

**Delta Flood Emergency Response Grant Round 2
Directed Funding Awards
Summary of Public Comments and Responses**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) received 4 comments for the Delta Flood Emergency Response (Delta ER) Grant, Round 2 proposed directed funding awards during the 15-day comment period between December 3 and December 17, 2019. A summary of the comments and responses is provided below.

No.	Comment	Response
1	Was this a limited solicitation?	Submittal of applications for this funding was open to eligible agencies during July and August of 2019. Proposed awards were selected through the directed funding process rather than the typical competitive grants solicitation process. DWR reached out to Delta county emergency services representatives during the quarterly Delta Working Group meetings leading up to the application period regarding funding availability.
2	Please define the "Legal Delta."	The geographic scope of the Delta ER Grant Program is limited to the legal Delta (as defined in Section 12220 of the California Water Code), including both primary and secondary zones..
3	Which Reclamation Districts (RDs) in the Delta beyond RD 3 are receiving funds? Precisely what is the scope of grants issued for each of the RDs?	<p>The proposed \$310,000 grant award that RD 3 is leading includes the update of flood safety plans and a table top exercise. RDs participating in this grant are: RD 3 (lead agency), RD 349, RD 369, RD 551, RD 554, RD 556, RD 755, RD 1002, and Brannan Andrus Levee Maintenance District.</p> <p>In addition, the proposed grant award for Sacramento County includes funds to provide flood fighting capabilities and enhance emergency communications of RDs throughout the Delta Region.</p>

4	<p>Any flood fight and emerging flood preparedness and response grant program should allow for sufficient funding to fully mitigate the impacts of flood protection improvement efforts in the South Delta Lower San Joaquin River System.</p> <p>A comprehensive environmental review, that fully considers the growing demands for water in conjunction with the anticipated effects of climate change, sedimentation and other channel flow deficiencies in the South Delta, should be completed.</p>	<p>Structural flood protection improvement efforts, outside of emergency management planning efforts, are beyond the scope of the Delta ER Grant Program. The Delta ER Grant Program focuses on funding emergency flood preparedness efforts through three task categories including: (1) Planning and Coordination (maps, plans, decision support tools, gauges, etc.); (2) Training and Exercises (typically SEMS/NIMS and other emergency relevant learning opportunities); and (3) Materials and Facilities (typically flood fight materials and equipment or upgrades to emergency facilities).</p>
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DWR is not required to award all funding advertised. Awarded tasks were selected based on their compliance with the Program Guidelines, support of program goals, and the value they add to local emergency response interests. DWR reserves the right to select or deny work based on State and local interest. Any remaining funds will be held by DWR to be utilized for locally proposed Directed Funding actions or advertised in the next PSP under the Delta Flood Emergency Response Grant Program.