

# Prop 84 Implementation Grant, **Round 2** Project Selection Process Kick-Off Meeting



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**RMC**

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# Agenda

- Ad Hoc Committee
- The Region's IRWM Accomplishments
- Keep in Mind
- Lessons Learned
- Chartering
- Process
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

# What Santa Barbara has Accomplished

- \$28.5 million+ to Region
- IRWM Plan – 2007
- Prop 50 Grant - \$25 M
- RAP Process
- Biennial Review and Project Selection Process – 2010
- Prop 84 Grants – Planning (\$556,000) and Project Implementation (+\$3M)



# Keep in Mind...

- \$7.6 M for Funding Area (6 regions)
- Cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000 per project
- Ap must be **HIGHLY** competitive
- Need agency to manage grant application



# Lessons Learned – Round 1

- Last process was too costly and time intensive
- Stick to the schedule
- Conduct initial benefit:cost analysis BEFORE selecting
- Meet with sponsors to screen projects
  - Assume project is “not-ready” until proven “ready”
  - Require all information at meeting – no exceptions
  - Set sponsor expectations (grant ap info and project follow-thru)
  - Resolution required to certify matching funds obligated

# Chartering

## Decision-Making

- Levels of Consensus
- Considerations for Voting Rules and Consensus

## Operating Guidelines

- Agree on Vision, Goals, Objectives
- Discuss Committee and individual responsibilities
- Identify critical success factors
- Problem? Let's discuss internally

# Ahead of Time

- Agency/organization asked to submit top 1 or 2 projects
  - Must be on list of 114 eligible projects
  - Ready-to-go by Sept 30, 2013
- Rank projects per criteria used in project “prioritization” for Plan 2013
  - Draw line at natural break point to get top 40 projects
  - Distribute to Ad Hoc Committee

# 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



# Meeting Schedule

## 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting:

Agree on Process  
Select Top Tier (40)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting:

Select 10 – 14 Projects  
Answer Key Questions  
Approve Assessment Form

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting:

Prior Review of  
Assessments  
Meet with Sponsors  
Select Final Projects

# 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

- Chartering: Decision-Making and Operating Guidelines
- Agree on Process
  - Agency/organization submits top 1 or 2 “ready-to-go” projects
  - Score projects based on Plan 2013 criteria
  - Select top tier (40) projects
  - Narrow down list to 10 – 14 projects
  - Answer key questions:
    - Are we ready to field a HIGHLY competitive application?
    - What agency leads grant application?
    - What agency is lead agency for administration of grant?
  - Interview Project Proponents
  - Select final projects

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

- Approaches to Selecting top 10 – 14 Projects
  - Ready-to-go analysis (status of design, matching funds committed, etc.)
  - Compare agency “top picks” to 40 projects and reduce number of projects
  - Have separate list of DAC projects (score of above 3) and make sure top ones are on list
  - Consider geography – 3 sub-regions
  - Review list of objectives to make sure key objectives met
  - Review RMC “straw man” list of Dream Team
- Answer Key Questions
  - Vote on whether to proceed with Round 2
  - Identify agency/organization to manage Round 2 Grant Application
  - What entity will be Lead Agency, if successful
- Agree on questions for the Project Assessment Form and (1 week) send out
- Plan 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting (interviews of project proponents)

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

- Send out Project Assessment Form
- Ad Hoc Committee reviews Project Assessment Forms and scoring PRIOR to meeting
- Interview Project Proponents
- Select projects for Round 2

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# Odds 'n Ends

- Inter-regional coordination
- How much should we ask for?
- Appeal process?
- Next meetings – in person - 1 -4 pm at CCWA on 12/5 and 12/12
- Other

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