Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Workshops

Department of Water Resources
Overview of Prop 84 IRWM

- Budget Update
- Public Resources Code (PRC) §75026 et seq.
- PRC §75026(a)
  - Assist local public agencies
  - Defines what an IRWM plan shall do
  - Defines projects eligible for funding
    - Consistent with an adopted IRWM
    - Multiple benefits
    - One or more project elements, PRC § 75026(a) 1-11
- PRC §75026(b) – Program Preferences
Overview of Prop 84 IRWM

- PRC §75028(a)
  - Competitive grants within each funding area
  - May establish standards & procedures
    - Development & approval of local project selection processes
  - Defer to approved local project selection
    - Review projects only for consistency with PRC §75026

- PRC §75028(b) – No reallocation of funds
PRC §75027

- $1 Billion for IRWM
- Allocated to “Funding Areas”
- May be multiple IRWM regions in a funding area
- $100 million Interregional
  - Multi-regional needs
  - Issues of statewide significance

$ in millions

$37

$138

$73

$114

$215

$57

$60

$27

$52

$91

$36

$27
IRWM Plan Standards
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Goals:

- Revise standards to provide impetus to improve quality and content of plans.
- New standards not change over course of Prop 84 funding source.
IRWM Plan Standards

- **Mandated Changes**
  - Bond law changes

- **Process Improvement Changes**
  - Separate “standards” from “guidance”
  - Prop 50 lessons learned

- **Other changes, such as**
  - Climate Change
  - Integration of flood management
IRWM Plan Standards

Draft of Standards
- Still developing & refining
- Best available direction

Comparison Table

Example Guidance
Region Acceptance Process
Philosophy

- State grant program not the sole purpose of IRWM planning
- “Promote [IRWM] to ensure sustainable water uses, reliable supplies, better water quality, environmental stewardship, efficient urban development, protection of agriculture, and a strong economy” (CWP 2005)
Regional Acceptance Process

Rationale

- Ensure effective planning and management prior to investment of State grant funds
- Foster development of sustainable regional efforts

Will apply to all IRWM Regions

- New and Existing
Region Acceptance Process

- Nurture effective IRWM Planning
- “Early intervention”
  - Address possible problems
- Will formalize process
Process Steps

Informal Session
- Individual & meetings
  - DWR and IRWM effort(s) in Funding Area
  - Identify questions & concerns that should be addressed before “formal” submittal
- IRWM effort submits documentation
- DWR review & draft recommendations
- Public Review
- Final Decision
Region Acceptance Process

DWR Actions
- Accept/Deny
- Request additional information
- Defer pending consolidation/coordination

Who will make decision?
- Initial discussions & recommendations
  - Division management & District Chiefs
- Final decision – DWR Director
Region Acceptance Process

Need to consider:

- Impact on grant schedules
  - Time to complete
  - Timing of Planning & Implementation grants
- Structure to be efficient and effective
  - Minimize duplication of effort in Step 1 or Step 2
Region Acceptance Process

Need to consider:

- Collective look at each Funding Area
  - Overlapping/Adjacent regions
  - Scheduling release of funds
  - Structuring competitive grant program
  - Integration of Flood Management
Region Acceptance Process

Need to consider:

- Differing information needs for planning versus implementation grants
- Amount of information available from “developing” regions
- What happens when region is not accepted
  - Technical Assistance
Integration of Flood Management
How to foster integration of:

- IRWM & Flood Management
- Incentive-based
  - Grant funding for planning
    - IRWM & Regional Flood Management (RFM)
  - Grant funding for implementation
    - IRWM & Stormwater-Flood Management
    - Funding dependent upon IRWM Plan
- DWR Example – California Water Plan
Prop 84 Regional Flood Management Planning

Prop 84 Chapter 3 – Flood Control

- $275 million for various actions including
- “…implement a multi-objective management approach for floodplains…” (PRC §75032(e))

Amount Available
- To be determined
RFM Planning Funds

Use to support:
- Enhance existing Flood Management component of IRWM Plan
- Begin RFM planning

Proposal – Additive grant funding
- Up to $1 million for IRWM Planning, plus
- Up to $1 million for RFM Planning
Prop 1E Stormwater-Flood Management Grant Program

- PRC §5096.827
- $300 million
- Stormwater Flood Management Projects
  - Designed to manage stormwater runoff to reduce flood damage
  - Provide other benefits, where feasible
Stormwater-Flood Management

- Must demonstrate reduction in flood damage
  - “How to” guidance
- Non-state cost share of not less than 50%
  - Cannot waive or reduce
- Proposal – Maximum grant amount
  - $30 million/project
Stormwater-Flood Management

- Not part of the State Plan of Flood Control
  - PRC §5096.805(j)
  - Need to provide technical assistance
  - Tiered Evaluation
    - “Obviously” not part
    - Unclear – DWR consultation
    - Detailed technical analysis
Stormwater-Flood Management

- Consistent with applicable IRWM plan
  - Must be included in an IRWM plan
- Consistent with Basin Plan
  - Coordinate with RWQCB
- DWR will also coordinate with SWRCB
  - Prop 84 Stormwater Grant funding
  - Input on water quality issues
Stormwater-Flood Management

- Implementing Legislation – AB739 (Laird)
- Develop Guidelines
- Coordinate with SWRCB
- Project Preferences
  - Not receiving funds from:
    - PRC §§ 5096.824 or 75034
  - Provides multiple benefits:
    - Water quality improvements, ecosystem, reduces in-stream erosion & sedimentation, groundwater recharge
Should DWR Consider?

Additional Program Priorities

- Advancing regional flood management
- Meeting IRWM Objectives and Priorities
- Meeting needs of Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
- Fostering Low Impact Development
- Projects with highest flood damage reduction

How?

- Scoring Criteria
- Funding Set Asides
Disadvantaged Communities Assistance
DAC Assistance

- Intent is to assist DACs to effectively participate in the long-term IRWM process
- Foster inclusion of DACs in IRWM solutions
- Not designed to comprehensively address immediate needs of DACs
DAC Assistance

$15 million proposed over 4 years
- $5 million Planning Grant component
  - 2 years @ $2.5 million
- $10 million DAC Assistance component
  - 4 years @ $2.5 million

Proposal – Assistance cap
- $500,000 per
  - Funding Area?
  - Region?
  - Project?
DAC Assistance – Year 1

- Funding for planning grants, plus
- Considering a Pilot Program
  - Directed funding to entities to perform varying examples of DAC assistance
  - Looks at possible assistance models
  - Successful items transfer to Year 2 grant program
DAC Assistance – Year 2

Grant program

- Part of the planning grant application
- May include assistance for:
  - Targeted DAC outreach
  - DAC participation in the IRWM planning
  - Technical assistance for needs assessment, design, technical writing
  - Feasibility Studies
  - Construction of projects of immediate
Schedule

- Regional Acceptance – Summer 2008
- Draft Guidelines – Late Summer 2008
- Final Guidelines – End of 2008
- Planning Grant Solicitations – Early 2009
- Awards – Mid 2009
- Implementation Grants to follow
Wrap up

Next Steps

Electronic Input
- Word compatible file
- Emailed to DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov
- Received by early/mid June
- Questions – Joe Yun @ (916) 651-9222

http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/irwm/integregio.cfm