Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Call for Projects Update

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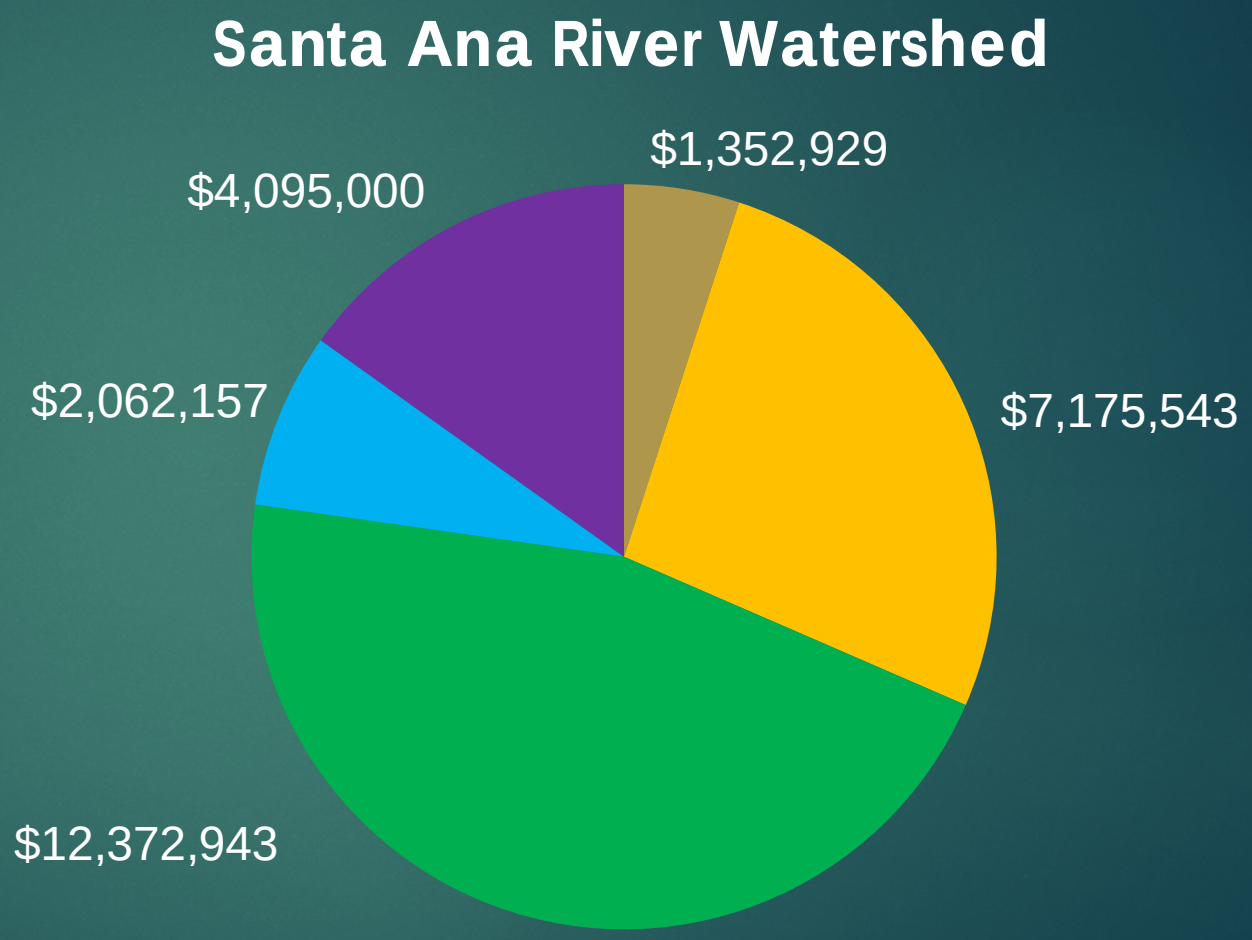
Purpose of Presentation

- Announce release of Call for Projects, and
- Cover items included in the Department of Water Resources' Prop 1 Round 2 draft guidelines and proposal solicitation package (PSP).

Prop 1 Round 2 Amounts by Category

Categories created by Agreement executed with North Orange County IRWM Group in 2019:

- Grant Admin
- North Orange County*
- Upper Watershed
- Watershed Wide
- DAC Implementation



Total = $27,058,572

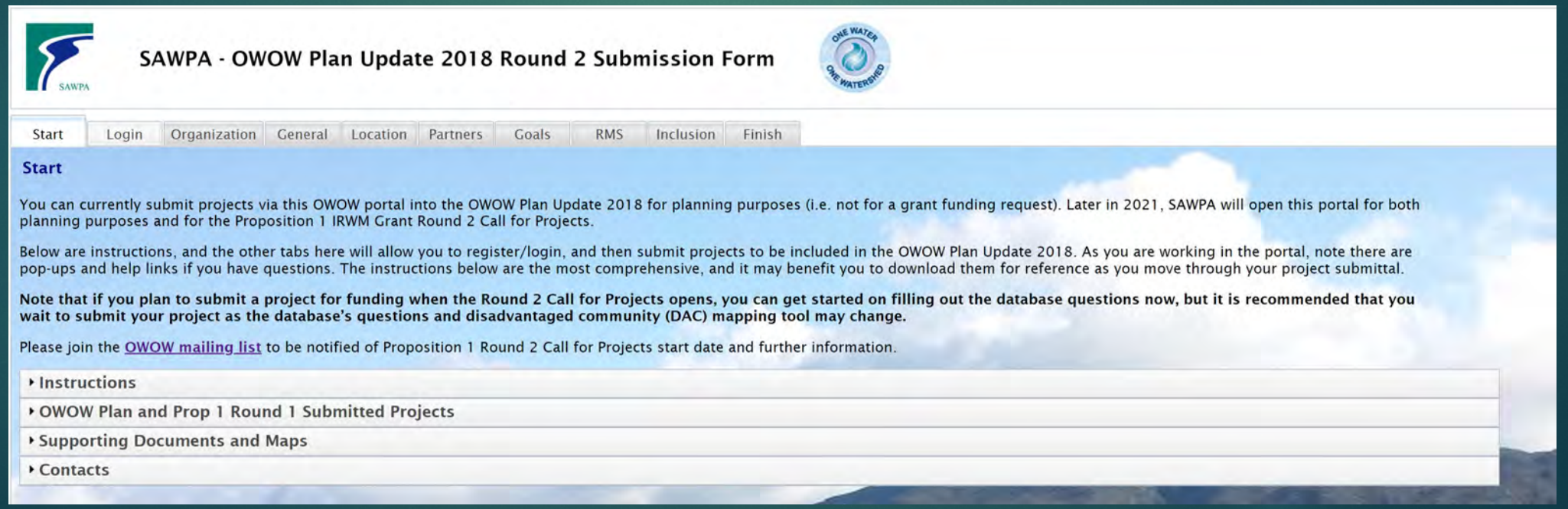
*Includes $989,072 carry over from Round 1

High-Level Round 2 (R2) Schedule

*March 25, 2022 is the close of the call for projects.

Call for Projects Form

- Form available: https://sawpa.org/owow/future-funding-opportunities/
- Workshops to be held every two to three weeks to assist interested project applicants.



Groups SAWPA Connecting with Regarding the Call for Projects Announcement

Entity from Approved Round 2 Communication Plan
Council of governments
Flood control districts
SAWPA member agencies and large to mid-sized retail water agencies
Small water agencies (mutual water companies, investor-owned utilities)
Tribes
Non-governmental organizations
Disadvantaged communities
Resource conservation districts
Forest related groups (National Forests, fire safe councils, Cal-Fire)

Draft PSP Items to Update Commission

DWR Policy from Draft PSP	Method for Incorporation into OWOW Process
Local application processes must prioritize projects that will have all California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and permitting completed within an estimated 12 months of the funding award date (Note: that award date is estimated to be May 2023).	During the participatory budgeting phase of the OWOW process, which occurs after projects are initially ranked, projects with an estimated schedule that reflects DWR's timeline will be also prioritized for funding.
Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Implementation projects may request that they be considered for General Implementation funding if DAC Implementation funds are completely utilized.	During the participatory budgeting phase of the OWOW process, which occurs after projects are initially ranked, if certain DAC Implementation projects are not initially within the top tier of their funding category, they may request General Implementation funding.

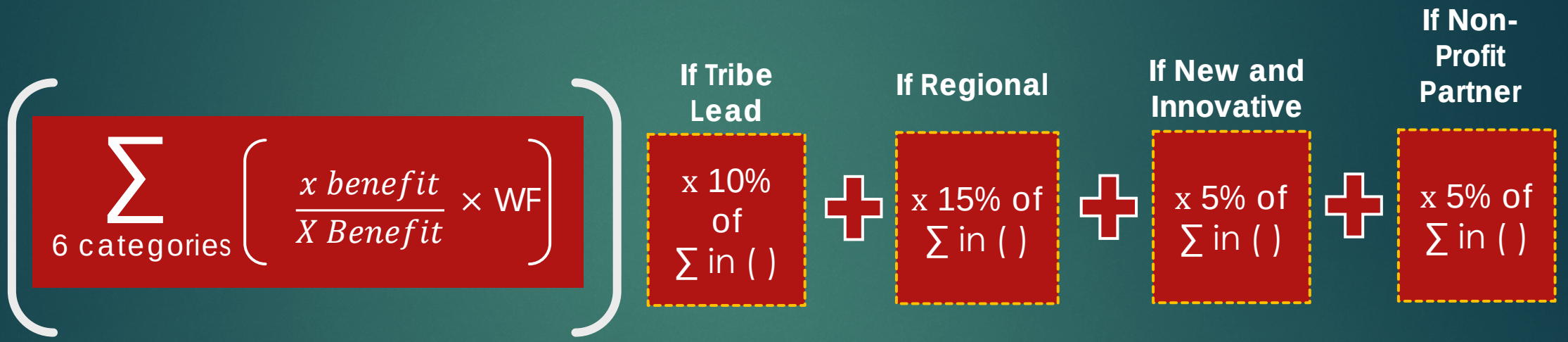
Competition Pools for Round 2

Disadvantaged Community Implementation ($4,095,000)

General Implementation ($14,435,100)

WF = Weighting Factor

Ranking Formula



*DAC competition pool has just 3 categories and the Tribal/NGO extra %. DAC also has 10% extra for an NGO that is the project lead (and not just a partner).

Detailed General Implementation Categories

Benefit Category	Weighting Factor	Category Information	Unit
Water Supply	9	Amount of water supply provided through innovation and optimization. *Can be recycled water.*	Acre Feet
Water Quality Improvement	8	Amount of water quality improved for people or the environment. *Can be wastewater.*	Million Gallons Per Day
Stormwater Protection	8	Amount of acres protected from flooding	Acres
Habitat Improvement	7	Amount of preserved or enhanced natural habitat	Acres
Percentage of DAC/EDA Area	6	Share of Benefit Area that is DAC/EDA (from +0% to 100%)	Percentage
Climate Change Adaptation/Mitigation	7	Amount of greenhouse gases removed/avoided from project implementation	Tons of CO2
Tribal Benefit	NA - Extra 10%	Lead applicant is federally recognized Indian Tribe or CA State Indian Tribe listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's CA Tribal Consultation List	Yes/No
Regional Benefit	NA - Extra 15%	Benefit area (or equivalent impact) covers at least approximately 75% of IRWM Funding Area, including adjacent IRWM Regions	Yes/No
New and Innovative Decision Support Tools	NA - Extra 5%	Project employs new or innovative technology or practices, or is a pilot project.	Yes/No
Non-Profit Partner or Lead (501c3)	NA – Extra 5%	Non-profit provides labor, land value, and/or resources, toward implementation of the project. If they are the lead (and not just a partner), project is also eligible for this 5%.	Yes/No

Detailed DAC Categories

Benefit Category*	Weighting Factor	Category Information	Unit
Water Supply	9	Amount of water supply provided	Acre Feet
Water Quality Improvement	8	Amount of water quality improved	Million Gallons Per Day
Stormwater Protection	8	Amount of acres protected from flooding	Acres
Tribal Benefit	NA – Extra 10%	Lead applicant is federally recognized Indian Tribe or CA State Indian Tribe listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's CA Tribal Consultation List	Yes/No
Non-Profit Partner or Lead (501c3)	NA – Extra 5% (or 10%)	Non-profit provides work, land value, and/or resources toward implementation of the project. If they are the lead, project receives 10% total	Yes/No

*No DAC-related weight; instead DAC tract will have a DAC-related gate whereby at least 75% of the benefit area must be DAC.

After Ranking Process ➡ OWOW Participatory Budgeting Process

- After rankings, OWOW workshops are to be held via the “Participatory Budgeting” Process.
  - Developed with the goals of **transparency**, objectivity, and deliberation.
- Purpose is to receive input on the projects proposed in both competition pools.
  - Is the project eligible for OWOW/Prop 1?
  - Are the benefits claimed realistic?
  - Is watershed improved without unreasonable expense/detriment to others?
  - Includes active participation of multiple agencies?

Ensuring 12-Month Ready Projects Are Prioritized

- Step 1 - Allocate funding to those top projects based on those top projects share of the sum of the weighted scores,
- Step 2 - Ensure any projects that meet DWR's schedule priority are prioritized:
  - 12-month schedule (starting after DWR award date) for CEQA/NEPA/Permitting.
  - This would apply to both general implementation and DAC competition pools.

Ensure any 12-month schedule projects are prioritized.

Project ID	Score
1	699
2	643
3	526
4	424
5	401
6	298
7	246
8	244
9	170
10	143
11	101
12	93

Top project threshold, Initial allocation.

Project 8 would move up with other high-ranking project.

Ensuring DAC Projects Can Potentially Receive General Impl. Funding

- During the participatory budgeting phase, if certain DAC projects are not within the top tier of their funding category, they may request General Implementation funding.

DAC Competition Pool

Project ID	Score
1	799
2	620
3	525
4	500
5	301
6	280
7	240
8	232

General Implementation Pool

Project ID	Score
1	699
2	643
3	526
4	424
5	401
6	298
7	246
8	244
9	170
10	143
11	101
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DAC projects below funding threshold can request to be considered in General Implementation pool's scores.

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Questions