

**Stakeholder Engagement and Advisory Committee  
February 18, 2016**

**Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program**

# Agenda

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- ▶ SEAC Meeting – 9am to 12pm
  - ▶ Welcome and Introductions
    - ▶ Thank you for your participation
  - ▶ Introduction of IRWM Division Chief, Art Hinojosa
  - ▶ Draft Guidelines
  - ▶ Draft Planning PSP (\$5M)
  - ▶ Draft Disadvantaged Community Involvement RFP (\$5 IM)
- ▶ Upcoming Events
- ▶ Closing

# Introduction & Remarks

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- ▶ Division Chief for Integrated Regional Water Management

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# Draft 2016 IRWM Guidelines

## Proposition 1 IRWM



# Prop. 1 IRWM Draft Documents

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- ▶ Written Draft Documents
  - ▶ 30 day posting – **we are here**
  
- ▶ 3 Public Workshops
  - ▶ Sacramento (2/22) Visalia (3/9) & Riverside (3/16)
  - ▶ Public Comment Period closes March 18, 2016
  - ▶ Send Comments to:
    - ▶ [DWR\\_IRWM@water.ca.gov](mailto:DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov)
    - ▶ (916) 651-9613
  
- ▶ Final Documents
  - ▶ Anticipated April/May 2016

# Webpage <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/prop1index.cfm>

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## IRWM Integrated Regional Water Management

### Proposition 1 IRWM

On November 4, 2014, California voters approved Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. Proposition 1 authorized the appropriation of \$510 million in Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) funding for Implementation, Planning, and Disadvantaged Community Involvement efforts to each Funding Area.

The Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Program, administered by DWR, provides funding for projects that help meet the long term water needs of the state, including:

- To assist water infrastructure systems adapt to climate change;
- To provide incentives throughout each watershed to collaborate in managing the region's water resources and setting regional priorities for water infrastructure; and
- To improve regional water self-reliance, while reducing reliance on Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The draft Guidelines and the funding opportunities in the Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Program are listed below:

- Guidelines
- Planning Grants
- Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program
- Implementation Grants, which includes funding for DAC Projects

Please reference our 'Upcoming Events' webpage for the Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Program solicitation schedule. To stay up to date on the Proposition 1 Grant Program, sign up to receive IRWM emails.

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Upcoming Events

Hyperlinks to the Guidelines webpage, Planning Grant webpage, & DAC Involvement webpage

Current Materials

Proposition 1 Archives

# Draft 2016 IRWM Guidelines

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- ▶ **Volume 1 – Grant Program Processes**
  - ▶ Less than 30 pages
  - ▶ Updated including reference to special considerations/priorities & recent legislation
  
- ▶ **Volume 2 – IRWM Planning Standards**
  - ▶ IRWM Plan Standards
  - ▶ IRWM Plan Standard Guidance
  - ▶ Plan Review Process
  - ▶ Regional Acceptance Process

# Draft 2016 IRWM Guidelines, Volume 1

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- ▶ **References from Prop. I Legislation:**
  - ▶ Projects that cover a greater portion of the watershed
    - ▶ If plan covers substantially the entire watershed, deference plan priorities, where projects and plans meet IRWM Planning Act
  - ▶ Continue multi-benefit project criteria
  - ▶ New or innovative technology or practices
  - ▶ Priority for leveraged funding/greatest public benefit

# Recent Legislation

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## ▶ SB 985

- ▶ For stormwater projects seeking Prop. I funding, stormwater resources plans need to be incorporated into IRWM Plans

## ▶ AB 1249

- ▶ Address nitrate, arsenic, perchlorate, or hexavalent chromium contamination in IRWM plans; include these projects in grant applications or explain why they were not included; DWR shall consider projects that address contaminants, including small DAC projects (<10,000 year-round population)

# Overview of Senate Bill 208

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- ▶ **Applies to:**
  - ▶ Non-profit organizations, DACs, or projects benefiting DACs
  - ▶ Grant award is <\$1,000,000
- ▶ **Within 90 days of grant award (execution) RWMG provides DWR with a project information**
- ▶ **Project description, budget, & schedule**
- ▶ **Within 60 days of receipt, DWR:**
  - ▶ Advance payment of 50% of the grant award
  - ▶ May adopt additional requirements
    - ▶ Detailed in draft guidelines

# Overview of Senate Bill 208, cont.

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## ▶ 2016 IRWM Guidelines, Appendix G

- ▶ Spend funds within 6 months, unless DWR allows to keep
  - ▶ Current on reporting, in compliance with agreement, making progress
- ▶ Submit accurate quarterly Accountability Report
- ▶ Deposit in a non-interest bearing account
- ▶ Spend the advanced payment on eligible project activities

# Draft 2016 IRWM Guidelines, Volume 2

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- ▶ Governance
- ▶ Regional Description
- ▶ Objectives
- ▶ Resource Management Strategies
- ▶ Integration
- ▶ Project Review Process
- ▶ Impact and Benefit
- ▶ Plan Performance and Monitoring
- ▶ Data Management
- ▶ Finance
- ▶ Technical Assistance
- ▶ Relation to Local Water Planning
- ▶ Relation to Local Land Use Planning
- ▶ Stakeholder Involvement
- ▶ Coordination
- ▶ Climate Change

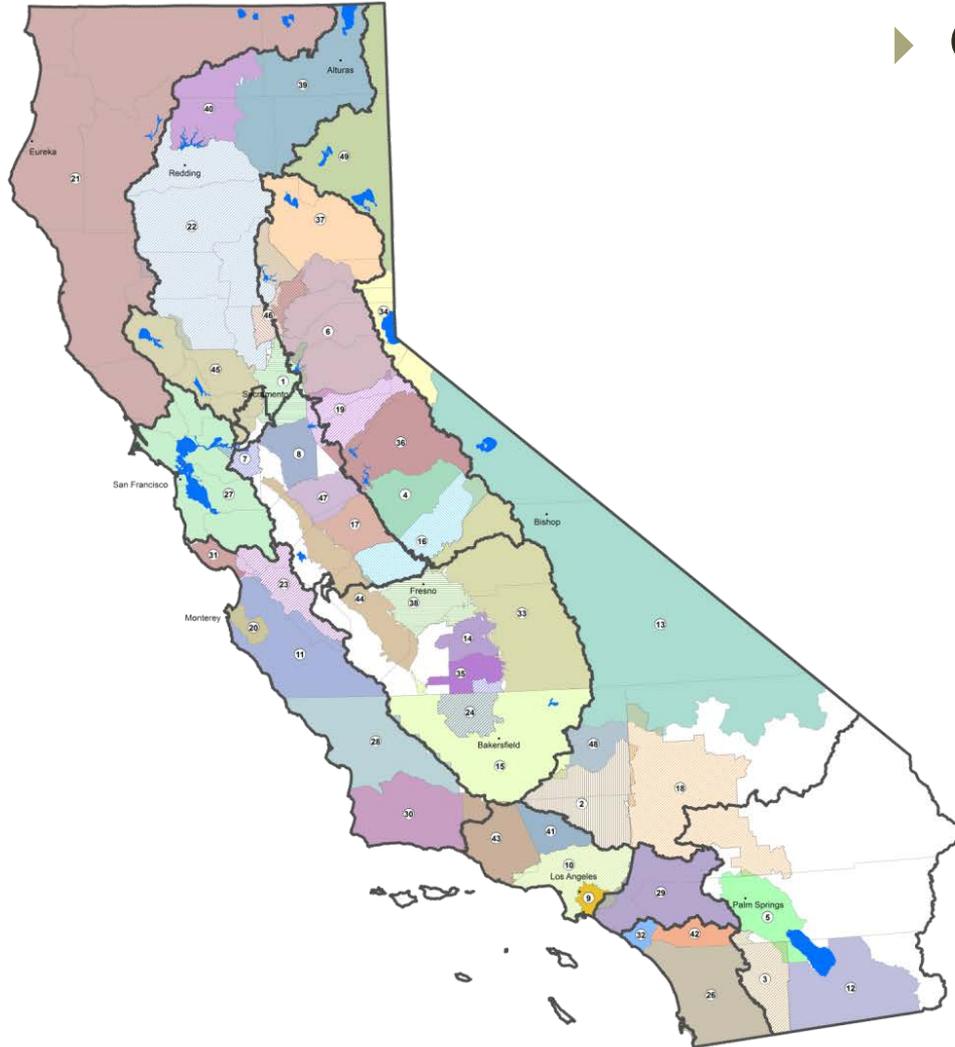
# Draft 2016 IRWM Guidelines, Volume 2

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- ▶ **Climate Change – refer to Table 3 of Volume 2**
  - ▶ **Expand Climate Change description to include adaption and mitigation in the following sections:**
    - ▶ Regional Description
    - ▶ Objectives
    - ▶ Regional Management Strategies
    - ▶ Project Review Process
    - ▶ Plan Performance Monitoring
    - ▶ Relation to Local Water Planning
    - ▶ Relation to Local Land Use Planning
    - ▶ Climate Change
  
- ▶ **AB 1249 – address contaminants in IRWM plan and project selection, if applicable**
  - ▶ Regional Description
  - ▶ Project Review Process

# Stakeholder Input

## ► Guidelines Discussion



# Draft Planning Grant Proposal Solicitation Package

## Proposition 1 IRWM



# Planning Grant Program

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- ▶ **\$5M total available funds**
  - ▶ Competitive grant program
  - ▶ Preference for new IRWWM Plans development
    - ▶ Higher grant cap and scoring points
  - ▶ IRWWM regions with active P. 84 Planning agreements at the time of application are not eligible for P.I Planning funding
- ▶ **Develop New IRWWM Plans**
  - ▶ \$1M grant cap
- ▶ **Update or Improve Existing IRWWM Plans**
  - ▶ \$250K grant cap

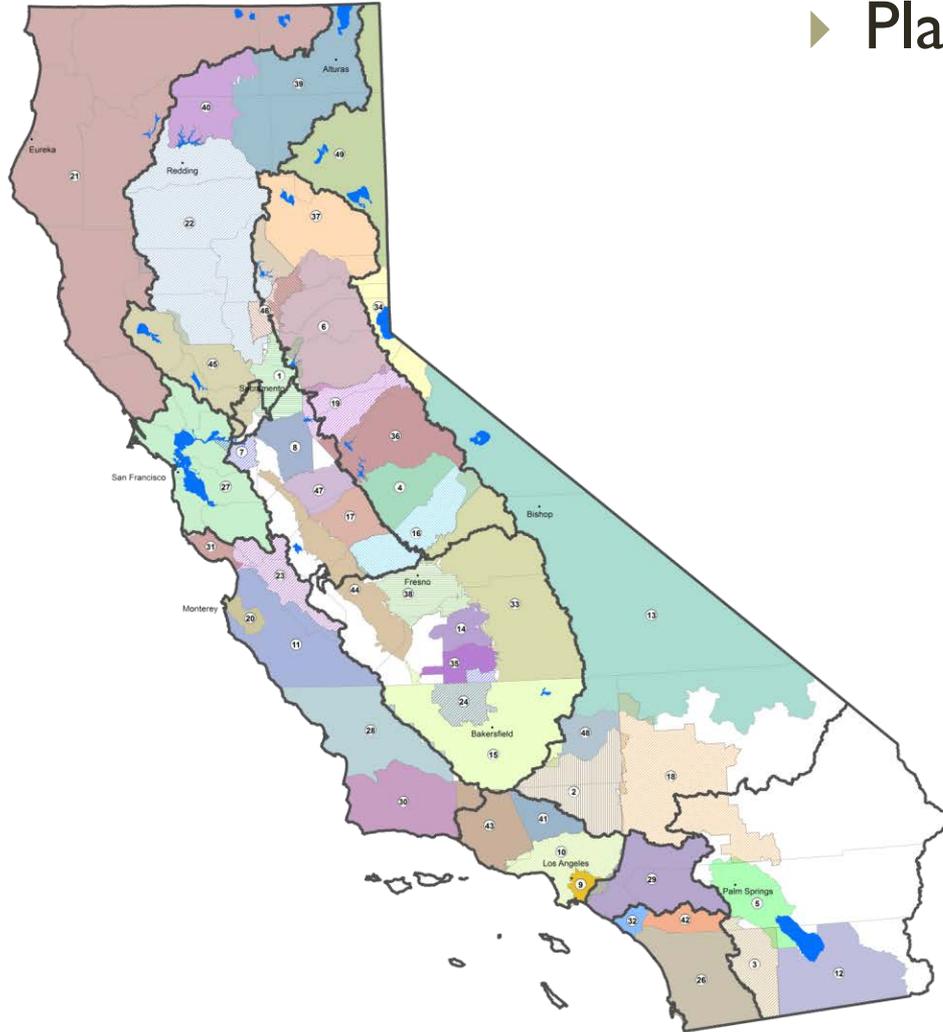
# Planning Grant Program, cont.

## ► Scoring Criteria

Table 3 – Application Evaluation Criteria			
Questions		Possible Points	Attachmet(s)
<b>Work Plan</b>			
1)	Does the applicant provide a thorough description and intended objective(s) of the proposal?	1	3
2)	Does the applicant provide sufficient justification for the need of the proposal?	1	
3)	Does the applicant describe how the proposal will benefit the region?	1	
4)	Is it clear that the tasks in the Work Plan will result in a completed proposal?	2	
5)	Does the Work Plan demonstrate either (a) an adopted IRWM Plan, that meets the IRWM Plan standards will be produced or (b) the proposed activities will result in improvement(s) to an existing IRWM Plan?	2	
6)	Will the activities described in the work plan achieve the objective(s) listed in question 1)?	1	
7)	Are the deliverables listed for each task considered reasonable for the work proposed to be performed?	1	
<b>Budget</b>			
8)	Based on the Work Plan, does the Budget seem reasonable?	1	4
9)	Does the Budget estimate contain hours and rates as appropriate?	1	
10)	Are the costs presented in the Budget reasonably supported?	1	
<b>Schedule</b>			
11)	Based on the Work Plan, does the Schedule seem reasonable?	1	5
12)	Is the Schedule consistent with the Work Plan?	1	
13)	Does the schedule demonstrate that the proposal will start by <b>month</b> 2016 and be completed by <b>month</b> 2018?	1	
<b>Benefit to DAC/EDA (if applicable)</b>			
14)	Does the applicant demonstrate an effective strategy to facilitate and support sustained DAC/EDA participation in the IRWM planning process?	1	6 & 7
15)	Does the applicant include a regional map indicating the targeted DAC/EDA areas for outreach and involvement?	1	
<b>Program Preference</b>			
16)	Is the Proposal Type “Develop new IRWM Plan”?	2	
<b>Score = Sum of number of “Yes” answers; maximum score = 19 points</b>			

# Stakeholder Input

## ► Planning Grant Discussion



# Draft Disadvantaged Community Involvement Request for Proposals

## Proposition 1 IRWM

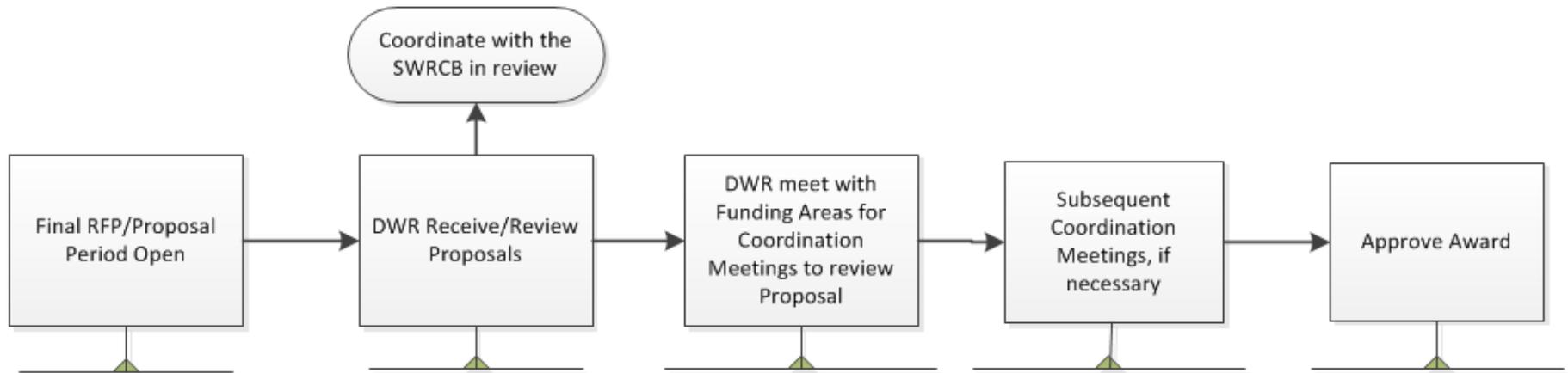
# DAC Involvement Request for Proposals

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- ▶ **At least \$51 Million available**
  - ▶ Non-competitive, direct funding to involve DACs, EDAs & underrepresented communities
  - ▶ 10% by Funding Area
  - ▶ 2 year activity timeframe to align with future implementation funding
  - ▶ DWR Coordinate with SWRCB Office of Sustainable Water Solutions
  
- ▶ **Single Funding Area-wide proposal**
  - ▶ One proposal per Funding Area
  - ▶ DACs, RWMG(s), community-based organizations, and stakeholders to develop proposals
  - ▶ Interactive process

# DAC Involvement Request for Proposals

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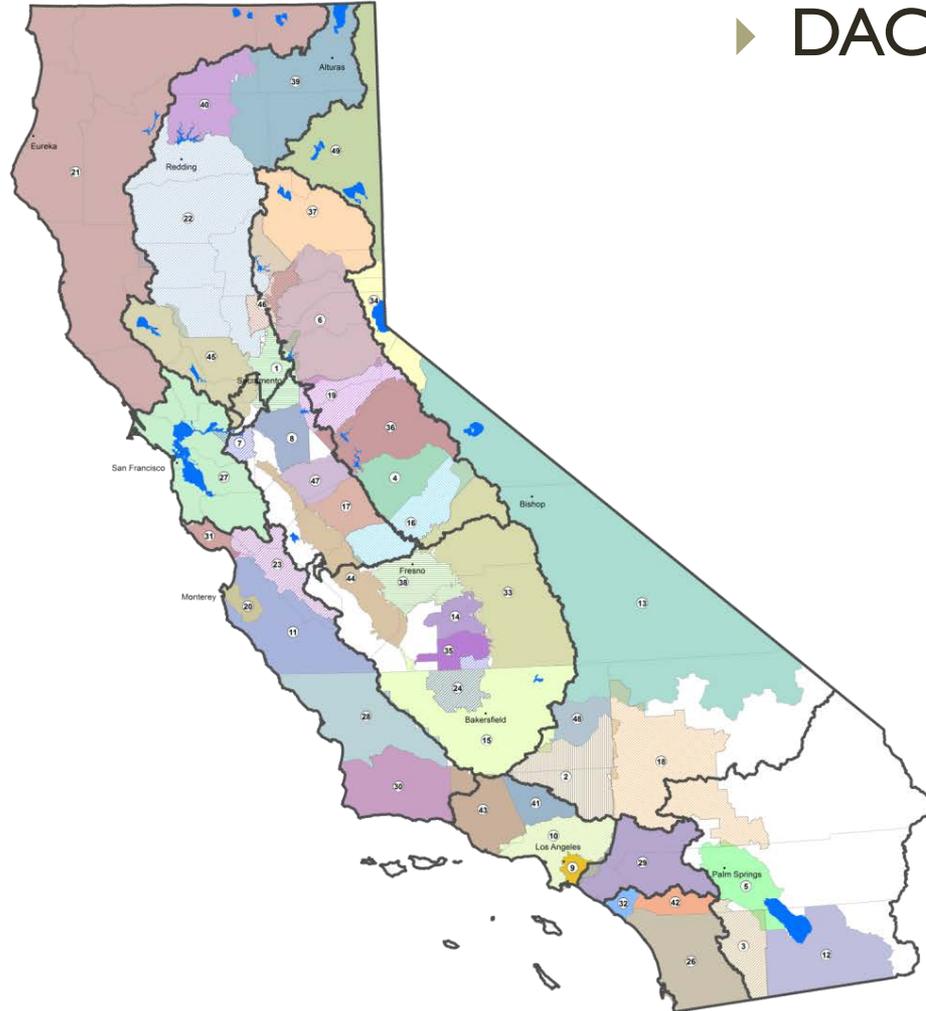
- ▶ 6 month process from start to finish
- ▶ Can discuss activity ideas with DWR prior to the final RFP, if desired

# DAC Involvement Example Activities

General Activity	Examples of Activity
Technical assistance	Service provider trainings, local circuit rider programs to train water and wastewater staff
<b>Needs assessments (required)</b>	Surveys or meetings with community members to identify water management needs
Project development activities	Planning activities, environmental compliance, or pre-construction engineering/design activities
Site assessment	Water quality assessments, median household income surveys, data and mapping activities
Engagement in IRWM efforts	DAC regional engagement coordinator role, DAC Advisory Committee to RWMG, DAC representatives in governance
Governance structure	Evaluation of existing governance structures and related plan financing efforts, assessments of the level of DAC involvement in decision making processes
Community outreach	Public project meetings open to community members, door-to-door outreach
Education	Translation or interpretive services for information sharing, water education campaigns for community members, education for RWMGs on DAC needs
Facilitation	Facilitated RWMG meetings, facilitated project development meetings
Enhancement of DAC aspects in IRWM Plans	Development of Funding Area-wide DAC plan to be utilized as a unified approach for all IRWM plans

# Stakeholder Input

## ► DAC Involvement Discussion



# Closing

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- ▶ Upcoming Events
- ▶ Follow-up and action items
- ▶ Thank you for your participation