

Tahoe-Sierra IRWM - 30 April 2014 Partnership Meeting  
Attachment 1 Considerations for Project Selection/Participation for the 2014 Draft Drought  
Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) and IRWM Guidelines

The recently released Prop 84 draft 2014 Drought Guidelines and PSP (linked at end) identifies the following criteria for a potential applicant to consider before embarking on the significant effort to prepare a grant application by as early as July 1, 2014.

1. Eligible project types– does the project meet a critical drought need? p.8 of draft PSP says:
  - Provide immediate regional drought preparedness
    - i. (See Table 1 of the 2014 IRWM Drought Guidelines (p. 11 of draft guidelines) for a definition of drought preparedness)  
From Table 1: Proposals that contain projects that effectively address long-term drought preparedness by contributing to sustainable water supply and reliability during water shortages. **Drought preparedness projects do not include drought emergency response actions, such as trucking of water or lowering well intakes.** Desirable proposals will achieve one or more of the following:
      - Promote water conservation, conjunctive use, reuse and recycling
      - Improve landscape and agricultural irrigation efficiencies
      - Achieve long term reduction of water use
      - Efficient groundwater basin management
      - Establish system inerties
  - Increase local water supply reliability and the delivery of safe drinking water
  - Assist water suppliers and regions to implement conservation programs and measures that are not locally cost-effective
  - Reduce water quality conflicts or ecosystem conflicts created by the drought
2. Will the project score well (p.27 of the draft PSP - attached) – Can the project get the 3 extra points address the Human Right to water per CWC 106.3 (e.g. needed to meet health and safety needs?)
  - a. Att 2 of the PSP (p. 19 of PSP)– re drought actions taken
    - A description of the regional water management impacts due to the 2014 Drought and any anticipated or projected impacts if drought or dry year conditions continue into 2015. The description must be not more than 500 words in length. (up to 5 out of 18 max pts)
    - A description of the water conservation measures/restrictions, mandatory or voluntary, that have been implemented as a result of the 2014 Drought. Include supporting documentation, such as copies of local drought declarations or conservations directives. Discuss any planned or anticipated actions if drought or dry year conditions continue into 2015. The description must be not more than 500 words in length. (up to 5 out of 18 max pts)

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3. Per p. 24 of the draft PSP Ready to construct/implement (bids have closed) by April 1, 2015 (to get maximum 2 points)
4. Would they be willing to be fiscal agent as well as project proponent with resources to complete application by July 1 (early date)-within 30 days of issuance of final PSP/Guidelines
5. There are also IRWM Plan update schedule constraints that could be problematic- to prepare a drought application requires us to accelerate the plan update schedule by about 2 months (draft by June 1) and it may be required to adopt the plan in two stages. (see adoption requirement below and potential adoption schedule on p. 4)
6. Given the significant effort required to prepare the application and to administer the grant if accepted, it is suggested that a minimum per project cost be around \$250,000-\$500,000+; other funding opportunities (see p. 5) may be less onerous
7. These are reimbursement grants (i.e. the agency needs to carry the cash flow for 6+ months before being reimbursed 90% of the invoice amount, the remaining 10% retention is released at the end of the grant)

If a decision is made to submit an application, then the fiscal agent and project proponents should immediately begin to plan for the submittal.

2014 Prop 84 draft guidelines link:

[http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/docs/Guidelines/P84\\_IRWM\\_GL\\_Drought2014\\_PublicReviewDraft.pdf](http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/docs/Guidelines/P84_IRWM_GL_Drought2014_PublicReviewDraft.pdf)

2014 Prop 84 draft PSP link:

[http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/docs/ImplementationGrants/P84\\_IRWM\\_PSP\\_Drought2014\\_PublicReviewDraftV2.pdf](http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/docs/ImplementationGrants/P84_IRWM_PSP_Drought2014_PublicReviewDraftV2.pdf)

Adoption Requirements – from p. 17 of draft PSP

“Adopted Plan and Proof of Formal Adoption – The necessary documentation consists of proof of formal adoption (i.e. a signature page, with dates of signature) **by all RWMG entities and project proponents**...The adopted IRWM Plan must be consistent with the 2012 IRWM Program Guideline Plan Standards. (KJ Note: we believe this means that the plan also has to be reviewed by DWR for compliance with the 2012 guidelines – 60 days max – this can potentially occur concurrent with adoption but may require plan amendment if any changes need to be made)

DWR has established a Plan Review Process (PRP) designed to assess whether IRWM plans are consistent with the IRWM Plan Standards. The PRP is described in Appendix H of the 2014 IRWM Drought Guidelines. The plan submittal process discussed in the PSP will remain open throughout this solicitation. If proof of adoption is not available at the time of application provide a statement in this attachment that discusses whether the RWMG is currently developing its initial IRWM Plan or in the process of updating a prior

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IRWM Plan. Also list the anticipated date of plan adoption and the date that proof of adoption will be submitted to DWR.

In order to be considered eligible for the 2014 IRWM Drought funding, the adopted plan and proof of adoption must be submitted to DWR, at the address listed Section V.2 of the PSP, no later than <insert date – Assume 45 calendar days after application due date>.

### Funding Availability

From p. 9 of draft PSP — Available funding \$200m of \$451 m for drought round. There are 6 other IRWM's associated with the Lahontan Funding Area; It is possible that all \$ for a funding area could get allocated in this round (see item below re recommended comments)

[http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/docs/FundingAreaContacts/LahontanFA2013\\_0205.pdf](http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/docs/FundingAreaContacts/LahontanFA2013_0205.pdf)

Table 1 – Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Funding		
Column A	Column B	Column C
Funding Area	Proposition 84 Schedule	Funding Area Remaining Balances
North Coast	\$37,000,000	\$19,747,939
San Francisco Bay	\$138,000,000	\$73,483,858
Central Coast	\$52,000,000	\$19,748,065
Los Angeles-Ventura	\$215,000,000	\$96,340,789
Santa Ana	\$114,000,000	\$74,482,996
San Diego	\$91,000,000	\$56,512,951
Sacramento River	\$73,000,000	\$40,518,410
San Joaquin River	\$57,000,000	\$26,696,455
Tulare/Kern	\$60,000,000	\$16,217,196
Lahontan	\$27,000,000	\$10,705,051
Colorado River	\$36,000,000	\$16,700,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$900,000,000</b>	<b>\$451,153,710</b>

Recommend making comments re Draft PSP and Guidelines by 15 May re:

- All funding for a funding area shouldn't be allocated in this drought round
- Request at least 45 days from issuance of final PSP to application due date
- Adoption timeline for Round 2 Planning Grant Recipients should be clarified – it is not clear whether DWR review needs to occur before adoption. If DWR review is before adoption, then adoption schedule for eligibility needs to be relaxed
- Areas with significant DAC population and/or low population density should be graded on a lower scale than urban areas because of limited resources for preparation of grant applications
- Others?

Those interested in further discussions re this PSP, please stay after meeting.

## Tahoe Sierra IRWM Plan Adoption Schedule with IRWM Drought Solicitation Dates

Attachment 1

Tahoe-Sierra IRWM - Potential Schedule Options

24-Apr-14

TASK	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Draft Plan Released for Public Review and Present Draft Plan			●						
RWMG/Partnership Plan Review with optional meeting			■ Three weeks after Public Presentation						
Response to Comments			■ 2-3 weeks for K/J to incorporate Partnership and DWR comments						
Final Plan				▲					
Option 1: DWR Review of Draft Final Plan (may not meet DWR requirements of final plan if not reviewed by Partnership)			■ Simultaneous with Public Review						
Option 1: Adopt Final Plan after DWR Review					■ Partnership to Adopt DWR reviewed Plan				
Option 2: Adopt Final Plan by RWMG (May not meet DWR interpretation of 2012 Compliant plan because not reviewed by DWR)					■ Adoption prior to DWR Review				
Option 2: DWR Review of Adopted Plan						■ May require Plan edits after DWR review			
IRWM Drought Application Due - early and late dates				●	●				
Proof of IRWM Adoption by all RWMG and Project proponents within 45 days of application due to DWR					●	●			
IRWM Drought Grant Award						★			

Round 3 Implementation Grant PSP expected release Summer 2015

\*Original Schedule - Draft Plan Released for Public Review Late July 2014

Round 3 Implementation Application Due Fall 2015

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Agency	Eligible Applicants	Funding Amount	Process to Apply	Actions Funded						Other
				Water Efficient Irrigation	Water Efficient Fixtures	Water Use Education	Water Supply Augmentation	Energy Effi Result in Water Savings	Emergency Water Supplies	
California Conservation Corps	Svcs provided by certified comm. conservation corps	\$3,000,000	Unknown	x	x	X				Water conservation and fuel load reduction
California Conservation Corps	Schools, public agencies, and comm. properties and in DAC	\$5,000,000	Unknown	x	x			x		For water efficient landscape, irr. and replace of plumbing fixtures, outreach and educ./energy projects that contribute to energy/water conservation
California Conservation Corps	Public Land owners	\$5,000,000	Unknown							Fuel load reduction to protect public safety and natural resources to avoid catastrophic fire
CA Dept of Food and Agriculture	Farmers/agribusiness	\$10,000,000	Unknown	x			x	x		
CA Dept of Water Resources	unknown	\$37,500,000	Unknown							Flood management projects that also provide water supply benefits.
CA Dept of Water Resources	Local agencies, JPA, or non-profits	\$19,000,000	unknown		X			X		Residential, commercial, institutional water efficiency programs or projects that reduce GHG emissions and also reduce water/energy use
CA Dept of Water Resources	Participants in IRWMPs	\$200,000,000 Drought Specific Funding	Similar to past IRWMP grant solicitations. Draft guidelines available for public comment through May 15. Applications as early as August 2014.	x	x		x	x	x	This money is only for near-term drought response actions. Eligible projects are listed in the guidelines. Higher priority to fund areas hardest hit by drought (e.g., areas with declared drought emergencies).
CA Dept of Water Resources	Participants in IRWMPs	\$250,000,000 IRWMP Prop 84 Round 3	Similar to past IRWM past grant solicitations. Anticipate due March 2015.	x	x		x	x	x	Generally will fund any water supply, flood control, and habitat restoration projects.
State Water Resources Control Board	Disadvantaged Communities	\$4,000,000	visit <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/dw_droughtfund/">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/dw_droughtfund/</a>						x	Interim emergency drinking water to disadvantaged communities
California Dept of Public Health	Public Water Systems	\$15,000,000	Unknown						x	Up to \$500,000 per project to address drought-related drinking water emergencies