

Prop 84 Implementation Grant, **Round 2** Project Selection Process Meeting #4



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Agenda

- Regional background info
- Strategies to select grant amount
- Review of important DWR guidelines
- Discuss pros and cons of top 5 projects
- Consideration of other projects to round-out package
- Rank projects 1 – 5
- Select draft final projects
- Each Committee members submits suggested grant funding amount for final project(s) assuming two scenarios: \$7.5 M and 3.0 M
- Agree on final grant projects and final grant amount request

Today's Handouts

- PowerPoint Presentation
- Project Pros and Cons
- Grant Funding Scenarios
- DAC Project Info
- Ballot for Top 5 Projects

Regional Objectives

- Protect, conserve, and augment water supplies
- Protect, increase, and manage groundwater supplies
- Practice balanced natural resource stewardship
- Protect and improve water quality
- Improve flood management
- Improve emergency preparedness
- Maintain and enhance water and wastewater infrastructure efficiency and reliability
- Plan for and adapt to climate change
- Ensure equitable distribution of benefits

Strategic Considerations



- Inter-regional coordination
 - San Luis Obispo: Asking for full \$7.5 million
 - Monterey County: Will apply for \$4.5 million
 - Monterey Peninsula: Evaluating projects and options
 - Pajaro River WS: In evaluation phase. Likely to seek full amount
 - Santa Cruz: Likely to apply. Currently selecting and evaluating projects
- DWR need for DAC projects
- Application score is KEY
- Consideration of regions with no Prop 84 funding

Key DWR Information

Key Project Criteria

- Achieves multiple regional objectives
- Achieves multiple benefits
- Multiple strategies
- Status of design
- High percent of matching funds
- Matching funds are committed
- Matching funds are identified
- Benefits a DAC
- Integration between multiple organizations

DWR Criteria

- Work Plan (15 pts.)
 - How help achieve objectives
 - Linkages/synergies between projects
 - Implementable, permitting/CEQA, data management, monitoring
- Budget (5 pts.), Schedule (5 pts.), Monitoring, Assessment, and Performance Measures (5 pts.),
- Technical Justification (10 pts.)
 - Achieve claimed benefits
 - Fully supported by well described physical benefits
 - Documentation of technical adequacy

DWR Criteria (con't)

- Benefits and Costs Analysis (30 pts.)
 - Collectively, proposal LIKELY to provide high level of benefits in relationship to costs
 - This finding is supported by detailed, high quality analysis and clear and complete documentation
- Program Preferences (5 pts.)
 - One-half point for each PP (including Statewide Priorities)
 - Get one full point is address critical water supply or quality for DAC
 - 5 pts. Only if meets 8 non-DAC preferences AND includes project meeting DAC Program Preference
- Tie-Breaker Points (5 pts.) (if no Prop 84 funding)

Program Preferences

- Regional projects or programs
- Effectively integrate water management programs and projects within a hydrologic region
- Effectively resolve significant water-related conflicts within or between regions
- Contribute to attainment of one or more of the objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program
- Address critical water supply or water quality needs of DACs within the region
- Effectively integrate water management with land use planning
- Address statewide priorities

DWR Statewide Priorities

- Drought preparedness (reduce water use, groundwater basin management, and system interties)
- Use and reuse water more efficiently (conservation, recycling, capture/treat stormwater, LID)
- Climate change response actions
- Expanded environmental stewardship
- Integrated flood management
- Ensure equitable distribution of benefits (increase participation of DACs, multi-benefit projects, address safe drinking water and wastewater treatment needs)

DAC Critical Water Supply or Water Quality

- Definition of a project that addresses a critical water supply or water quality
- Critical = severe threat to the health and safety of the DAC
- See Table 9 Handout

Selection Panel Criteria

- Amount of funds available
- Proposal review and score
- Program Preferences
- Distribution of funding within a funding area

Pros and Cons of Projects

Consideration of Other Project to Round out Package

Rank Projects 1 - 5

Draft Selection of Final Projects

Scenario Exercise

- \$3 million
- \$7.5 million

Agree on Final Projects and Grant Amount

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Levels of Consensus

1. I can say an **unqualified “yes”** to the decision. I am satisfied that the decision is an express of wisdom of the group.
2. I find the decision **perfectly acceptable**. It is the best of the real options that are available.
3. I can **live with** the decision. However, I am not especially enthusiastic about it.
4. I do not fully agree with the decision and need to register my view about it. However, I do not choose to block the decision and will **stand aside**. I am willing to support the decision because I trust the wisdom of the group.
5. I **do not agree** with the decision and request that it be noted that the decision was not made by consensus.
6. I feel that we have no clear sense of unity in the group. **We need to do more work** before consensus can be achieved.

Considerations for Voting and Consensus

- Strive to achieve consensus - defined as all Committee members voting at Consensus Levels 1 through 4
- If not in consensus (one or more members vote at Consensus Level 5 or 6), continue discussion in an attempt to reach consensus.
- The Consultant will declare “an impasse” and call for a vote
- Make non-consensus decisions by simple majority vote