

San Diego IRWM Program RAC Meeting #94

December 1, 2021

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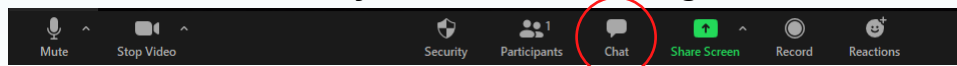
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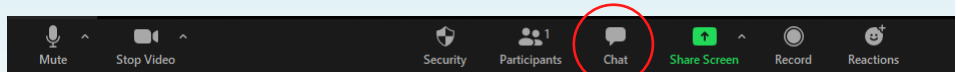


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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this virtual meeting of the San Diego IRWM Program Regional Advisory Committee is taking place in the traditional lands of the Kumeyaay and Luiseño people. As we begin this meeting, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of our region. A land acknowledgement is a critical step towards working with native communities to secure meaningful partnership and inclusion in the stewardship and protection of their cultural resources and homelands. We honor these ancestral grounds where we are collectively gathered and support the resilience and strength that Indigenous people have shown worldwide.

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San Diego Regional Drought Update

Jeff Stephenson, San Diego County Water Authority

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2021 Roundtable of Regions Summit

- 3-Day virtual summit that focused on Climate Resilience and Integrated Regional Water Management: Building Successful Partnerships
- Roundtable of Regions members represent the 48 IRWM Regions

IRWM ROUNDTABLE OF REGIONS
Representatives of IRWMs in California
Promoting Integrated Regional Water Management to increase regional self-reliance and resilience.

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The Roundtable of Regions is a consortium of representatives from Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Regions around the state. Each IRWM is unique - but they all share many common interests. The Roundtable provides a forum for interested parties working on IRWM to discuss those interests and to share their successes and challenges. It also provides a forum for collaborating and providing input to the State on the IRWM Program. The Roundtable welcomes all groups who are actively working on developing and/or implementing IRWM Plans.

EVENTS

2021 Roundtable of Regions Virtual Summit
Climate Resilience and Integrated Regional Water Management: Building Successful Partnerships

Daily Recordings and PowerPoints NOW available

Presentation slides and webinar recordings are available at:
<https://www.roundtableofregions.org/>

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2021 Roundtable of Regions Summit Summary

Day 1

- Climate Science and Resilience: Programs, Plans, and Partners

Day 2

- How Regions are Addressing Climate Resilience; Tools and Resources

Day 3

- Working Together for Regional Resilience

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Proposition 1, Round 2 Update

- DWR Schedule (tentative):
 - Draft Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) to be released at the end of 2021
 - Application Deadlines to DWR – Spring 2022, **Fall 2022**
 - Round 2 Award Announcement – Call for Projects and selection process pending release of Final PSP
- SDIRWM Schedule (*tentative*):
 - Local process to start around the time the Final PSP is released, pending DWR schedule
 - Targeting the Fall 2022 DWR deadline

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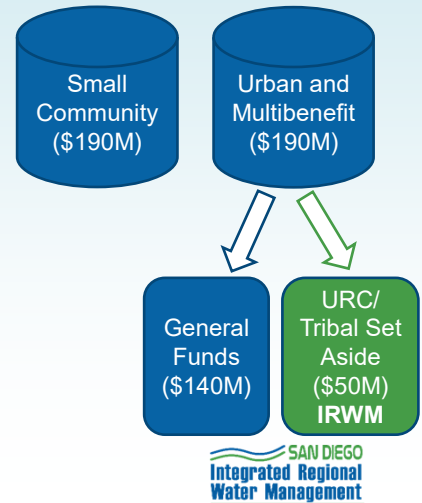


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Drought Funding Grant Program Update

- \$500M was authorized for DWR by the California Legislature to provide drought relief financial assistance
- Current Drought Relief Programs:
 - \$190M for Small Community Drought Relief
 - ❖ Statewide competition, applied for by individual project sponsors
 - \$190M for Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief
 - ❖ Includes set-aside for San Diego Funding Area
- Future Drought Relief Program
 - ~\$100M for Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief

2021 Drought Grants



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DWR Small Community Drought Relief Program

- Provide immediate and near-term financial and technical support to help small communities survive the current and future droughts
- DWR has released 3 rounds of awards:
 - Round 1: ~\$25M
 - Rounds 2 & 3: ~\$28M
- Applications will be processed until funds are exhausted or until December 29, 2023, whichever comes first
- More information: <https://water.ca.gov/Water-Basics/Drought/Small-Community-Drought-Relief>

Funds are expected to be exhausted quickly, so apply ASAP!

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DWR Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program

- \$190M available in current solicitation:
 - \$140M in general funds (statewide competition)
 - \$50M set aside for URCs and Tribes **(distributed via IRWM)**
- Applications submitted to DWR on a rolling basis
 - Next deadline = 12/17

Eligible Project Purpose		
Address immediate impacts on human health and safety	Address immediate impacts on fish and wildlife resources	Provide water to persons or communities that lose or are threatened with the loss of contamination of water supplies

See Final Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Proposal Solicitation Package for more information.

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DWR Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program – General Funds

- \$140M available
- Projects must have multiple benefits
- Projects must be complete by March 2026
- Funds awarded to highest priority projects:
 - Respond to critical human and/or wildlife emergencies. Especially for emergency projects that address a Human Right to Water Challenge.
 - Readiness to proceed (CEQA, approvals, etc.).
 - Urban water suppliers that have activated their water shortage contingency plan – update in the Final Proposal Solicitation Package*

**DWR will prioritize Urban water suppliers that have activated a higher stage of their water shortage contingency plan.*

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Underrepresented Community and Tribal Set-Aside

- At least \$50M available to support URCs and Tribes
 - Up to \$5M per IRWM Funding Area
 - San Diego IRWM is targeting the 12/17 deadline for the Drought Grant URC/Tribal set aside
- DACs, SDACs, EDAs, Tribes, EnvDACs, and fringe communities are collectively referred to as URCs
- Must meet purpose of drought grant funding
- Application being completed in partnership with South Orange County and Upper Santa Margarita Watershed IRWM Regions

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SDIRWM – Drought Grant Application Schedule

	Event	Dates	Duration
✓	Call for Projects	10/29 - 11/12	2 weeks
✓	Project Selection Workgroup Meeting #1	11/16	1 Day
✓	Project Selection Workgroup Meeting #2	11/17	1 Day
✓	Notify the RAC and LPS	11/18	1 Day
✓	LPS Kick Off and Data Request	11/19	1 Day
✓	Submit Requested Data	11/19 – 11/30	1.5 weeks
Current →	Prepare Application	12/1 – 12/14	2 weeks
	Review Application	12/15	1 Day
	Update and Submit Application	12/16 – 12/17	2 Days

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SDIRWM Call for Projects (Oct 29 – Nov 12)

- Local process modeled after 2016 Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant, adapted for expedited timeline.
- 5 projects submitted, with a total grant request for \$9,655,000 in the San Diego IRWM Region.
- Project Concept Form was used instead of the online Project Database to streamline the project selection process.
- Project Guide was provided to explain SDIRWM's process for selecting projects (*see handout!*).

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Project Selection Workgroup (Nov 16-17)

- Project Selection Workgroup (PSW) purpose:
 - Advise the RWMG on projects to prioritize for inclusion in the URC and Tribes Set Aside for the Drought Relief Program
- PSW met for a total of 2 days (streamlined and accelerated)
- PSW included the following RAC members:
 - DAC/EJ Caucus
 - Tribal Caucus
 - RWMG Agencies

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Project Selection Workgroup (Nov 16-17)

Day 1

- Review the process and ground rules
- Review the conflict of interest
- Requirements of the drought grant
- Discussion on submitted projects
- Select projects for follow-up phone calls
- Finalize the list of questions to ask local project sponsors

Day 2

- Follow up phone calls with local project sponsors
- Discussion on the follow-up phone calls
- Finalize project list

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San Diego Funding Area Project List

IRWM Region	Project Sponsor	Title	Total Grant Amount
SD	San Pasqual Band of Indians	San Pasqual Duro Community Waterline Project	\$1,000,000
	Lake Morena's Oak Shores Mutual Water Company	Ballard Well Connection and Transmission Pipeline	\$1,730,000
	Ramona Municipal Water District	The Acres Water Consolidation Project – Phase 1	\$1,326,332
SOC	El Toro Water District	R-2 Reservoir Interior Recoating Project	\$617,668
	Grant Administration		\$326,000
		TOTAL	\$5,000,000

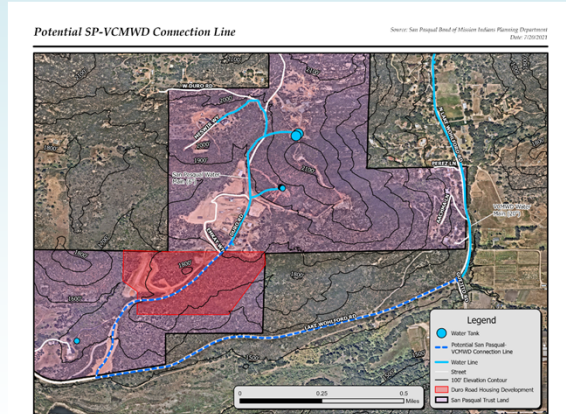
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San Pasqual Duro Community Waterline Project

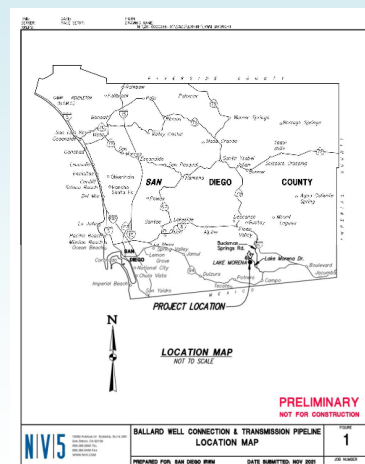
- Sponsored by San Pasqual Band of Indians
- Construct a new water transmission pipeline that will connect Valley Center Municipal Water District's distribution pipeline to San Pasqual's existing distribution system
- Provide approximately 6 AFY of safe water supply to the community



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Ballard Well Connection and Transmission Pipeline

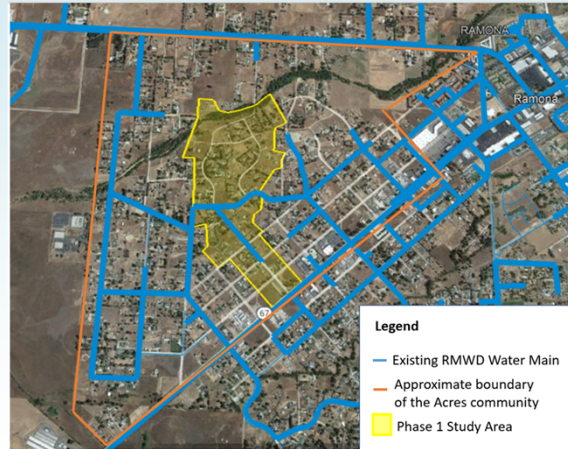
- Sponsored by Lake Morena's Oak Shores Mutual Water Company
- Connect and dedicate a recently drilled and equipped well to Lake Morena's Oak Shores Mutual Water Company's water system
- Provide approximately 4.6 AFY (1.5 MGY) of safe water supply



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The Acres Water Consolidation Project – Phase 1

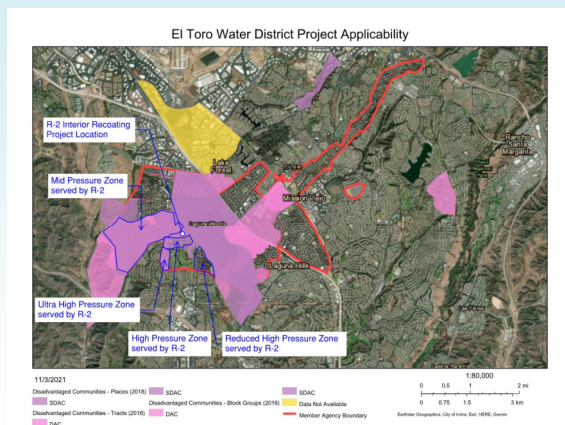
- Sponsored by Ramona MWD
- Construct 5,000 feet of 8-inch water main
- Provide approximately 44 AFY of safe water supply to the residents of the Acres community



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R-2 Reservoir Interior Recoating Project

- Sponsored by El Toro Water District (South Orange County IRWM)
- Rehabilitate the existing R-2 potable water resource
- Provide approximately 878 AFY of safe water supply



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RAC Recommendation on Project List

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Use poll feature to complete RAC Vote

Please coordinate with your alternate as needed

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Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (JEDI) Workgroup Recommendations

Discussing today

Create an Outreach
Workgroup

Follow up with project
sponsors regarding
any “fatal flaws” in
submitted project
applications

Explore opportunities
for stipends to URCs
participating in the
Project Selection
Workgroup and other
IRWM activities

Include all qualifying
URC Projects in Tier 1
for scoring

Include unconscious
bias training for the
Project Selection
Workgroup

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URC Outreach Workgroup for Prop 1, Round 2

- Desired Composition: Up to 12 members
 - 1 from each RWMG (3)
 - 1 for each seat in DAC Caucus (2)
 - 1 for each seat in Tribal Caucus (3)
 - 1 for each remaining Caucus (4)
 - Caucuses nominated Workgroup participants via email in November
- The ad-hoc URC Outreach Workgroup Members will:
 - Attend two meetings (~1.5 hrs each)
 - Engage in community outreach directly, as needed, in advance of Call for Projects

We are still soliciting
representatives for the
following caucuses:

Water Supply
Water Quality
Tribal

Non-RAC members
may serve if
nominated by the
caucus

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“Fatal Flaws” in Submitted SDIRWM Project Applications

Pass/Fail Criteria

Project cannot proceed if it fails to meet Objective A and B of the 2019 SDIRWM Plan

Objective A: Encourage the development of integrated solutions to address water management issues and conflicts.

Objective B: Maximize stakeholder/community involvement and stewardship of water resources, emphasizing education and outreach.

“Fatal Flaws”

Projects may have the opportunity to revise or clarify the following flaws prior to scoring

Does not meet minimum grant threshold (\$300,000)

Includes the following cost estimate concerns:

- Age of cost estimates >5 years
- Lack of completeness
- Inflated costs

Project is not IRWM-type project

Includes Operations & Maintenance activities

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SDIRWM Guidelines to Success

1. Have a reasonable number of subprojects.
 - Too many subprojects can be challenging to administer or raise concerns from DWR.
2. Use recent data for benefit calculations and indicate age of data in project submittal.
3. Have a reasonable and realistic schedule for the tasks described.
4. Be aware of prevailing wage requirements.

Guidelines to Success are not fatal flaws, but are intended to help you structure your project for an easier project implementation and grant administration process

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URC Stipend Opportunities

- To determine feasibility of stipends to URCs participating in the Project Selection Workgroup and other IRWM Activities, the RWMG analyzed:
 - Potential eligibility requirements:
 - ❖ Activities
 - ❖ Sources of funding
 - ❖ Organizations
 - Logistics and administration of funds
- Following review, the RWMG determined that stipends are not currently feasible, but will keep them in mind in the future, should opportunities arise to address feasibility

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Current Funding Opportunities

Project Types	Deadline	Website
DWR: Drought Response Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Communities Drought Relief • Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Communities: Opened 8/6 – rolling • Urban and Multibenefit: Opened 10/28, next deadline 12/17 	Small Community Drought Relief (ca.gov) 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Funding (ca.gov)
Bureau of Reclamation: WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects for Fiscal Year 2022	December 9 at 3:00 PM	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=335081
SWRCB: Prop 1 Technical Assistance Funding Program	Open: rolling	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/tech_asst_funding.html
DWR: Water Desalination Grant Program	Open: rolling	https://water.ca.gov/News/Public-Notices/2020/Sept-2020/Water-Desal-Grant-CAP

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2022 RAC Meeting Schedule

- Next RAC Meeting: February 2, 2022
- 2022 Meeting Schedule:
 - April 6
 - June 1
 - August 3
 - October 5
 - December 7



- Regular Meetings Held First Wednesday of Every Other Month -

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