Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Workshops

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Agenda

- IRWM Plan Standards
- Region Acceptance Process
- Integration of Flood Management
- Disadvantaged Communities
- Executive Actions & Legislation Update
- Schedule & Wrap Up

- Discussion period to follow each topic

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Purpose

- Update IRWM Stakeholders on IRWM Program and to solicit public input on the program.

Outcomes

- DWR receives early, specific input on IRWM program.
- Interested stakeholders understand the current status of the IRWM Program.

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Overview of Prop 84 IRWM

- Budget Update
- Public Resources Code (PRC) §75026 *et seq.*
- PRC §75026(a)
  - Assist local public agencies
  - Defines what an IRWM plan shall do
  - Defines projects eligible for funding
    - Consistent with an adopted IRWM
    - Multiple benefits
    - One or more project elements, PRC § 75026(a) 1-11
- PRC §75026(b) – Program Preferences

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Overview of Prop 84 IRWM

- PRC §75028(a)
  - Competitive grants within each funding area
  - May establish standards & procedures
    - Development & approval of local project selection processes
  - Defer to approved local project selection
    - Review projects only for consistency with PRC §75026
- PRC §75028(b) – No reallocation of funds

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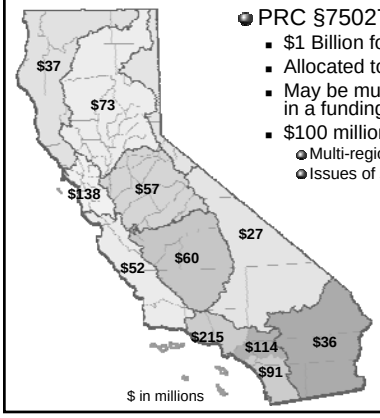

- PRC §75027
  - $1 Billion for IRWM
  - Allocated to "Funding Areas"
  - May be multiple IRWM regions in a funding area
  - $100 million Interregional
    - Multi-regional needs
    - Issues of statewide significance

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Prop 84 Regional Flood Management Planning

- Prop 84 Chapter 3 – Flood Control
  - $275 million for various actions including
  - "…implement a multi-objective management approach for floodplains…" (PRC §75032(e))
  - Amount Available
    - To be determined

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Prop 1E Stormwater-Flood Management Grant Program

- PRC §5096.827
- $300 million
- Stormwater Flood Management Projects
  - Designed to manage stormwater runoff to reduce flood damage
  - Provide other benefits, where feasible

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IRWM Plan Standards

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IRWM Plan Standards

- Goals:
  - Revise standards to provide impetus to improve quality and content of plans.
  - New standards not change over course of Prop 84 funding source.

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IRWM Plan Standards

- Mandated Changes
  - Bond law changes
- Process Improvement Changes
  - Separate "standards" from "guidance"
  - Prop 50 lessons learned
- Other changes, such as
  - Climate Change
  - Integration of flood management

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IRWM Plan Standards

- Draft <u>of</u> Standards
  - Still developing & refining
  - Best available direction
- Comparison Table
- Example Guidance

- Discussion/Q&A

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Discussion/Q&A

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Region Acceptance Process

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Review of Initial Concepts (Sept. 2007)

- "Pre-screening" prior to Step 1
  - Avoid repeat of Prop 50 Round 1 consolidations
  - Identify regional planning efforts
  - Early identification of consolidation needs
  - Evaluate funding needs
  - Formal process vs. Ad-hoc process

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Philosophy

- State grant program not the sole purpose of IRWM planning
- "Promote [IRWM] to ensure sustainable water uses, reliable supplies, better water quality, environmental stewardship, efficient urban development, protection of agriculture, and a strong economy" (CWP 2005)

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Regional Acceptance Process

- Rationale
  - Ensure effective planning and management prior to investment of State grant funds
  - Foster development of sustainable regional efforts
- Will apply to all IRWM Regions
  - New and Existing

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Region Acceptance Process

- Nurture effective IRWM Planning
- "Early intervention"
  - Address possible problems
- Will formalize process

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Process Steps

- Informal Session
  - Individual & meetings
    - DWR and IRWM effort(s) in Funding Area
  - Identify questions & concerns that should be addressed before "formal" submittal
- IRWM effort submits documentation
- DWR review & draft recommendations
- Public Review
- Final Decision

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Region Acceptance Process

- DWR Actions
  - Accept/Deny
  - Request additional information
  - Defer pending consolidation/coordination
- Who will make decision?
  - Initial discussions & recommendations
    - Division management & District Chiefs
  - Final decision – DWR Director

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Region Acceptance Process

- Need to consider:
  - Impact on grant schedules
    - Time to complete
    - Timing of Planning & Implementation grants
  - Structure to be efficient and effective
    - Minimize duplication of effort in Step 1 or Step 2

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Region Acceptance Process

- Need to consider:
  - Collective look at each Funding Area
    - Overlapping/Adjacent regions
    - Scheduling release of funds
    - Structuring competitive grant program
    - Integration of Flood Management

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Region Acceptance Process

- Need to consider:
  - Differing information needs for planning versus implementation grants
  - Amount of information available from "developing" regions
  - What happens when region is not accepted
    - Technical Assistance

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Discussion/Q&A

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Integration of Flood Management

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How to foster integration of:

- IRWM & Flood Management
- Incentive-based
  - Grant funding for planning
    - IRWM & Regional Flood Management (RFM)
  - Grant funding for implementation
    - IRWM & Stormwater-Flood Management
    - Funding dependent upon IRWM Plan
- DWR Example – California Water Plan

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RFM Planning Funds

- Funding from Prop 84
- Use to support:
  - Enhance existing Flood Management component of IRWM Plan
  - Begin RFM planning
- Proposal – Additive grant funding
  - Up to $1 million for IRWM Planning, plus
  - Up to $1 million for RFM Planning

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Stormwater-Flood Management

- Funding from Prop 1E
- Must demonstrate reduction in flood damage
  - "How to" guidance
- Non-state cost share of not less than 50%
  - Cannot waive or reduce
- Proposal – Maximum grant amount
  - $30 million/project

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Stormwater-Flood Management

- Not part of the State Plan of Flood Control
  - PRC §5096.805(j)
  - Need to provide technical assistance
  - Tiered Evaluation
    - "Obviously" not part
    - Unclear – DWR consultation
    - Detailed technical analysis

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Stormwater-Flood Management

- Consistent with applicable IRWM plan
  - Must be included in an IRWM plan
- Consistent with Basin Plan
  - Coordinate with RWQCB
- DWR will also coordinate with SWRCB
  - Prop 84 Stormwater Grant funding
  - Input on water quality issues

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Stormwater-Flood Management

- Implementing Legislation – AB739 (Laird)
- Develop Guidelines
- Coordinate with SWRCB
- Project Preferences
  - Not receiving funds from:
    - PRC §§ 5096.824 or 75034
  - Provides multiple benefits:
    - Water quality improvements, ecosystem, reduces in-stream erosion & sedimentation, groundwater recharge

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Should DWR Consider?

- Additional Program Priorities
  - Advancing regional flood management
  - Meeting IRWM Objectives and Priorities
  - Meeting needs of Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
  - Fostering Low Impact Development
  - Projects with highest flood damage reduction
- How?
  - Scoring Criteria
  - Funding Set Asides

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Discussion/Q&A

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Disadvantaged Communities Assistance

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DAC Assistance

- Intent is to assist DACs to effectively participate in the long-term IRWM process
- Foster inclusion of DACs in IRWM solutions
- Not designed to comprehensively address immediate needs of DACs

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DAC Assistance

- $15 million proposed over 4 years
  - $5 million Planning Grant component
    - 2 years @ $2.5 million
  - $10 million DAC Assistance component
    - 4 years @ $2.5 million
- Proposal – Assistance cap
  - $500,000 per
    - Funding Area?
    - Region?
    - Project?

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DAC Assistance – Year 1

- Funding for planning grants, plus
- Considering a Pilot Program
  - Directed funding to entities to perform varying examples of DAC assistance
  - Looks at possible assistance models
  - Successful items transfer to Year 2 grant program

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DAC Assistance – Year 2

- Grant program
  - Part of the planning grant application
  - May include assistance for:
    - Targeted DAC outreach
    - DAC participation in the IRWM planning
    - Technical assistance for needs assessment, design, technical writing
    - Feasibility Studies
    - Construction of projects of immediate

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Discussion/Q&A

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Executive Actions and Legislation Update

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Executive Actions

- EO S-02-06
  - Small Business/DVBE
- ES S-02-07
  - Bond Accountability
    - Reporting
    - Performance
  - http://www.bondaccountability.ca.gov/

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Legislation Update - Enrolled

- AB739
  - Stormwater Management
- AB566
  - IRWM funds may be used to support CIMIS
- AB1420
  - Demand Management Measures

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Implementation of AB1420

- Affects Urban Water Suppliers receiving water management grants
- Affects agreements executed after
  - January 1, 2009
- Initial compliance
  - "Foundational BMPs"
- Future compliance
  - "Quantitative BMPs"

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Implementation of AB1420

- Allowed to receive grant funding if:
  - Document full implementation of BMP
  - Document not cost effective
- Not fully implementing or not cost effective:
  - Submit finance plan, schedule, and budget to DWR for approval

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Implementation of AB1420

- Can comply as:
  - Retail Urban Water Supplier
  - Wholesale Urban Water Supplier
  - Regionally with multiple Urban Water Suppliers
- DWR Contact – Dave Todd
  (916) 651-7027 or dtodd@water.ca.gov

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Legislation Update - Active

- AB2501
  - Includes appropriation language
- AB1654
  - Provides direction on content of IRWM Plans

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Schedule

- Regional Acceptance – Summer 2008
- Draft Guidelines – Late Summer 2008
- Final Guidelines – End of 2008
- Planning Grant Solicitations – Early 2009
- Awards – Mid 2009
- Implementation Grants to follow

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Wrap up

- Meeting Rotation Schedule
- Next Steps
- Electronic Input
  - Word compatible file
  - Emailed to DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov
  - Received by June 5, 2008
  - Questions – Joe Yun @ (916) 651-9222

http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/irwm/integregio.cfm

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