

San Diego IRWM Program RAC Meeting #83

October 2, 2019

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Hodges Reservoir Water Quality and Quagga Mitigation Measures Project

Goldy Herbon, SDCWA

Jeff Pasek and Andrew Funk, City of San Diego

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Decentralized Water Systems for a More Resilient Region

Brook Sarson, Public Health Alliance

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DAC Assistance – PSW Discussion

- Project Selection Workgroup (PSW) had in-depth discussion on how to best set DAC projects up for success
 - Pauma Valley project – met a critical need, but lacked flexibility and preparedness for implementation
- PSW discussed opportunities to support these kinds of projects in the future



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DAC Assistance – Challenges

1. Potential unequal footing for DAC projects during the application process
2. Size of DAC projects may fall under IRWM minimum grant threshold
3. Limited technical support during project development
4. Inadequate administrative capability during implementation



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DAC Assistance – Challenges

5. Complex, challenging grant requirements (e.g., CEQA and procurement process)
6. Insufficient and interrupted cashflow to support project implementation
7. Post-construction O&M ineligible for funding support



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Existing Support for DAC Projects

- Technical workshop on submitting to project database (OPTI)
- IRWM Program and grant writing staff available for questions before and during Call for Projects
- GAP provides grant process guidance, administrative assistance, training and coordination
- Sponsored advanced funding legislation

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Existing Support for DAC Projects

- Encourage partnerships to support DAC projects
- NGO may assist DACs with implementation and to overcome lack of technical capacity

Partnership Highlight:
**Rural Community
Assistance Corporation**



As LPS, RCAC
disbursed funds to DACs
and Tribes in Prop 84
Rounds 1, 2, and 4 to 12
rural projects

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RWMG Suggestions for Next Steps

- Lobby DWR to:
 - Allow planning and design only for DAC Projects in any round and additional funding assistance
 - Simplify grant administration requirements
- Direct (support?) DACs to SWRCB Prop 1 Technical Assistance (TA) Funding Program
 - Small DAC (<10,000 people)
 - TA may include project coordination and development, legal assistance, engineering and environmental analysis, and/or leak detection/water audits

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RAC Discussion on DAC Assistance



- How can we improve our existing support structure?
- What are some mechanisms to address these challenges? What can SDIRWM do?
- With what resources?
- Are there additional NGO partnerships that would be beneficial to DACs in addressing some of these challenges?

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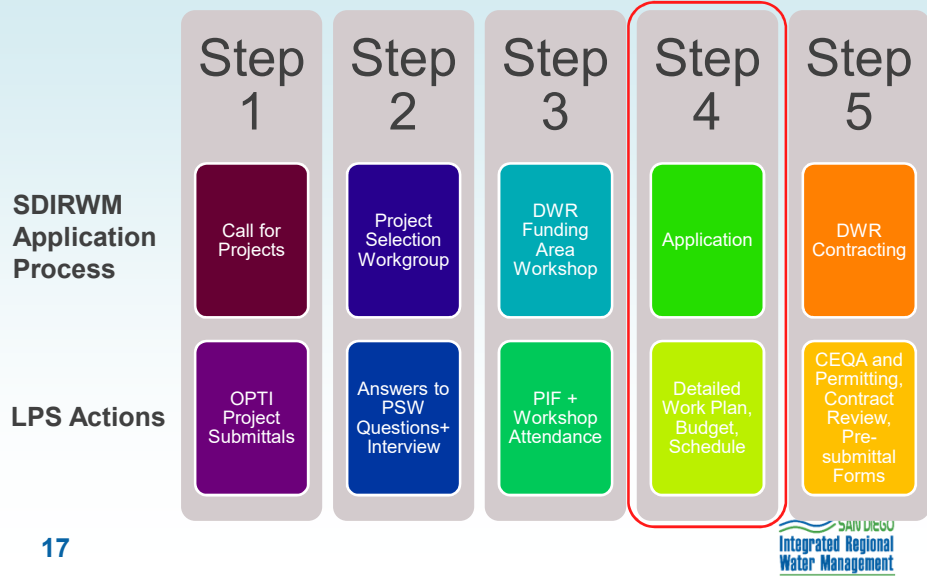
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Prop 1-Round 1 Process



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Funding Area Workshop

- DWR Pre-Application Workshop, September 18
- Four DWR representatives
- South Orange County, Upper Santa Margarita Watershed and San Diego IRWM Region representatives



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Funding Area Grant Totals

Region	# of Projects	Grant
South Orange County	4	\$2.8M
Upper Santa Margarita Watershed	3	\$1.8M
San Diego	6	\$15.3M
Total Grant		\$19.9M

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DWR Comments: Funding Area Workshop Takeaways

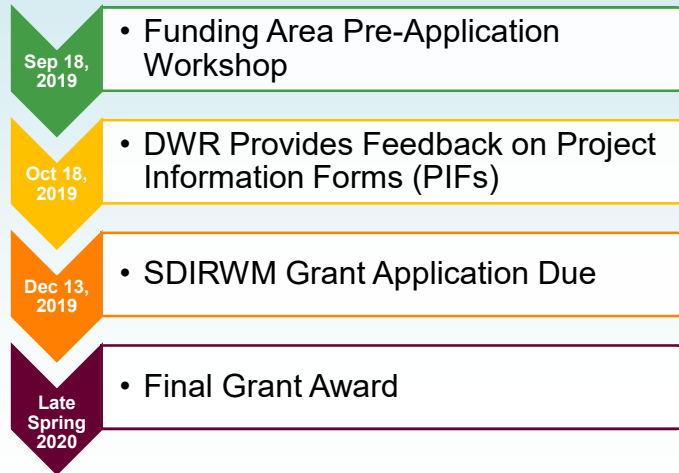
- Grateful for SDFA funding split and collaboration
- Encourage LPS to scale projects to a more manageable project size (\$), despite decreased benefits
- Focus on quantifying climate change benefits
- Difficulty clearly understanding more complex, multi-benefit projects
 - Page/character limitations are an issue

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Proposition 1 Round 1 Next Steps



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Grant Administration

Loisa Burton, San Diego County Water Authority

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Current Funding Opportunities

Project Types	Deadline	Website
DWR		
Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program: Planning Grant – Round 3	November 1	https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Sustainable-Groundwater
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation		
Drought Resiliency Projects for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021	October 14	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=BOR-DO-20-F002
SWRCB		
Prop 1 Storm Water Grant Program (SWGPP)	Expected to open in October	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/swgpp/prop1/
Prop 1 Technical Assistance Funding Program	Open: rolling	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/prop1/tech_asst_funding.html

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2019 Meeting Schedule

- Next RAC Meeting: December 4, 2019
 - 2020 Meeting Schedule:
 - February 5
 - April 1
 - June 3
 - August 5
 - October 7
 - December 2
- Regular Meetings Held First Wednesday of Every Other Month -**

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