

**SUMMARY OF IRWM GRANT PROGRAM SCOPING MEETING
JANUARY 31, 2007**

Prop 50 IRWM, Step 2

John Woodling provided an update on Proposition 50 IRWM Implementation Grant - additional funding recommendations.

Recommendation to the Board for the following additional awards:

Southern California:

\$25 million – Mojave Water Agency

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA)

Northern California:

\$7 million Plumas County

\$12.5 million for each of the following:

Bay Area Clean Water Agency

Santa Cruz County

Contra Costa

Monterey

Northern California

Tahoe

Resulting North/South split if above recommendation is approved:

North: \$213.5 million

South: \$109.1 million

Recommendation to be heard at the February 20 SWRCB meeting for the Board to make a final decision.

DWR is accepting comments until noon on 2/8/07.

Public Comments were then taken. Many were against the recommendation. SAWPA was for the recommendation.

IRWM Future

DWR is considering a consolidated approach for the three funding sources: Proposition 50 (\$64 million), Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E. They will be revising the guidelines and seeking input. The draft guidelines are expected to be ready for review in June, with final in September. Both planning and implementation grants will be available. The planning grants will come out of an unallocated pot (\$100 million), not the money set aside for each funding area through Proposition 84.

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Proposition 84 has been divided up into funding areas (geographic). DWR suggested that if there is more than one region within a funding area, then the regions in one area might want to discuss alternatives (i.e. a way to divide the money, based on various regional issues or in some other mutually acceptable way). If the regions cannot decide on a method to distribute the money, then a competitive grant program will probably be the result. DWR plans to meet with each funding area sometime in late February or March. We need to give them a date soon, but cannot do so until some internal meetings are conducted: 1) Upper Santa Clara and Ventura should discuss the potential of merging 2) Greater LA and either one or two regions (Ventura/Upper Santa Clara) should meet. The purpose of these meetings is to see if a decision can be reached regarding how the money should be distributed.

DWR asked for input on the Step 2 guidelines and provided a form to do so. The Leadership Committee decided to give input as a group. DWR needs feedback as soon as possible, prior to the funding area meeting which may be as early as late February.

DWR will be taking a close look at what they require in the IRWM planning document in terms of integration (the definition) and governance to ensure implementation of projects in the future after grant funding is no longer available.

Prop 50 Remaining Funds

\$30.9 million (SWRCB portion) – Per Section 79563.5a of the CA Water Code, the Board is required to fund the development of at least one integrated coastal watershed management plan. Although the Board has already funded one coastal plan, SWRCB is proposing to use these remaining funds for developing plans for coastal watersheds within Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS). This may result in an approximate 50/50 split between North and South. **This issue will be heard at the February 20 SWRCB meeting for the Board to make a final decision.**

\$33.3 million (DWR portion) – The Department intends to distribute this remaining funding to the South.

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