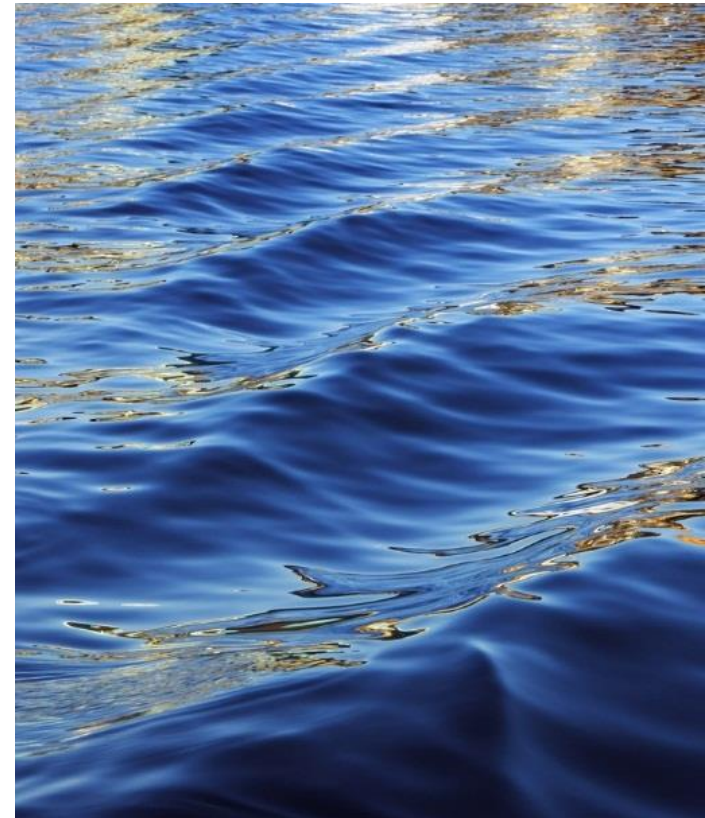


Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management Program

Thursday, June 10, 2021

1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Cooperating Partners Meeting





IRWM Cooperating Partners Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2021 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM


[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

AGENDA ITEMS

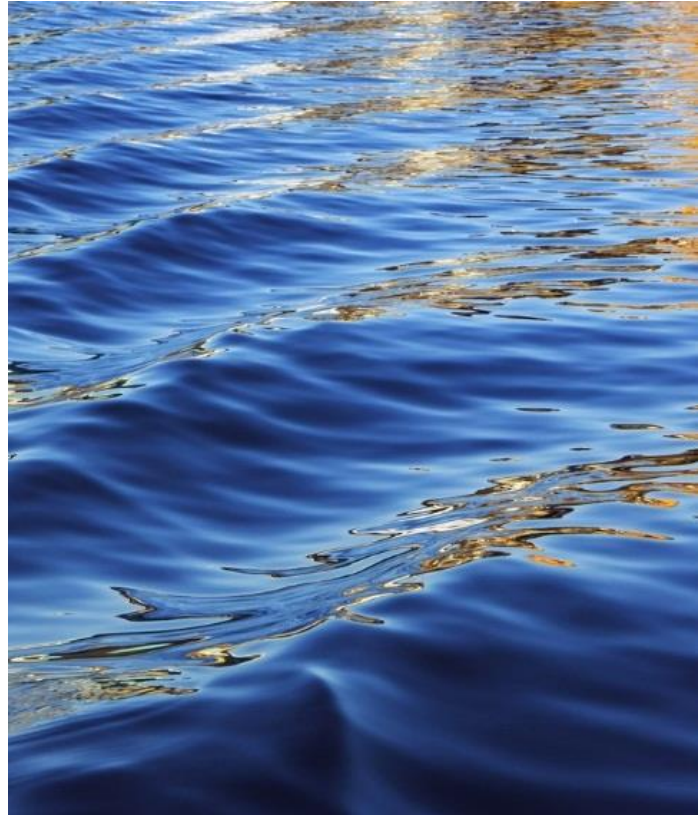
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- DEI, EJ and SJ and IRWM
 - Sub-Committee
- Plan Implementation – Resource Management Strategies
 - Sub-Committee
- IRWM Round 2 Funding
 - Letter to DWR from CCFA
- Water Bond Coalition Update (Standing Item)
- Roundtable of Regions Update (Standing Item)
 - Steering Committee Nomination – Letter of Support
- Other Funding Opportunities

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**Presentation from
Michelle Sevilla –
Central Coast Climate
Justice Network (3CJN)**




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**Santa Barbara County
– Stormwater
Resources Plan –
Update & Changes**



Santa Barbara County Stormwater Resources Plan

- Update on Changes and Adoption for the SWRCB
 - Implementation cost and dates for high priority projects were added to Appendix I.
 - Timing to secure funds was added to Section 5.1
 - A list of potential funding opportunities was added to Section 5.1
 - <https://cosantabarbara.box.com/s/aogsjy6ffxdqazobglquzwwgwczb4lyyw>
 - <http://www.countyofsb.org/pwd/stormwater.sbc#:~:text=The%20County%2Dwide%20Integrated%20Stormwater,reliability%20of%20local%20water%20supplies%2C>

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**DACI Needs
Assessmen,
Ethnography & Next
Steps**



DACI Assessment, Ethnography & Next Steps

- DACI Assessment
 - Wrapping up in 2021
 - Comprises CCFA document and local document
 - Summarizes needs, projects and must implement next steps
 - Sub-committee needed for implementation
 - Needs scope and name

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DEI, EJ and SJ and IRWM Implementation

DEI, EJ and SJ and IRWM Implementation

- EJ has always been a part of the Plan Standards for the IRWM Plan
- DEI and SJ are being incorporated at the DWR and RTOR level
- DACI Needs Assessment and Ethnography demonstrate that SJ and DEI need to be actively woven into the IRWM Plan and in implementation
- Sub-Committee – can be the same sub-committee as the Needs Assessment/DACI sub-committee

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Resource Management Strategies




RMS - Plan Implementation

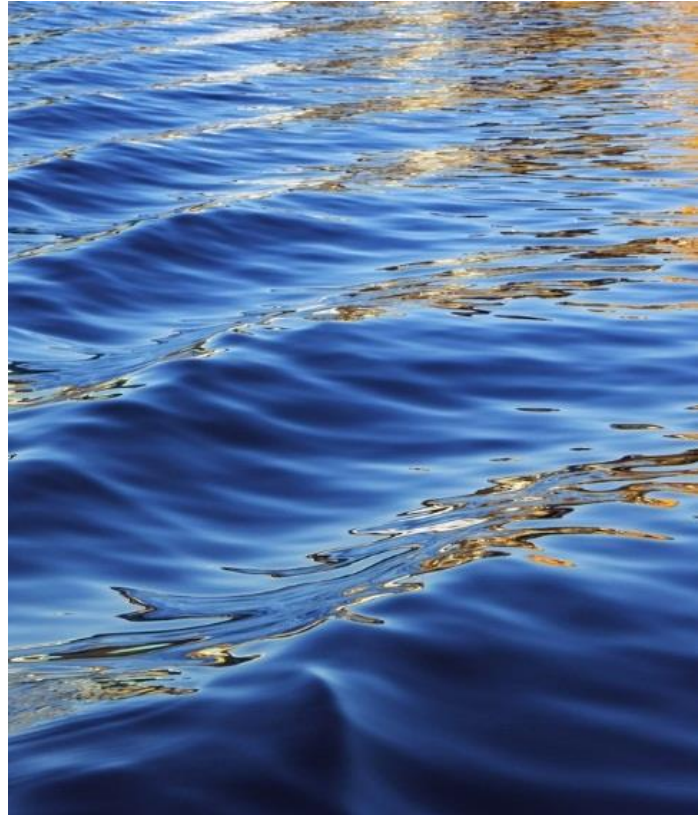
- IRWM Plan requires tracking and measurement to goals
- RMS were re-adopted in 2020 and focus is needed to implement
- Sub-Committee is needed for work on strategic areas, e.g.
 - Climate Resilience
 - Wildfire/Watershed Planning and Actions
 - Regional coordination

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**IRWM
Round 2
Implementation**



IRWM Central Coast Funding Area (CCFA)

May 28, 2021

California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
Sacramento, CA 94236
DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov

Delivered via email: DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov

RE: CCFA Comment Letter on the Proposed Changes to DWR's Round 2 Draft Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP)

Dear DWR IRWM Staff Members:

We would like to thank you for this opportunity to comment on DWR's proposed changes to the Draft PSP for Round 2 IRWM Funding. This letter represents the collective comments of IRWM regions in the Central Coast.

The IRWM Regions are in full support of the following improvements proposed by DWR:


- Provision of a clear timeline for the application and agreement development process.
- Provision of virtual and individual meetings to answer questions and provide feedback. We would also support a CCFA-wide workshop.
- Creation of an FAQ page and explicit clarification of lists and guidelines.
- Explicitly clarify the requirements related to DACs, specifically what is meant by direct benefits to DACs and eligibility, and we would support the provision of example projects.
- Assignment of core grant management staff to act as contacts and who are able to message requirements and guidance with consistency.
- Provide direct clarification on scoring criteria and methodology for all projects, particularly DAC projects.
- Elimination of redundancy in the forms.
- Promotion of climate resilience through the PSP.
- Clarity around the applicability of Decision Support Tool projects to support climate change vulnerability analysis.
- Simplification of the application and process.
- Update of the CEQA placeholder language to allow for exemption for projects with low-risk permits.
- Allowance for the redistribution of awarded funds should projects drop out of the suite of projects awarded.

Furthermore, we would like to see DWR clarify guidance and allow for grant eligibility of project-related indirect costs (administrative overhead) similar to other Proposition 1 funded programs (e.g., Coastal Conservancy; Department of Fish and Wildlife). Ensuring such costs are eligible removes a potential barrier to participation particularly for organizations serving economically disadvantaged communities.



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Water Bond Coalition



AB 45, SB 1500 and Budget Negotiations

- Bond Coalition, RTORs, Santa Barbara County IRWM and others have sent letters of support
- AB 45 is now parked in the Rule Committee and SB 1500 is inactive – all pending Budget Negotiations
- Bond Coalition, RTORs, Santa Barbara County IRWM and others have sent letters of support for the Governor's proposed budget
- Legislature has until June 15th to pass a budget
- We are reaching out to local legislators on IRWM and the Governor's Budget





Roundtable of Regions



Roundtable of Regions

- DACI Working Group met on June 9, 2021
- Put together legislative talking points and advocating for IRWM allocations in the Governor's budget
- Request the inclusion of \$510 million for IRWM funding to address the resiliency of water supplies to the impacts of climate change.
- Request that "IRWM Planning Regions accepted by DWR" be included in any language listing eligible grantees for drought and/or wildfire funding



Roundtable of Regions
Virtual Legislative Outreach 2021

v4 (06-09-21)

Talking Points

Dates: ASAP

Climate Resilience Starts with IRWM

IRWM Overview

- Created by the Legislature in 2002.
 - Established 48 Regions that serve 99% of California's population.
- IRWM is a highly effective and efficient collaborative effort to plan and implement water management solutions on a regional scale.
- The IRWM approach delivers a higher value for investments by considering all interested entities and encouraging diverse.
- Purpose and benefits of IRWM:
 - Voluntary collaborative approach to solve regional water management priorities.
 - Plans for and implements multi-benefit projects for future climate resiliency.
- IRWM is a grant program that is leveraged by matching local funds.
 - Over the past several years, the state has invested approximately \$1.45 billion in bond funds in IRWM projects.
 - The regions throughout the state have matched that amount with an additional \$5.6 billion spent on those collaborative projects.
 - In total, over \$7 billion has been invested to implement more than 1,500 multi-benefit projects statewide.
- Local statistics:
 - Where your region sits in relation to the legislator's district.
 - Number of DACs and Tribes in your region.
 - Amount of funding received from the State, amount of local match, total money spent on implementation, and number and type of projects implemented.

IRWM is a successful and proven regional water resilience platform

- Already operational and highly effective.
- Includes most of the stakeholders working collaboratively.
- IRWM approach delivers higher value for public investment by considering all interested stakeholders working across jurisdictional boundaries.
- Prioritizes multi-benefit projects
- IRWM Plans already include climate vulnerability analysis.
- One of the few State programs that addresses the needs of Tribes and disadvantaged communities.




Roundtable of Regions


- Recruiting for Steering Committee Members
- Steering Committee member responsibilities include:
 - Attending monthly Steering Committee meetings
 - Communicating with their regions and provide regional perspective
 - Providing input on Roundtable white papers, comment letters and collateral materials
 - Consulting on the content of one Roundtable website topic
 - Voluntarily leading one or more assignments from the Roundtable Business Plan

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**Other (non-IRWM)
Funding
Opportunities**



Funding

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) is now accepting applications for Environmental Justice Small Grants (2021 Cycle). See [Environmental Justice Small Grants Program](#) for more information.

- Purpose: To provide support for collaborative projects that catalyze grassroots change and address environmental justice issues.
- Administering Agency: CalEPA
- Total Funding Available: Up to \$50,000 per applicant. The grant term will be 18 months.
- Eligible Organizations: Federally-recognized Tribal governments, non-profit entities, and other organizations that meet all of the following criteria:
 - Operates primarily for scientific, educational, service, charitable, or other similar purposes in the public interest;
 - Not organized for profit;
 - Uses its net proceeds to maintain, improve, or expand, or any combination thereof, its operations; and
 - Is a tax-exempt organization under federal Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) or is able to provide evidence that the State of California recognizes the organization as a non-profit entity.
- Eligible Project Types: The project must have a clear focus on community specific environmental issues that address community or Tribal interests. Projects will address a variety of environmental and public health objectives, including:
 - Disseminating information about environmental challenges and decision-making processes
 - Enhancing local capacity to respond, adapt and prepare for climate change impacts
 - Ensuring safe drinking water
 - Guarding against toxic exposures and increasing resource conversation locally
 - Designing and implementing collaborative efforts to preserve the State's natural and cultural resources with an emphasis on traditional ecological knowledge and Tribal sciences
- Applications due: **August 13 (Friday)** via [CalEPA Environmental Justice Program](#) or a hard copy may be submitted by mail to:
CalEPA Headquarters Building
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812-2815

For more information, visit the website: <https://calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/Funding/>.



Funding

The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) is working on a new program **to fund the operations and maintenance (O&M) costs of specific disadvantaged community (DAC) drinking water systems** over three to five years. There is up to approximately \$27.5 million in remaining Proposition 68 Groundwater funds that may be used for this purpose. For consistency with Proposition 68 requirements, the program will be focused on systems that are treating contaminated groundwater.

Please note that specific water system eligibility requirements and prioritization criteria have not yet been established. At this time, DFA is focused on identifying eligible entities, such as public agencies, public water systems, or nonprofits, that are interested in receiving a grant to run a local or regional program that provides O&M funding to multiple water systems. If your organization would like to participate in this important effort to support DAC systems, the first step is to submit a Letter of Interest by **July 12, 2021**.

The [Request for Letters of Interest](#) has more information. If you have questions after reviewing the [Request for Letters of Interest](#), please contact Meghan Tosney, Supervising Engineer, at Meghan.Tosney@waterboards.ca.gov.



Funding

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds plans and projects that reduce the effects of future natural disasters. In California, these funds are administered by the Cal OES HMGP Unit. Eligible subapplicants include state agencies, local governments, special districts, and some private non-profits.

FEMA/Cal OES **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)** Funding Opportunity:

- DR-4558 (Round II) Subapplications due (postmarked) to Cal OES **6/18/2021**

Please visit: <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/recovery/disaster-mitigation-technical-support/404-hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

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Thank You!



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