

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

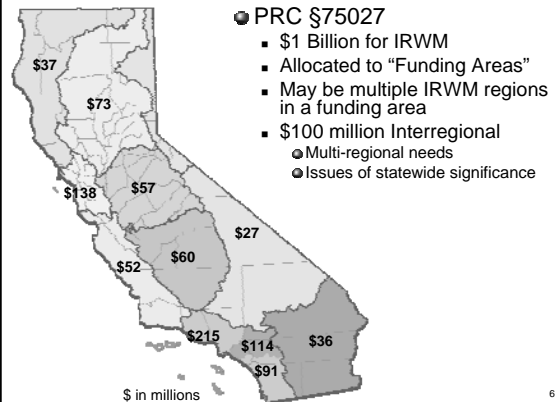
- Budget Update
- Public Resources Code (PRC) §75026 *et seq.*
- PRC §75026(a)
 - Assist local public agencies
 - Defines what an IRWM plan shall do
 - Defines projects eligible for funding
 - Consistent with an adopted IRWM
 - Multiple benefits
 - One or more project elements, PRC § 75026(a) 1-11
-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