Santa Ana		Absent
Business Community Repr	esentative	
	est Coast Operations, Altman Plants	Present
Environmental Community	/ Representative	
Garry W. Brown, President, Orange County Coastkeeper		Present
Regional Water Quality Co	ntrol Board Representative	
Linda Ackerman, Regional Wa		Absent
	Others Present	
SAWPA COMMISSIONERS:	T. Milford Harrison	
SAWPA STAFF:	Rich Haller, Karen Williams, Larry McKei	nney Rick Whetsel, Jan Achimore, Dean
	Unger, Kelly Berry, Katie Lucht, Sara Villa	•
OTHERS PRESENT:	Marsha Westropp, Orange County Water District; Meg McWade, City of Fullerton	

The OWOW Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Kati Parker, Convener, at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were duly noted and recorded.



2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – September 26, 2019

MOVED, approve the September 26, 2019 meeting minutes.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Bailey/Brown
Ayes:	Bailey, Brown, Hessler, Parker, Spiegel
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	Chaffee
Absent:	Ackerman, Bilodeau, Hagman, Robertson, Solorio

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. <u>Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DCI) Technical Assistance for Community Needs</u> <u>Project Funding Recommendation (SC#2019.16)</u>

Rick Whetsel provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, *Disadvantaged Community Involvement* (*DCI*) *Program: Technical Assistance for Community Needs Project Funding Recommendation;* revised copies were provided to the Committee, staff and the public.

Committee Member Bilodeau arrived at 11:10 a.m., during the PowerPoint presentation for Agenda Item No. 4.A.

The DCI Program is a Proposition 1 funded effort within the Integrated Regional Water Management Program to ensure the involvement of disadvantaged communities, economically distressed areas, and underrepresented communities in the integrated regional water management planning. The DCI Program has four (4) Program Elements; 1) Strengths and Needs Assessment, 2) Education and Engagement, 3) Project Development, and 4) Administration. Program Element 3), Project Development includes Activity 18: Technical Assistance for Community Needs. The objective is to provide technical assistance funding to support the development of projects that address the needs of disadvantaged and underrepresented communities. It requires evaluation of projects, plans, and programs following a set of evaluation criteria developed by the DCI Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Activity 18 allocated funding is for \$2.9M. The Technical Assistance criteria has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). A number of projects were collected September 27 and November 1, 2019, since then the application submittal process has been closed. Thirteen (13) projects were recommended for DCI Program Technical Assistance funding, and three (3) projects are recommended for consideration within other DCI Program Activities.

Committee Member Chaffee questioned if there are any remaining funds that are not allocated? Whetsel noted that all funds are allocated and there isn't any additional funding. Committee Member Spiegel asked how the determination was made for each project on the partial and full funding. Larry McKenney noted that the Technical Advisory Committee adopted criteria for the project ranking and selection process and was approved by DWR. Committee Member Bailey asked, if recipient does not use all of its funding, and time will be short, is there a process already in place to reallocate funding. Will it go to the other projects and how will the priority of projects be determined? Whetsel stated that the details haven't been worked out, but the idea is to not lose the money and give the extra funding to other selected projects. Committee Member Hessler requested further information on the City of Fullerton's project. Meg McWade, Director



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of Public Works, City of Fullerton informed the Committee that the City of Fullerton is working with Orange County Water District Consultant's study for the best approach to remove Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) from the well's groundwater supply. The requested funding is for the design phase of the project. Marsha Westropp, Orange County Water District requested that Whetsel elaborate more on the determination of the scoring criteria for funding of each project. Whetsel noted the allocations were not tied solely to the criteria. There is a scoring scale of 0-5, and with the scoring by the Technical Advisory Committee almost every project scored about the same – the scoring did not give a lot of variability amongst the projects. Committee Member Brown noted that speaking from a Non-governmental Organization (NGO), there is an inherent problem if you want NGOs to participate in any of this. The bulk of the money that flows through here goes to agencies and water districts, all of which have secure income, high reserves and cash flow. That is not the situation for non-profits, and it takes about six to eight months to receive money. There has to be some kind of mechanism that everyone could agree to, and NGOs could participate in this program. Committee Member Bailey recommended that some of the money be set aside for only NGOs to compete. Mark Norton noted that this has been brought forward to the SAWPA Commission and a fund of \$50,000 was established that was set aside towards non-profit organizations. Also, under Proposition 1 IRWM, a 10% funding was established to help non-profit organizations, though DWR changed the rules and unfortunately it wasn't part of their guidelines. McKenney recommended that this idea be considered for further discussion at the January 23 meeting and to include for discussion the pending proposed water bond measures. Committee Member Bailey conquered.

This item was for information purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.A.

B. <u>OWOW Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Project</u> Grant Application Update (SC#2019.17)

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, OWOW Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Project Grant Application Update contained in the agenda packet on pages 17-21. The grant funding for the OWOW and North Orange County projects, and grant administration by SAWPA totals to \$24.1 M. The funding is divided into two parts; general implementation funding and disadvantage community implementation funding. The proposed projects must respond to climate change and contribute to regional water selfreliance and must address the most critical needs to the Santa Ana River watershed. SAWPA staff and a representative from the North Orange County IRWM group met with DWR upper management on October 2 to request changes in their grant funding policies that don't allow grant reimbursement to projects that are exclusively education and outreach, or for recreational elements of projects. These DWR policies were not included in their written grant guidelines, so stakeholders were not aware of these changes at the time of DWR's pre-application Workshop held on August 14. DWR apologized for not citing these policies in their guidelines, but said they were not able to change the policies. As a result, the OC Smartscape Project declined to move forward with their \$300,000 grant request and the City of Santa Ana's Raitt & Myrtle Park was not able to utilize \$689,072 in funding that were dedicated to items such as a skate park. The North Orange County IRWM stakeholders decided to roll that \$989,072 in funding to Round 2 which will be solicited by DWR in 2021. With that \$989,072 reduction, the ultimate grant application submitted to DWR totaled to \$23,091,428 for ten (10) projects. SAWPA, and consultant Dudek, worked with the project proponents to submit the final application to DWR on November 1.



Committee Member Bilodeau left the meeting at 11:50 a.m., during the PowerPoint presentation for Agenda Item No. 4.B.

Achimore noted that DWR will make their final award announcement mid-2020. SAWPA and DWR's Grant Agreement and SAWPA Sub-Agreements with project proponents are anticipated to be developed in 2020.

This item was for information purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.B.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 11:55 a.m.

APPROVED: May 28, 2020

Kati Parker, Convener

Attest:

Kelly Berry, CMC, Clerk of the Board



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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2020

	Committee Members	
Santa Ana Watershed Proje	ect Authority Representatives	
Kati Parker, Convener, Inland	Empire Utilities Agency	Present
Denis A. Bilodeau, Orange Cou	Inty Water District	Present (Via teleconference)
County Supervisor Represe	<u>ntatives</u>	
Doug Chaffee, Orange County	Board of Supervisors	Absent
Karen Spiegel, Riverside Coun	ty Board of Supervisors	Present
Curt Hagman, San Bernardino	County Board of Supervisors	Absent
County Municipal Represe	ntatives	
Deborah Robertson, Mayor, C		Absent
Rusty Bailey, Mayor, City of Ri	•	Absent
Jose Solorio, Councilmember, City of Santa Ana		Absent
Business Community Repre	esentative	
James Hessler, Director of West Coast Operations, Altman Plants Present		
Environmental Community	Representative	
Garry W. Brown, President, Orange County Coastkeeper Present		Present
Regional Water Quality Co	ntrol Board Representative	
Linda Ackerman, Regional Water Quality Control Board		Present
	Others Present	
SAWPA COMMISSIONERS:	T. Milford Harrison	
SAWPA STAFF:	Karen Williams, Rick Whetsel, Ian Achim	ore, Dean Unger, Kelly Berry, Marie
	Jauregui, Sara Villa	
OTHERS PRESENT:	Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof LLP	

The OWOW Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Kati Parker, Convener, at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503 and via telephone conference at 601 N. Ross Street, Room 327, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (Committee Member Bilodeau).

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were duly noted and recorded.



2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – November 21, 2019

MOVED, approve the November 21, 2019 meeting minutes.

Result:	Failed by Roll Call Vote (lack of quorum)
Motion/Second:	Spiegel/Brown
Ayes:	Brown, Bilodeau, Hessler, Parker, Spiegel
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	Ackerman
Absent:	Bailey, Chaffee, Hagman, Robertson, Solorio

Approval of the November 21, 2019 meeting minutes failed due to lack of a quorum and will be brought back for approval at a future meeting.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. <u>Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Support in Future 2020 Resource Bonds</u> (SC#2020.4)

Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, *IRWM Support in Future 2020 Resources Bonds;* contained in the agenda packet on pages 10-22. Norton provided a brief overview of the OWOW Plan Update 2018 Goals and noted that in July 2019, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) developed and adopted new policy principles for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM). In April 2019, the Governor issued an executive order directing State agencies to develop a Water Resilience Portfolio with the effort being led by the National Resource Agency. The Draft 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio was released to the public on January 3, 2020. The draft portfolio embraces a broad, diversified approach overall. Goals and actions are organized into four (4) Categories: 1) maintain and diversify water supplies; 2) protect and enhance natural systems; 3) build connections, and 4) be prepared. It does not recommend a one-size-fits-all approach to water resilience across the state. It emphasizes that water resilience will be achieved region-by-region based on the unique challenges and opportunities in each area. Norton noted that many listed action items appear to be single purpose, siloed actions reflecting a move away from vision of IRWM and tenets of integration, collaboration, and multi-benefit solutions at a regional scale.

SAWPA staff has prepared a draft letter highlighting the value and benefits of IRWM and why it should be included in future resource bonds. The letter emphasizes that we need to address State Portfolio, Item 20.2 as well as the Governor's proposed water resilience recommendations for a new climate resilience bond. The SAWPA Member Agency General Managers felt SAWPA should advocate for funding support for individual water sectors as part of the overall water funding support. This would include such individual categories as water quality improvement, water recycling, desalting, stormwater management, etc.

Committee Member Brown noted there is lack of IRWM support in Sacramento presently since it does not provide a benefit to tribal communities, disadvantaged communities and Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), unless an agency is spending money on them. Committee Member Brown was supportive of the letter but stated IRWM works for water agencies and does not address the needs of NGOs. Mark Norton noted he believes there will be flexibility in the bond to address these concerns. Convener Parker acknowledged that there are issues needing to



be addressed, but the IRWM approach overall is a good approach; we need to remind the legislators as well as continue to address these issues experienced by NGOs.

MOVED, to authorize staff to send the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) 2020 Resources Bond Support Letter to pertinent legislators to indicate funding support for IRWM and other water needs in all future 2020 resources bonds.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Hessler/Brown
Ayes:	Ackerman, Brown, Bilodeau, Hessler, Parker, Spiegel
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Bailey, Chaffee, Hagman, Robertson, Solorio

B. Disadvantaged Communities Involvement (DCI) Program Status (SC#2020.1)

Rick Whetsel provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, *Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program Status Report* contained in the agenda packet on pages 44-53. The Disadvantaged Communities Involvement (DCI) Program has four (4) Program Elements: 1) Strengths and Needs Assessment, 2) Engagement and Education, 3) Project Development, and 4) Grant Administration. Whetsel provided a verbal status update on the activities within each of the Program Elements. There was no discussion.

This item was for information purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.B.

C. <u>Watershed Signage Update | Bri Communications (SC#2020.2)</u>

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, *Watershed Signage Update | Bri Communications* contained in the agenda packet on pages 57-66. Per SAWPA Commission approval in December 2017, the Watershed Signage project was approved for funding of \$11,200. Contracted with Bri Communications, the 64 signs can be viewed at various locations such as the Santa Ana River Trail, the Chino Basin Water Conservation District, Corona Library, Acacia Park in Fullerton, and Lake Perris Marina. The contract ensures the signs remain up for a total of four (4) years from December 2017 to November 2021. Sponsorships of \$5,200 were received by water agencies including Orange County Stormwater, Cities of Santa Ana and Riverside, Jurupa Community Services District, and Metropolitan Water District. The signs contain important information to educate residents on where their water comes from and where it goes and highlights the OWOW Program and SAWPA across the watershed. There was no discussion.

This item was for information purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.C.

D. <u>OWOW Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)</u> Implementation Grant Update (SC#2020.3)

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, *OWOW Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Update* contained in the agenda packet on pages 70-78. The Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Round 1 Implementation grant application was submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in November 2019 which included ten (10) projects totaling \$23,091,428. The proposed projects must respond to climate change and contribute to regional water self-



reliance and must address the most critical needs to the Santa Ana River watershed. The Draft funding recommendation is anticipated to be announced by DWR in Winter/Spring 2020, and the final funding recommendation announcement by Spring 2020. After funding awards are announced, SAWPA will work with DWR to draft a grant agreement that allows DWR to reimburse SAWPA, and the ten (10) project proponents, for expenses as well as track completion of their projects. The ten (10) project leads will each execute a separate Sub-Agreement with SAWPA that incorporates the provisions of the DWR/SAWPA Grant Agreement. Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM grant guidelines is anticipated to be drafted by DWR in 2021. There was no discussion.

This item was for information purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.D.

5. <u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS</u>

There were no Committee Member comments.

6. <u>**REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**</u> There were no requests for future agenda items.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 11:44 a.m.

APPROVED: May 28, 2020

Kati Parker, Convener

Attest:

Kelly Berry, CMC, Clerk of the Board

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2020.9

DATE:	May 28, 2020
то:	OWOW Steering Committee
SUBJECT:	Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Support in 2020 Bond Measures
PREPARED BY:	Ian Achimore, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file.

DISCUSSION

At the January 23, 2020 OWOW Steering Committee meeting, the Committee authorized SAWPA staff to send letters of support to the California legislature for bond measures to fund the state-wide IRWM Program. The IRWM Program is a collaborative program to plan and implement water management projects on a regional scale. The IRWM approach considers all interested entities, working across jurisdictional boundaries, encouraging diverse partnerships through collaboration, and prioritizing multiple benefit projects. Created as a result of the IRWM Planning Act of 2002, 48 IRWM regions often drawn around watershed boundaries, represent 99% of the state's population.

Since that OWOW Steering Committee meeting, SAWPA staff has worked with the IRWM Roundtable of Regions, a task force composed of staff from most of the State's IRWM regions, on a coordinated letter to the California legislature's leadership. The coordinated letter with 22 IRWM regions signature was submitted to the legislature the week of February 24, 2020. With the OWOW Steering Committee's approval, SAWPA was able to sign on to the letter.

The letter was well timed as there were several measures in discussion with the Governor's Administration and the legislature's leadership. These included Governor Gavin Newsom's Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget, Senate Bill (SB) 45 (Allen – Los Angeles) and AB 3256 (E. Garcia - Coachella). The bond proposals focus on funding for climate resiliency related projects and include categories of funding for either IRWM or regional projects. These categories would be possible vehicles for IRWM funding to be included in a proposal on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

Since that letter, the legislature's and Governor's response to COVID-19 has been a priority over a bond focused singularly on climate resiliency. Recently twenty-one state senators sent a letter urging the members of the Governor's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery to consider a SC#2020.9 May 28, 2020 Page 2

"resilience" framework regarding climate. There is no formal proposal, but they did outline water resilience as an important policy area. On May 12, the State Senate Democrats' Caucus also unveiled a proposal for economic recovery. It does not include a bond for the November ballot but does include a \$25 Billion economic recovery fund focused on funding 11 focus areas including green economy investment and infrastructure project acceleration. The fund would be financed by prepaid state income taxes. The Caucus' announcement did not state how the focus areas would become eligible to receive the funding as the proposal is intended to start a discussion with the Governor and the Legislature.

As SAWPA discusses the issue with our Sacramento-based lobbyist, we know there is at least going to be a discussion in the Legislature of a recovery bond and that climate issues are part of that discussion as a means for shovel ready projects to get people back to work. It is unlikely that the Legislature and Governor will be open to funding for the traditional IRWM grant program because, with any grant program, there is a lag in time between when the bond measure is passed, the grant guidelines are posted and projects compete for the funding. It is more likely that the Governor and Legislature will want projects that are done with the planning/permit process, as the construction phase is where the most jobs are created.

Even with this new focus of job creation by the State, SAWPA and the Roundtable of Regions are still working to promote the IRWM program. As an example, when AB 3256 was heard in the Natural Resources Committee, the Roundtable of Regions Steering Committee and SAWPA submitted a letter, very similar to the February one, to the Chair that highlighted the intersection between IRWM projects, public health, disadvantaged communities and job creation. This strategy of highlighting this nexus will be used in the SAWPA and the Roundtable's letter writing campaigns going forward.

BACKGROUND

Since the January 23, 2020 OWOW Steering Committee meeting SAWPA staff has also met with several state legislative offices to advocate for support for bond funding for the IRWM Program and other programs and projects that achieve regional and inter-regional water resilience. The following meetings have occurred throughout the winter/spring of 2020:

Date of Meeting	Legislative Office	Area Representing
February 11, 2020	Senator Richard Roth	Corona, Moreno Valley, Norco, Riverside, Perris
February 13, 2020	Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia	Indio, Coachella, Calexico
March 13, 2020	Senator Connie Leyva	Pomona, Chino, Fontana, Rialto, San Bernardino

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May 4, 2020	Assemblymember	Chino, Montclair, Ontario,
	Freddie Rodriguez	Pomona

Any bonds sponsored by the California Legislature targeting the November 3, 2020 ballot must be adopted before the legislature goes on recess July 2, 2020. Going forward SAWPA staff will complete the following actions:

- Continue to meet with local representatives.
- Coordinate with the Roundtable of Regions and SAWPA member agencies on the 2020 bond measures.
- Highlight the nexus between IRWM projects and job creation, public health and disadvantaged communities.
- Coordinate with the Association of California Water Agencies.
- Advocate for IRWM funding for programs focused on education and outreach, particularly those efforts led by non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
- Advocate for IRWM funding for innovative projects focused on using new technology and decision support tools.

Before the COVID-19 public health crisis became a priority, there were several measures that would have been the final vehicle for a climate resiliency and water-related bond to appear on the November 2020 ballot. These include:

Bond Vehicle	Title	Current Amount
Governor's Budget FY 20/21	Climate Resilience Bond proposal	\$4.75 B
SB 45 (Allen, Los Angeles)	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020	\$5.5 B
AB 3256 (E. Garcia, Coachella)	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Climate Resilience, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020	\$6.98 B

Listed in the table above and of importance to IRWM, is the Governor's Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2020/21 released on January 3, 2020. Out of the \$4.75 billion bond proposal, \$2.925 billion has been designated for Drinking Water, Flood and Drought with \$1 billion designated for regional and inter-regional water resilience. Though the funding is not specifically defined to IRWM Funding Areas (like the Santa Ana River Watershed), this was a promising sign. As the economy has slowed due to COVID-19, it is expected by May 15 the Governor will release a SC#2020.9 May 28, 2020 Page 4

revised Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Proposal that will likely be significantly scaled back from the January 3rd version.

Attachments:

- 1. PowerPoint Presentation
- 2. February 24, 2020 Roundtable of Regions Bond Advocacy Letter
- 3. May 8, 2020 Roundtable of Regions Steering Committee Bond Advocacy Letter

IRWM Support in 2020 Bond Measures

Ian Achimore, Senior Watershed Manager OWOW Steering Committee | May 28, 2020 Item No. 4.A.



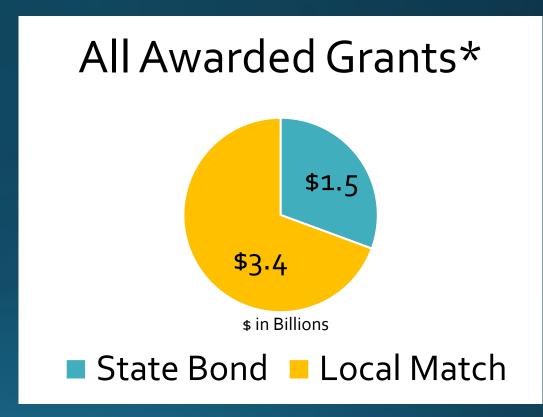
Integrated Regional Water Management: Quick Facts

- The state-wide IRWM Program was created as a result of the IRWM Planning Act of 2002.
- Collaborative effort to plan and implement multi-benefit water management projects on a regional scale.
- What it does:
 - Brings Silos Together
 - Team Approach
 - Bottom Up



Funding IRWM

- Since 2002, through voterapproved bond measures Props 50, 84, and 1E, and 1 the IRWM Program has awarded grants for planning and projects.
- This funding has been made available to more than 600 grantees in 48 IRWM regions to fund 1,274 projects* that provide water resource benefits throughout the state.



*Does not include Prop 1 which is to be awarded starting in 2020

Allocation of Funding

- Starting with Prop 50, IRWM funding has always been allocated by funding areas
- Local match has always been a requirement:
 - Starting with Prop 1 (2014) the match has increased to 50% of project costs.

Funding Areas Used in Proposition 1



IRWM Coverage Across the State



IRWM regions represent 87% of the State's land area and 99% of its population

IRWM Region List

Greater Monterey County 2 San Gorgonio 3 East Contra Costa County 4 Kings Basin Water Authority 5 Poso Creek 6 Santa Cruz County 7 San Luis Obispo 8 Sacramento Valley 9 Upper Pit River Watershed 10 Santa Barbara County 11 Cosumnes, American, Bear, Yuba (CABY) 12 San Diego 13 Upper Santa Margarita Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County 14 15 Westside (Yolo, Solano, Napa, Lake, Colusa) 16 Gateway Region 17 North Sacramento Valley 18 Antelope Valley 19 Monterey Peninsula-Carmel Bay-So Monterey Bay 20 Upper Sacramento-McCloud Fremont Basin 21 22 Westside - San Joaquin 23 North Coast 24 Madera 25 South Orange County WMA

26 Mojave 27 Pajaro River Watershed 28 Tuolumne-Stanislaus 29 San Francisco Bay Area 30 Lahontan Basins 31 Merced 32 Coachella Valley 33 Tule 34 American River Basin 35 Greater Los Angeles County 36 Southern Sierra 37 Yuba County 38 Tahoe-Sierra 39 Eastern San Joaquin 40 Upper Feather River Watershed Yosemite - Mariposa 42 Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority 43 Kaweah River Basin 44 Imperial 45 Kern County 46 Anza Borrego Desert 47 Upper Santa Clara River 48 Mokelumne/Amador/Calaveras (MAC) 49 East Stanislaus 50 Invo-Mono

Likely 2020 Bonds* Before COVID-19 Response Became Priority for Sacramento

Bond Vehicle	Title	Current Amount
Governor's Budget FY 20/21	Climate Resilience Bond proposal	\$4.75 B
SB 45 (Allen, Los Angeles)	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020	\$5.5 B
AB 3256 (E. Garcia, Coachella)	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Climate Resilience, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020	\$6.98 B

Committee Action in January 2020 Before COVID-19

• On January 23, 2020, the OWOW Steering Committee authorized staff to submit letters to legislature.

Information on the letter:

- Submitted to State Senate and Assembly **leadership** the week of February 24, 2020
- Cosigned by 22 IRWM Regions
- Urges \$1 billion for IRWM and other programs/projects that achieve regional and interregional resilience

Signatories to the Letter



Timeline for Bond Measures

- Governor's budget must be adopted by June 15, 2020 by both the Senate and Assembly.
- Legislature goes on recess July 2, 2020.
 - Any legislatively proposed bond measures need to be adopted by then.
- There is, at the least, going to be a discussion of a recovery bond and climate issues are part of that discussion as a means to fund shovel ready projects.

Other Major Policy Decisions in Sacramento

- It is expected by May 15 the Governor will release a revised Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Proposal that will likely be significantly scaled back from the January 3rd version.
- Twenty-one state senators sent a letter urging the members of the Governor's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery to consider a "resilience" framework regarding climate.
- State Senate Democrats' Caucus released a proposal for a \$25 Billion fund for 11 topic areas including green economy investment and infrastructure project acceleration.

Actions Going Forward

- Continue to meet with local representatives
- Coordinate with the Roundtable of Regions and SAWPA member agencies on bond measures.
- Coordinate with the Association of California Water Agencies.
- Highlight nexus between public health, job creation, disadvantaged communities and IRWM projects.
- Advocate for IRWM funding for programs focused on education and outreach, particularly those efforts led by non-governmental organizations.
- Advocate for IRWM funding for innovative projects focused on using new technology and decision support tools.



SAWPA Staff Meetings with Legislative Offices

Date of Meeting	Legislative Office	Area Representing
February 11, 2020	Senator Richard Roth	Corona, Moreno Valley, Norco, Riverside, Perris
February 13, 2020	Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia	Indio, Coachella, Calexico
March 13, 2020	Senator Connie Leyva	Pomona, Chino, Fontana, Rialto, San Bernardino
May 4, 2020	Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez	Chino, Montclair, Ontario, Pomona

SAWPA and Roundtable of Regions Steering Committee Letter

- Sent to Assembly Natural Resources Committee Chair by May 7 committee hearing deadline.
- Very similar to February 24 letter.
- Advocates for \$1 billion for IRWM and other programs and projects that fund important multi-benefit regional and inter-regional projects.



Questions



February 24, 2020

Toni Atkins Senate President pro Tempore State Capitol Room 205 Sacramento, California 95814

Shannon Grove Senate Minority Leader State Capitol Room 305 Sacramento, California 95814 Anthony Rendon Speaker, California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 319 Sacramento, California 95814

Marie Waldron Assembly Minority Leader State Capitol Room 3014 Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Support for \$1 billion in Climate Resilience Bond for Integrated Regional Water Management

Dear President pro Tem Atkins, Speaker Rendon, Leader Grove and Leader Waldron,

We, the undersigned representatives of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) regions, write to strongly support the allocation of \$1 billion for IRWM and other programs and projects that achieve regional and inter-regional water resilience as described in the Governor's proposed Climate Resilience Bond.

As you know, IRWM is a highly effective and efficient collaborative effort to plan and implement water management solutions on a regional scale. The IRWM approach delivers a higher value for investments by considering all interested entities, working across jurisdictional boundaries, encouraging diverse partnerships through collaboration, and prioritizing multiple benefit projects. Created as a result of the IRWM Planning Act of 2002, IRWM regions represent 99% of the state's population.

The Governor correctly identified IRWM as the best program to implement the Water Resilience Portfolio. IRWM funds a diverse set of projects that meet the goals of regional partnership and climate resilience. In the past, IRWM has funded conservation, recycled water, stormwater, groundwater recharge, habitat restoration, salt removal and many other projects on a regional scale -- exactly the kinds of projects identified in the "Regional and Inter-regional Water Resilience" section of the proposed bond.

Investment in IRWM is leveraged by matching local funds. The 50 percent match required under Proposition 1 leverages state investment and increases overall finding for regional and inter-regional water resilience.

We appreciate your leadership on water and climate issues and look forward to answering any questions you may have. We strongly urge retaining \$1 billion in the Climate Resilience Bond for IRWM and other programs and projects that achieve regional and inter-regional water resilience as proposed by the Governor.

Sincerely,

Kelley Gage, Water Resources Director San Diego County Water Authority (on behalf of San Diego Regional Water Management Group)

David Mecchi, Board President Mariposa County Resource Conservation District

Elizabeth Martin Chief Executive Officer THE SIERRA FUND

/s/ Holly Alpert

Holly Alpert, Ph.D. Program Director Inyo-Mono IRWM Program

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Richard E. Haller, P.E., ENV SP Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority General Manager

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Fray A. Crease Manager Santa Barbara County Water Agency

Scott DeLeon Director of Public Works, & Director Water Resources Department County of Lake

Brendan Clark, PE Supervising Water Resources Engineer & IRWM Program Manager County of San Luis Obispo

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Judy Morris Trinity County Supervisor On behalf of the North Coast Resource Partnership leadership

Norma Sierra Galindo, Board President Imperial Irrigation District

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Michael D. Nusser, Water Resources Associate Coachella Valley Water District On behalf of the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group

Lance Eckhart Director of Basin Management and Resource Planning, Mojave Water Agency Mojave IRWM Coordinator

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Eric Averett Co-Chairman of the Executive Committee Kern IRWM

Tracey Ferguson, AICP, Representative Upper Feather River Integrated RWMG

John Thiel General Manager South Tahoe Public Utility District

cc: Senator Bob Wieckowski, Chair Senate Budget Sub 2 Senator Brian Jones, Senate Budget Sub 2, Vice Chair Sen. Natural Resources and Water Comm Senator Henry Stern, Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Assemblymember Richard Bloom, Chair Assembly Sub 3 Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, Chair Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Comm Assemblymember Megan Dahle, Chair Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Comm Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Chair Assembly Natural Resources Committee Assemblymember Heath Flora, Vice Chair Assembly Natural Resources Committee Director Kate Gordon, Office of Planning and Research Rachel Machi Wagoner, Deputy Legislative Secretary







May 8, 2020

The Honorable Laura Friedman Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee 1020 N Street, Rm. 164 Sacramento, CA 95814

And

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee State Capitol, Rm. 2114 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Inclusion of IRWM in AB 3256 (E. Garcia)- 2020 Climate Resilience Bond

Dear Assemblymembers Friedman and Gonzalez:

With the current economic crises related to the COVID-19 public health emergency, we, the undersigned representatives of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) regions, write to **strongly support the allocation of \$1 billion for IRWM and other programs and projects that fund important multi-benefit regional and inter-regional projects** within the 2020 Climate Resilience Bond. We understand the current economic crisis facing the state and believe that IRWM can protect public health by funding drinking water and wastewater projects, while creating jobs in California when we desperately need them. The IRWM process puts us in a great position with a prioritized list of projects that have been vetted at the local level through IRWM plans. IRWM also serves as conduit to implement drinking water and wastewater projects in disadvantaged communities that have gone through the planning phase in the Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program.

As you know, IRWM is a highly effective and efficient collaborative effort to plan and implement water management solutions on a regional scale. The IRWM approach delivers a higher value for investments by considering all interested entities, working across jurisdictional boundaries, encouraging diverse partnerships through collaboration, and prioritizing multiple benefit projects. Created as a result of the IRWM Planning Act of 2002, IRWM regions represent 99% of the state's population.

In the recently released draft Water Resilience Portfolio, Governor Gavin Newsom correctly identified IRWM as the best program to implement major portions of the Portfolio. IRWM funds a diverse set of projects that meet the goals of regional partnership and climate resilience. In the past, IRWM has funded conservation, recycled water, stormwater, groundwater recharge, habitat restoration, salt removal and many other projects on a regional scale -- exactly the kinds of projects identified in the "Regional and Inter-regional Water Resilience" section of the proposed bond.

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We appreciate your leadership on water and climate issues and look forward to answering any questions you may have. We strongly urge retaining \$1 billion in the 2020 Climate Resilience Bond for IRWM and other programs and projects that achieve regional and inter-regional water resilience as proposed by the Governor through the Water Resilience Portfolio.

Sincerely,

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2020.10

DATE:	May 28, 2020
то:	OWOW Steering Committee
SUBJECT:	Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DCI) Program Status
PREPARED BY:	Rick Whetsel, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file.

DISCUSSION

The Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program (DCI Program) for the Santa Ana River Watershed has three main Program Elements, within which are twenty separate activities. Those three Program Elements consist of 1) Strengths and Needs Assessment, 2) Engagement and Education, 3) Project Development. A fourth element contains grant administration tasks assigned to SAWPA.

The attached presentation provides an update on the activities within each of these Project Elements.

BACKGROUND

The Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program is a Prop 1 funded effort within the Integrated Regional Water Management Program to ensure the involvement of disadvantaged communities, economically distressed areas, and underrepresented communities in integrated regional water management planning. As the Santa Ana River Watershed approved Regional Water Management Group, SAWPA was awarded a \$6.3 million grant in June 2017. With permission from DWR, SAWPA and our partners have been working on the scope since October 2016.

SAWPA manages the program with five program partners: California State University, Local Government Commission (a 501c3 nonprofit), the California Rural Water Association (a 501c3 nonprofit), the Water Education Foundation (a 501c3 nonprofit), and the University of California Irvine. Each partner organization has a defined scope of work, and together is responsible for project management and reporting.

Attachments: 1. PowerPoint Presentation

Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program

Status Report

Rick Whetsel, Senior Watershed Manager OWOW Steering Committee | May 28, 2020 Item No. 4.B.

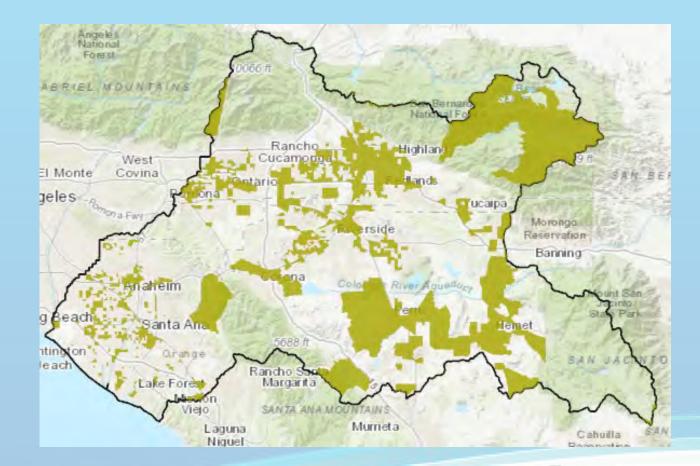


DCI Program Elements

Strengths and Needs Assessment

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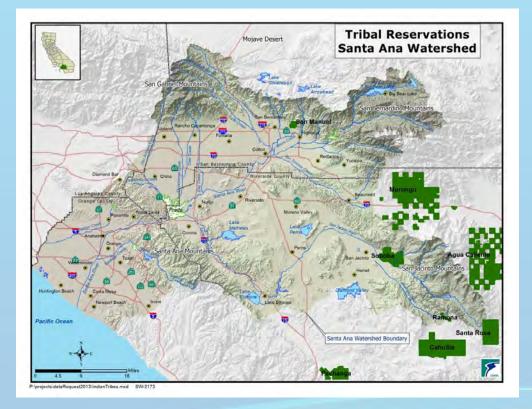
3. Project Development
4. Administration





Activity 9: Tribal Consultation

- Objective: Establish a Tribal Advisory Committee (Tribal AC) with California Native American Indian Tribes and agency staff to provide opportunities for collaboration.
- Activity Lead: CRWA
- Current Status: development of Charter
- Activity Budget \$120 K





Tribal Advisory Committee

Tribal Regional Water Management WebinarThree-part series May 19, 26 and June 2, 2020

Next Steps:

- Mid June
 - Finalize Charter
 - Finalize SAWPA Resolution
- Early July
 - Letters Designating Tribal Representatives
- July/August
 - First Formal Tribal Advisory Committee





Activity 11: Translation Services

- Objective: Translation services for documents and meetings are available.
- Foreign languages include, but are not limited to, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, and Tagalog.
- American Sign Language interpretation available for simultaneous translation.
- Completed: 55 jobs at \$80K
- Activity Budget capped at \$100K
- Activity Close Out June 30, 2020





Activity 15: Water Agency Community Engagement Training

- Partner LGC and CRWA to provide trainings and workshops for water agencies
- Up to 10 trainings directed at agency staff for small Community Water Systems and Mutual Water Companies
- Three workshops to inform and educate water agencies staff in the watershed on the SAWPA Disadvantaged Community Involvement program.
- Activity Budget \$150 K







Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement Lessons Learned Summit

- SAWPA approached by DWR to host statewide Summit
- Focus on Disadvantaged Communities and Tribes Lessons Learned through the Prop 1 IRWM Program
- Highlights SAWPA DACI Program
 - Includes findings from other IRWM regions around the State
- Event Planning Committee lead by SAWPA
 - Includes DWR, other IRWM Regions and NGOs
- Schedule (Due to COVID-19)
 - Two-day Virtual Event (4-5 hours each day)
 - October or early November 2020
- Key Deliverable: Summary Findings Report





Activity 16: Local Elected Leader Training

- Objective: Provide trainings for local elected leaders and their staff in the watershed.
 These training sessions will relay the findings of the Strengths & Needs Assessment program element, basic information on water management topics, and best practices for helping the communities they serve interact with water planning.
- Activity Lead: LGC





Round Three Watershed Ambassador Workshops: Communicating the Value of Water to Your Constituents

Communicating the Value of Water

- Two Virtual Events (due to COVID-19)
- Tuesday June 2nd and Thursday June 4th from 1 - 5 pm

Program Tutorial

 Include key messaging and materials from all three rounds of Workshops





Activity 17: Community Engagement Interns Program

- Objective: Provide internships for students from the CSU, UC and community college campuses of the watershed.
- Activity Lead: CSUSB / Civic Sparks
- Placement 60 Interns (complete)
- Allocated Funding \$500K





Activity 18: Technical Assistance for Community Need

- Objective: Technical Assistance (TA) funding to support the development of projects and programs that address the water needs of disadvantaged and underrepresented communities.
- Requires evaluation of projects, plans, and programs following set of evaluation criteria developed by DCI Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Allocated Funding \$2.9 M



	DCI Program Technical Assistance Funding						
TA Award	Project Sponsor:	Project Title:					
\$25,630	CRWA / CSU WRPI	Median Household Income Surveys					
\$74,441	SAWPA	Assessing the Water Quality, Riparian, and Aquatic Habitat Impacts of Homelessness in the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed					
\$350,000	Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	Residential Asbestos Cement Pipe Abandonment and Replacement Project					
\$500,000	Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency	Replenish Big Bear					
\$121,939	California Rural Water Association	Tribal Advisory Committee (Tribal AC)					
\$175,000	Box Springs MWC	Rehabilitation, Removal or Replacement of Water Storage Reservoirs with SCADA					
\$200,000	City of Colton	Two New Potable Wells with Generators					
\$100,000	Devore WC	New Reservoir, Distribution System Upgrades and New Well					
\$150,000	ldyllwild WD	Water Treatment Plant Upgrade with SCADA					
\$100,000	Marygold MWC	New Well and Generator Project					
\$25,000	Riverside Highland WC	Ion Exchange System					
\$250,000	Terrace MWC	New Potable Well					
\$200,000	Eastern Municipal WD	Quail Valley Sub-Area 4 Septic to Sewer, Phase 1 Planning Analysis					
\$277,990	City of Rialto	Bohnert/Banyon Septic to Sewer Project					
\$100,000	Orange County WD	Watershed Education and Field Trip Program for Disadvantaged Community Elementary School Students					
\$100,000	City of Fullerton	Fullerton's Water Future - Ensuring Delivery of Clean, Safe Drinking Water					
\$50,000	Huerta del Valle	Reconnecting and Enhancing Water Resources for greater community and environmental benefit.					
\$100,000	City of Santa Ana	Washington Avenue Well Project 51					
\$2,900,000	Total Technical Assistance funding Awarde	d					

DCI Program Budget

	Program Element	Budget	Expenses	Balance	% Spent
1	Strengths & Needs	\$ 898,644	\$ 898,644	\$ -	100%
2	Engagement / Education	\$ 1,853,068	\$ 1,340,348	\$ 512,720	72%
3	Project Development	\$ 3,233,288	\$ 1,094,145	\$ 2,139,143	34%
4	Administration	\$ 315,000	\$ 167,171	\$ 147,829	53%
	Total	\$ 6,300,000	\$ 3,500,308	\$ 2,799,692	56%



Program Schedule

Ele	ement / Activity	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2021 Q1	2021 Q2	2021 Q3
PE 1	Strengths & Needs Assessment							
PE 2	Engagement / Education							
9	Tribal Consultation							
11	Translation Services							
12	Engagement Best Practices Publications							
14	Community Water Education							
15	Water Agency Engagement Training							
16	Local Elected Leader Training							
17	Community Engagement Interns Program							
PE 3	Project Development							
18	Technical Assistance / Project Implementation							
20	CivicSpark Water Fellows							
PE 4	Grant Administration							

Questions



OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2020.11

DATE:	May 28, 2020
то:	OWOW Steering Committee
SUBJECT:	Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Draft Funding Award
PREPARED BY:	Ian Achimore, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file.

DISCUSSION

On April 2, 2020 the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released their draft funding awards for the Santa Ana River Watershed in response to SAWPA's November 1, 2019 submittal of the Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM grant application. The application includes 10 projects for a total grant request of \$23,091,428. The draft award fully funded the eight general implementation projects but requested additional information from the two disadvantaged community (DAC) implementation projects before they can be fully funded.

Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM Project	Project Lead	Requested Grant
Replenish Big Bear*	Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency	\$4,563,338
Evans Lake Tributary Restoration and Camp Evans	San Bernardino Valley MWD	\$2,000,000
Well 30 Wellhead Treatment Project	Monte Vista Water District	\$3,431,225
Regional Comprehensive Landscape Rebate Program	Municipal Water District of OC	\$2,767,344
Physical Harvesting of Algal Biomass in Lake Elsinore – Pilot Program*	City of Lake Elsinore	\$297,000
Santa Ana Mountains Watershed Protection Project	Cleveland National Forest	\$497,998
Enhancements to Watershed-Wide Water Budget Decision Support Tool	SAWPA	\$500,000
Joint IEUA-JCSD Regional Water Recycling Program	Inland Empire Utilities Agency	\$2,617,970
Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion	Orange County Water District	\$3,589,553
Raitt & Myrtle Park	City of Santa Ana	\$1,670,000
Grant Management	SAWPA	\$1,157,000
Grant Total		\$23,091,428

*Requested DAC Funding

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SAWPA discussed the additional information needed for the two projects with DWR's management on April 3. DWR stressed that the issues can be resolved with additional narrative from the two project proponents that describes how the projects directly benefit residents of DACs. SAWPA and its consultant, Dudek, submitted the additional narrative for the two projects by April 30, 2020.

In each Proposition 1 funding round, there is a portion of funding referred to as "DAC Implementation funding" available for projects that directly benefit disadvantaged communities in parcels with an annual median household income (MHI) that is less than 80 percent of the California annual MHI. In the grant application, the Replenish Big Bear project was anticipated to be funded using DAC Implementation funding as well as General Implementation funding, while the Physical Harvesting of Algal Biomass in Lake Elsinore Pilot Project was anticipated to be funded solely by the DAC Implementation portion of the grant.

DWR reviewed the additional narrative for the two projects and for the Replenish Big Bear project, a water supply project, the information provided was satisfactory. For the Lake Elsinore project, a water quality improvement project, DWR's final feedback was that the project does not provide a "direct benefit" to the disadvantaged community in the project area. The Lake is used for recreation but not as a water supply source. SAWPA made the case that the project benefits accrue to those living in the parcels in the lakeshore community, as they visit the water body during the day and on weekends. But DWR's feedback, per the phrase "direct benefit to DACs" in their grant guidelines, is that the benefits need to accrue to community members in the parcels in which they reside/work and not to the community at large. This interpretation was not described in detail in the DWR grant guidelines or supplemental material provided by the agency. SAWPA confirmed that this interpretation by DWR would make it difficult for any DAC project that is not focused on flood protection of parcels, water supply delivery or water quality improvement from failing water or wastewater infrastructure serving disadvantaged communities to compete for IRWM funding. SAWPA plans to advertise this interpretation by DWR to all potential future DAC project applicants in the watershed so they are aware before they submit or develop a project under the IRWM program under Round 2.

For the Round 1 application, SAWPA was able to solve the issue of interpreting Lake Elsinore's DAC status. Replenish Big Bear can take the DAC Implementation funding that Lake Elsinore would have received, and Lake Elsinore is able to take a portion of the General Implementation funding that would have gone Replenish Big Bear. By switching these funding amounts between projects, Lake Elsinore is made whole and no funding is reduced to Replenish Big Bear.

After the final funding award, SAWPA will work with DWR to draft a grant agreement that allows DWR to reimburse SAWPA, and the 10 project proponents, for expenses as well as track completion of their projects. DWR staff has also preliminarily shared that they will begin drafting the Proposition 1 Round 2 Implementation grant guidelines documents in 2021.

		General		DAC				
IRWM Funding Round		<u>Implementation</u>		<u>Implementation</u>		<u>Total</u>		
Round 1	\$	20,996,678	\$	2,094,750	\$	23,091,428		
Round 2	\$	22,853,322	\$	4,205,250	\$	27,058,572		
Total	\$	43,850,000	\$	6,300,000	\$	50,150,000		

Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Funding Available in the Santa Ana River Watershed

As shown in the table above, there is estimated to be \$27,058,572 in grant funding available in Round 2 for the Santa Ana River Watershed.

BACKGROUND

When the California Legislature and voters make funding available to the IRWM Program, SAWPA's One Water One Watershed (OWOW) Program is responsible for identifying appropriate expenditures in the Santa Ana River Watershed IRWM region. DWR is the lead State agency for releasing grant guidelines and managing funding contracts with the 48 IRWM regions throughout the State. The OWOW Steering Committee adopted and the SAWPA Commission ratified funding policies for the Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation grant that SAWPA used to incentivize innovative projects as well as projects that are small in both benefit and cost. Following the OWOW Steering Committee and SAWPA Commission's approval, SAWPA initiated the Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant process in November 2018. Eventually eight projects were successful through this OWOW process and included in the final application to DWR on November 1, 2019.

Concurrent with the Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation grant preparations, a funding allocation MOU was developed and executed between SAWPA and North Orange County IRWM lead agencies. In accordance with the MOU between SAWPA and the North OC IRWM agencies, staff incorporated two additional IRWM projects from the North OC call for projects managed by the County of Orange's Department of Public Works.

Attachment:

1. PowerPoint Presentation

Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Draft Funding Award

Ian Achimore, Senior Watershed Manager OWOW Steering Committee | May 28, 2020 Item No. 4.C.





Prop 1 IRWM Requirements

- All overall project proposals must:
 - Respond to climate change, and
 - Contribute to regional water self-reliance.
- All individual projects must:
 - Address the most critical needs of the IRWM region,
 - Have an expected useful life of 15 years, and
 - Have CEQA/permits acquired within 12 months of final grant award.

Santa Ana Funding Area	Implementation Grant	DAC Implementation Grant	Grant Total
Round 1	\$ 20,996,678	\$ 2,094,750	\$ 23,091,428
Round 2	\$ 22,853,322	\$ 4,205,250	\$ 27,058,572
Total	\$ 43,850,000	\$ 6,300,000	\$ 50,150,00 <u>9</u>



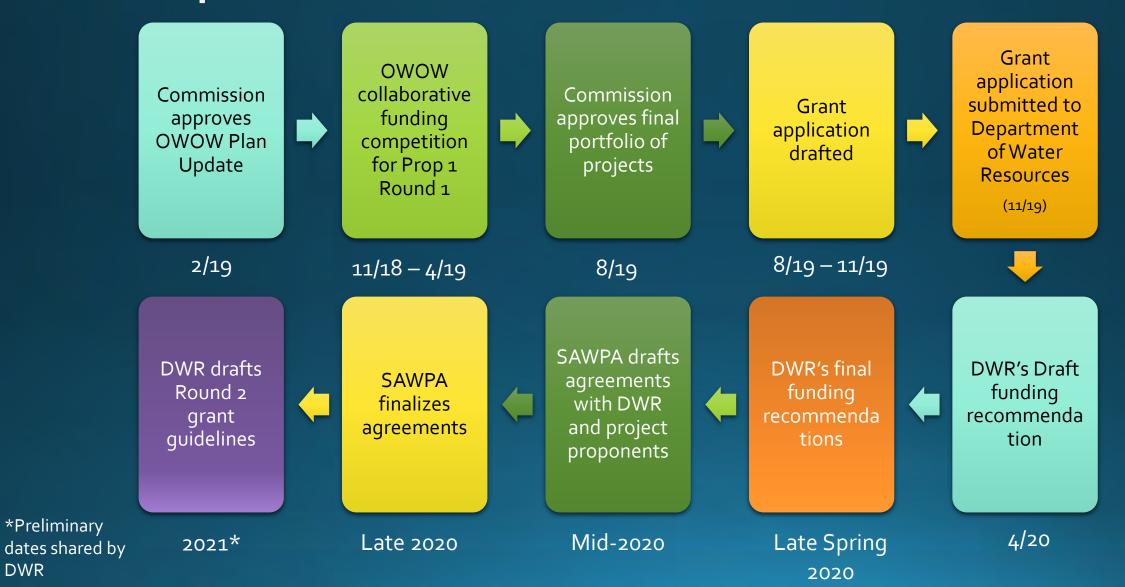
Department of Water Resources (DWR)

- State department under the Secretary of Natural Resources.
- Primary mission of DWR:
 - Manage the State Water Project,
 - Provide assistance through grants, guidance and training to California's tribes, water agencies, disadvantaged communities, etc.
 - DWR has managed the IRWM grant program since Proposition 50 (water bond passed in 2002).



Prop 1 IRWM Schedule

DWR

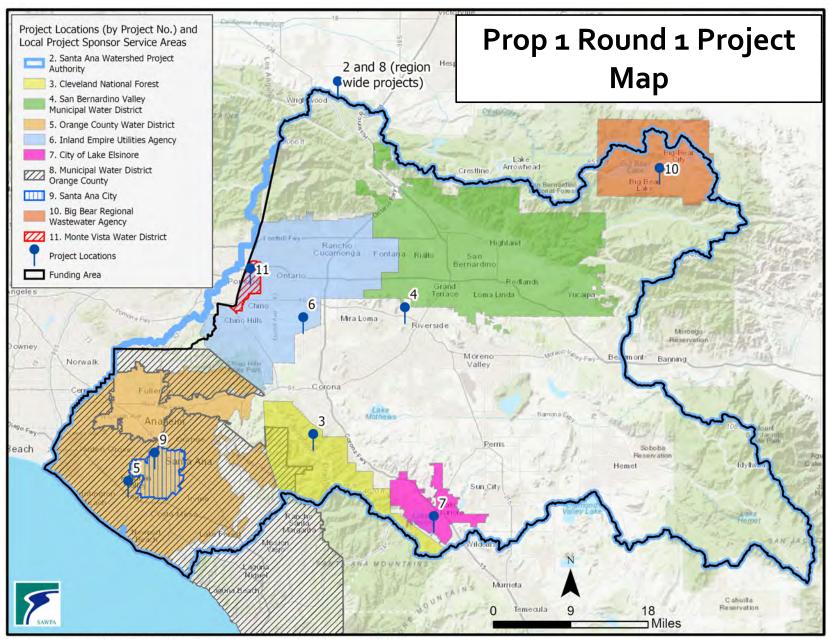


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Prop 1 IRWM Round 1 Final Project List

IRWM Solicitation	Project	Project Lead	Requested Grant
	Replenish Big Bear*	Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency	\$4,563,338
	Evans Lake Tributary Restoration and Camp Evans Recreation	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	\$2,000,000
	Well 30 Wellhead Treatment Project	Monte Vista Water District	\$3,431,225
One Water One	Regional Comprehensive Landscape Rebate Program	Municipal Water District of OC and Project Partners**	\$2,767,344
Watershed	Physical Harvesting of Algal Biomass in Lake Elsinore – Pilot Program*	City of Lake Elsinore	\$297,000
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North Orange County	Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion	Orange County Water District	\$3,589,553
North Orange County	Raitt & Myrtle Park	City of Santa Ana	\$1,670,000
N/A	Grant Management (5% of Total Grant Award)	Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority	\$1,157,000
Total			\$23,091,428

*Requested DAC Funding



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Note: Project 1 is identified in the DWR application as grant management and is thus not shown on this project map.

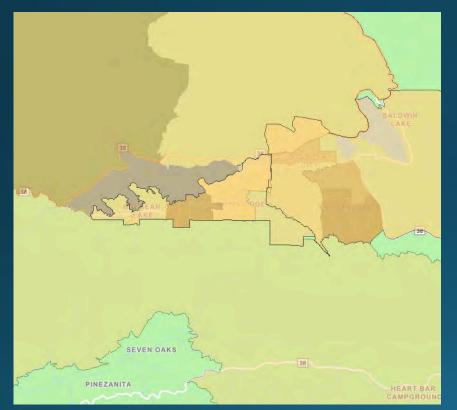
DWR's Draft Funding Award

- Draft award fully funded the eight general implementation projects;
- Draft award requested additional information on the direct link of the two disadvantaged community (DAC) projects to DAC parcels;
 - DWR-SAWPA meeting held on April 3.
 - DWR stressed issues can be worked out so DAC projects are fully funded.
- SAWPA worked with two DAC projects by adding additional narrative that highlighted "direct benefits."

DAC Project	Project Lead	Benefits	Grant Requested
Replenish Big Bear	Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency	Water Supply Creation	\$4,563,338
Physical Harvesting of Algal Biomass in Lake Elsinore	City of Lake Elsinore	Water Quality Improvement	\$297,000
Total			\$4,860,338

IRWM Definition of "DAC"

Big Bear Valley



Lake Elsinore



Dark and lighter polygons show parcels (where median household income <\$51,026). Note maps not to scale in comparison to one another.

DWR Definition of "Direct DAC Benefit" Under the IRWM Program

- Definition not described in detail in grant guidelines.
- Benefits need to accrue to those parcels where DAC community members work/live.
 - Projects that create water supply, protect property from flood control are okay.
 - Projects that protect water quality on parcels okay (septic to sewer).
 - Other projects that improve infrastructure (related to supply or quality) still okay.
 - Projects that protect habitat and quality of recreational water bodies are not competitive because general public enjoys those benefits.

Possible example: Benefits should flow to parcel through a water meter (i.e. directly to the parcel). Note: other projects such as septic to sewer still₆₆ qualify.

Lake Elsinore Algal Biomass Project

- Project would create water quality benefits to reduce algal blooms.
- DWR chose to not support this project since it is a public lake improvement that provides benefits more broadly to the general public who use the lake as opposed to just the surrounding DAC communities.
- The Big Bear Replenish project is a recycled water project that supplants potable water demands but doesn't directly provide potable water to DAC communities.





Solution Developed

- Move DAC Implementation funding, that would have gone to Lake Elsinore, to Replenish Big Bear.
- Move a portion of the Replenish Big Bear project's General Implementation Funding to Lake Elsinore.
- By switching these funding amounts between projects, Lake Elsinore is made whole and no funding is reduced to Replenish Big Bear.

\$297,000 General Implementation



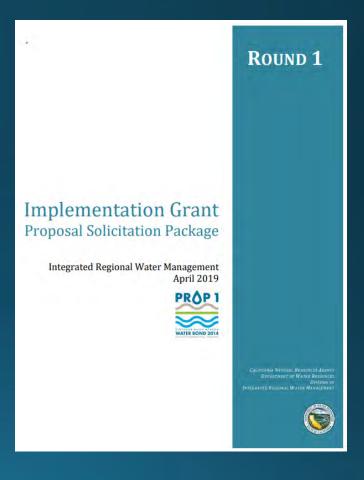




\$297,000 DAC Implementation

Next Steps

- SAWPA to make DWR's interpretation of "direct DAC benefit" known to potential DAC Implementation funding applicants.
- DWR to then make final Prop 1 Round 1 award announcement soon.
- SAWPA-DWR grant agreement and SAWPA sub-agreements with project proponents to be developed mid-year 2020.



Prop 1 Round 1 Agreements to Be Executed

		Attachments	
Grant Agreement	10 Work Plans	10 Budgets	10 Schedules



The 10 project leads will each execute a separate Sub-Agreement with SAWPA that incorporates the provisions of the DWR-SAWPA Grant Agreement.

Prop 1 Round 2 Funding for Santa Ana Funding Area

		General		DAC	
	Imp	lementation	Imp	ementation	Total
Round 1	\$	20,996,678	\$	2,094,750	\$ 23,091,428
Round 2	\$	22,853,322	\$	4,205,250	\$ 27,058,572
Total	\$	43,850,000	\$	6,300,000	\$ 50,150,000

Round 2 grant guidelines likely be drafted by DWR by in 2021.

Questions

Proposition 84 Projects Status Update

OWOW Steering Committee Meeting | May 28, 2020 Marie Jauregui, Project Manager Item No. 4.D.

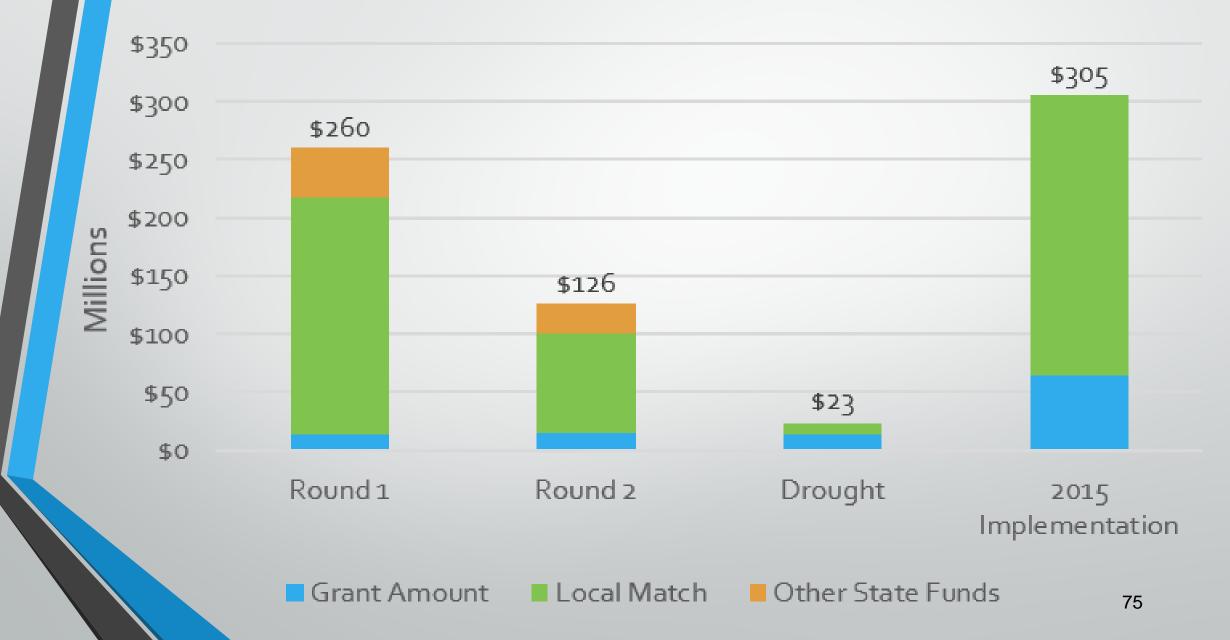


Proposition 84 Project Status

Round	No. of Projects	Projects Complete*	Grant Amount	Grant Invoiced	Total Cost
Round 1 (Aug 2011 – Jun 2019)	13	13	\$12.0M	\$12.0M	\$260M
Round 2 (Feb 2014 – Dec 2020)	18	11	\$14.5M	\$10.1M	\$126M
Drought Round (Jan 2014 – Dec 2020)	2	1	\$12.0M	\$11.6M	\$23M
2015 Implementation Round (Feb 2014 – Dec 2020)	3	0	\$61.0M	\$21.5M	\$305M
Total	36	25	\$99.5M	\$55.2M	\$714M

*Includes projects that are substantially complete

Total Project Cost Components



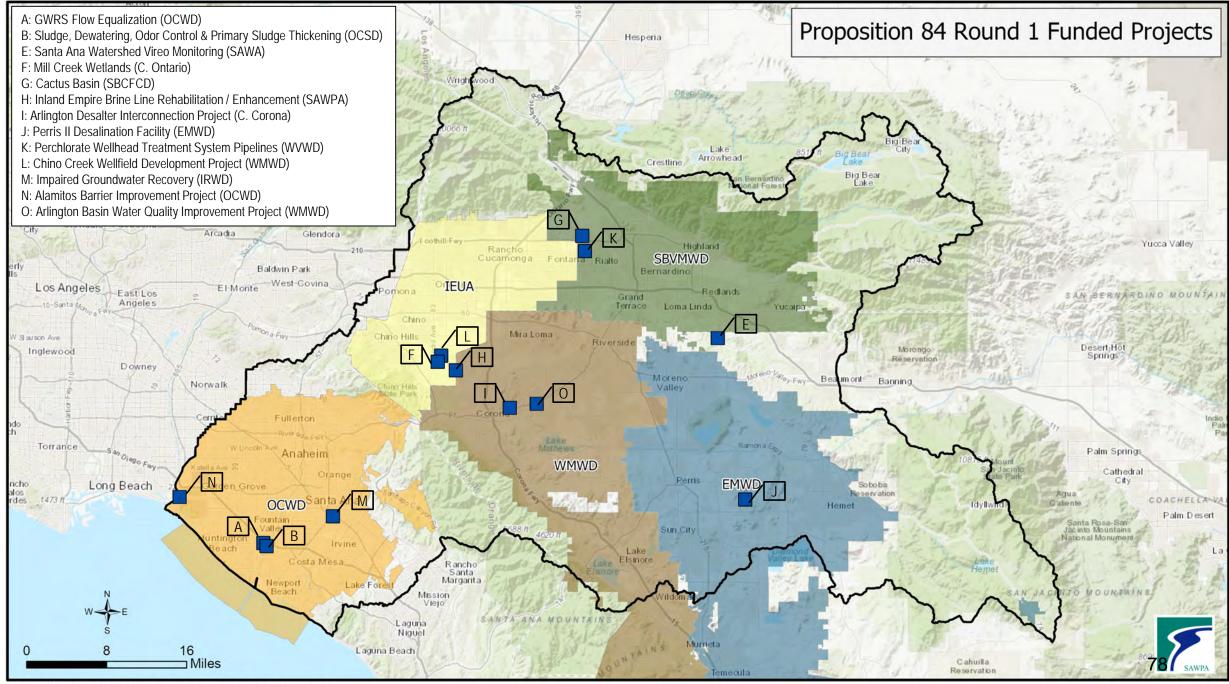
Projected Watershed-Wide Benefits of All Four Rounds of OWOW Prop 84 IRWM Projects

- Reduces water demand by 18,000 AFY representing 36,000 households
- Recharges 180,000 AF of additional imported water
- Produces 18,000 AFY of desalted groundwater
- Removes 29,000 tons of salt from groundwater per year
- Creates 11,000 AFY of additional recycled water

- Captures 44,000 AFY of stormwater for beneficial use
- Restores 3,800 acres of environmental habitat
- Reduces nonpoint source pollution by 29,000 pounds per year
- Reduces flood risk damage by \$91 million
- Creates about 11,000 construction related jobs

Round 1 Projects

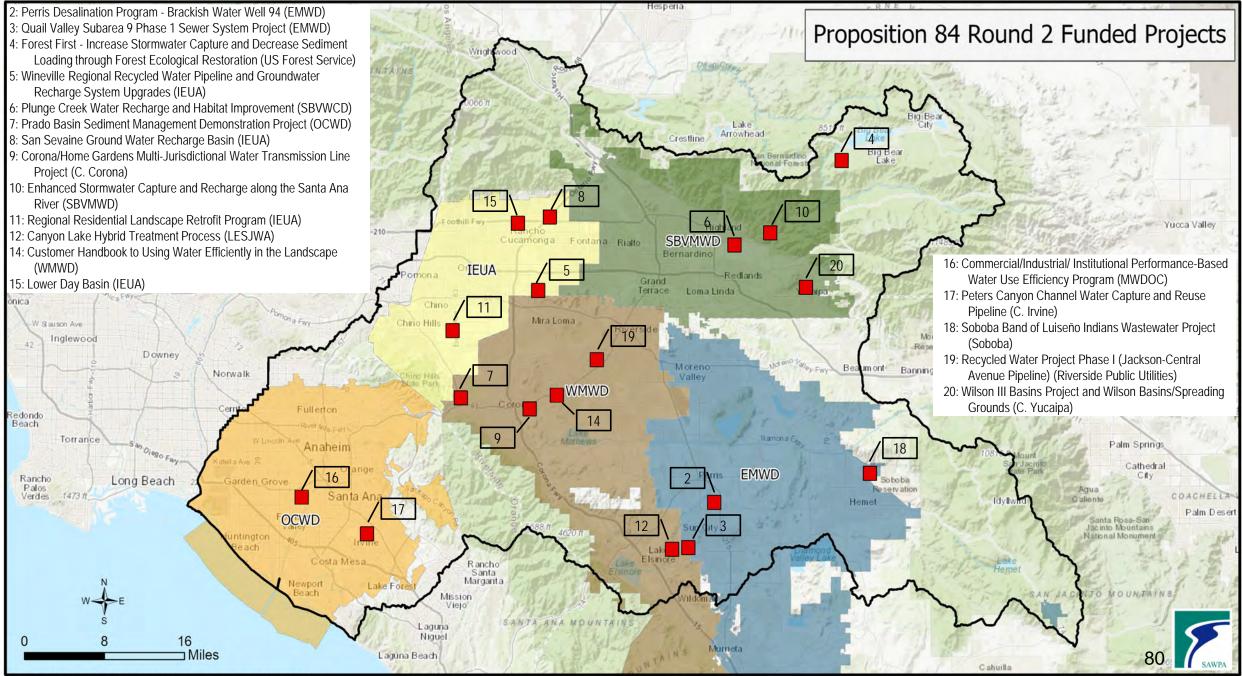
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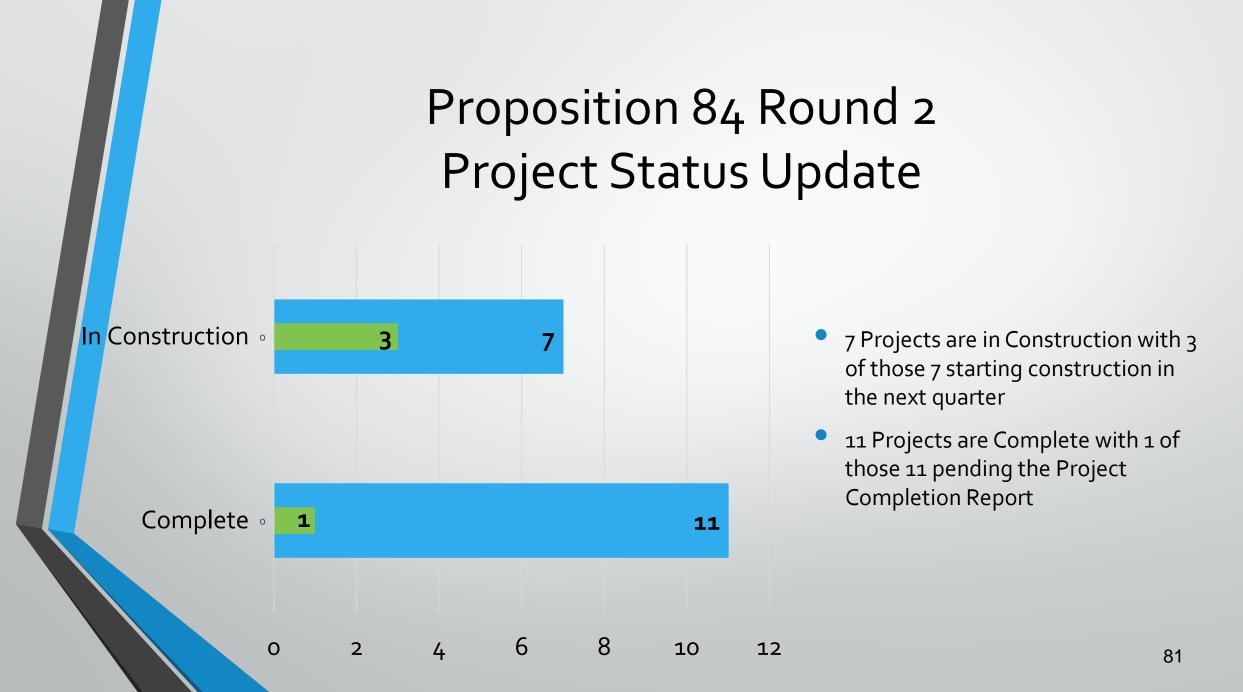
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Round 2 Projects

(February 2014 – December 2020)



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Under Construction

Project Name	Agency	Grant Amount	Required Funding Match	Add'l Cost Share	Total Project Cost	% Grant Billed	% Constr. Complete	% Project Complete
Forest First	USFS	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,055,039 37.00%	\$ 2,499,121	\$ 5,554,160	68%	90%	85%
Plunge Creek Water Recharge and Habitat Improvement*	SBVWCD	\$ 500,000	\$ 184,731 26.00%	\$ 25,769	\$ 710,500	29%	0%	52%
Prado Basin Sediment Mgmt Demonstration Project	OCWD	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,444,000 37.00%	\$ 1,704,000	\$ 3,898,000	35%	50%	55%
Lower Day Basin*	IEUA	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,531,171 37.00%	\$ 1,857,130	\$ 4,138,301	0%	18%	80%

* Construction will begin next quarter

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Yellow/Green – Delay experienced but will finish prior to Grant Completion Date

Yellow – Delay experienced, not on schedule, unsure if project will complete on time 82

Orange/Red – Project behind schedule, unsure if project will complete on time, or requires additional information

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CII Performance Based WUE Program	MWDOC	\$ 500,000	\$ 898,179 37.00%	\$ 1,029,333	\$ 2,427,512	100%	N/A	96%
Recycled Water Project Phase I	Riverside	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 4,283,000 35.88%	\$ 6,655,000	\$ 11,938,000	50%	50%	50%
Wilson III Basins Project and Wilson Basins/ Spreading Grounds*	Yucaipa	\$ 750,000	\$ 5,176,131 39.51%	\$ 7,173,869	\$ 13,100,000	28%	0%	58%

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Construction Complete – Final Report Pending

Project Name	Agency	Grant Amount	Required Funding Match	Add'l Cost Share	Total Project Cost	% Grant Billed	% Constr. Complete	% Project Complete
Perris Desalination Program Well 94	EMWD	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0 0.00%	\$ 9,238,280	\$ 10,238,280	100%	100%	100%
Quail Valley Subarea 9 Phase I Sewer System	EMWD	\$ 1,930,000	\$ 2,960,000 37.00%	\$ 3,110,000	\$ 8,000,000	25%	100%	99%
Enhanced SW Capture/Recharge Along the SAR ¹	SBVMWD	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 11,581,000 87.88%	\$ 597,200	\$ 13,178,200	100%	100%	95%
San Sevaine GW Recharge Basin	IEUA	\$ 750,000	\$ 925,001 32.34%	\$ 1,184,999	\$ 2,860,000	100%	100%	100%
Regional Residential Landscape Retrofit	IEUA	\$ 500,000	\$ 370,000 37.00%	\$ 130,000	\$ 1,000,000	100%	N/A	100%

¹ Phase 1A is complete; awaiting Amendment

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Construction Complete – Retention Released

Project Name	Agency	Grant Amount	Required Funding Match	Add'l Cost Share	Total Project Cost	% Grant Billed	% Constr. Complete	% Project Complete
Wineville Regional Recycled Water Pipeline/GW Recharge System Upgrades	IEUA	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0 0.00%	\$ 29,500,000 ²	\$ 30,500,000	100%	100%	100%
Corona/Home Gardens Multi-Jurisdictional Wtr Transmission Line	Corona	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 2,327,494 37.00%	\$ 2,663,031	\$ 6,290,525	100%	100%	100%
Canyon Lake Hybrid Treatment Process	LESJWA	\$ 500,000	\$ 327,635 37.00%	\$ 57,865	\$ 885,500	100%	100%	100%
Customer Handbook to Using Water Efficiently	WMWD	\$ 120,000	\$ 42,000 25.93%	\$ O	\$ 162,000	100%	N/A	100%

² \$29,500,000 in Other State Funds

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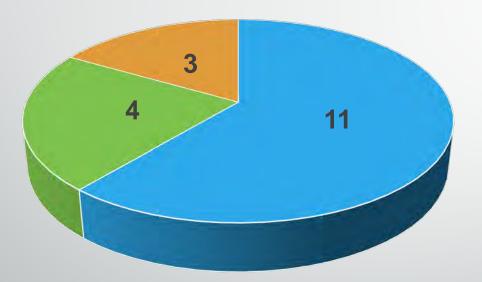
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Peters Canyon Channel Water Capture and Reuse Pipeline	Irvine	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 3,211,086 37.00%	\$ 4,467,523	\$ 8,678,609	100%	100%	100%
Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Wastewater Project	Soboba	\$ 147,905	\$ 53,000 26.38%	\$ 0	\$ 200,905	100%	N/A	100%

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Complete On Schedule Not On Schedule

- Plunge Creek Water Recharge and Habitat Improvement (SBVWCD)
- Recycled Water Project Phase I (Riverside Public Utilities)
- Wilson III Basins Project and Wilson Basins/Spreading Grounds (City of Yucaipa)

COVID-19 Impacts

Requesting a time extension for Round 2 to July 2021

- Regulatory / Permitting delays
- Potential delays on materials and equipment
- Process changes with RFPs and bid openings
- Site visits are on hold per DWR request

Questions?