

## San Diego IRWM Program RAC Meeting #95

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February 2, 2022

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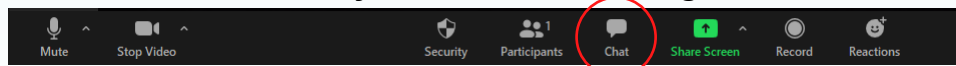
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## Land Acknowledgement

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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## Collaborative Planning for Climate Resilience Report

*Bob Leiter, American Planning Association, Regional and Intergovernmental Planning Division*

*Julie Kalansky, Scripps Institution of Oceanography*

*Cary Lowe, American Planning Association, Regional and Intergovernmental Planning Division*

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## DWR Small Community Drought Relief Program

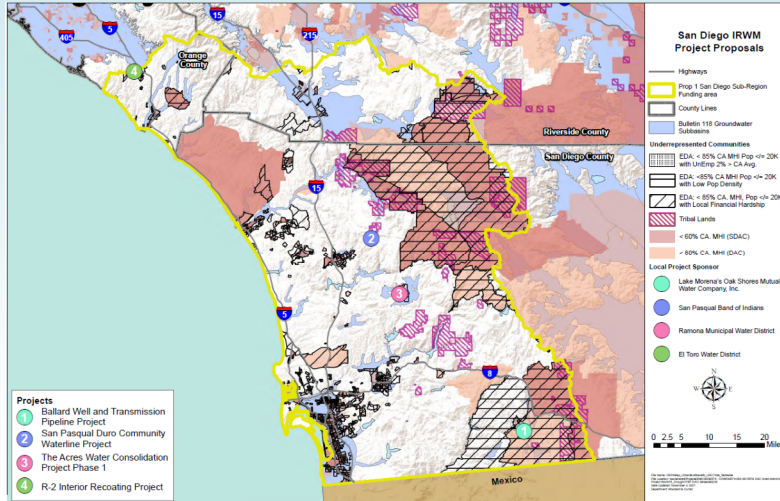
- Provide immediate and near-term financial and technical support to help small communities survive the current and future droughts
- DWR has released 4 rounds of awards:
  - Round 1: ~\$25M
  - Rounds 2 & 3: ~\$28M
  - Round 4: ~\$25M
- Applications will be processed until funds are exhausted or until December 29, 2023, whichever comes first
- More information: <https://water.ca.gov/Water-Basics/Drought/Small-Community-Drought-Relief>



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# DWR Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program

- SDFA submitted a \$5M application for the URC and Tribe Set Aside on January 13
  - 4 projects
  - 932 AFY supply reliability
- Award expected March 2022



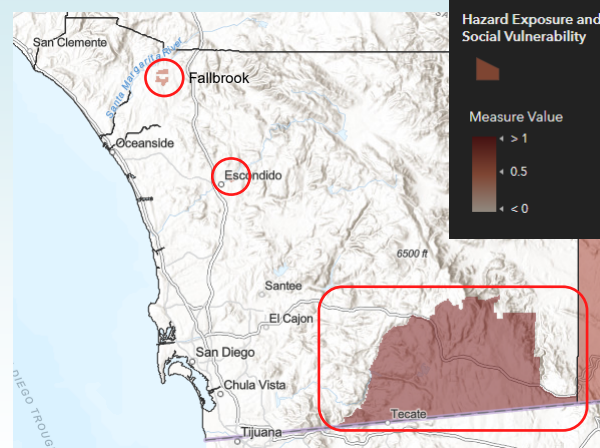
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# California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Prepare CA Jumpstart Program

- New, one-time, grant initiative
- \$15M to jumpstart socially vulnerable and high hazard risk communities (see map) in resilience **planning**
- Applications due **February 28, 2022**
- For more information, view the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)



View Eligibility [here](#)



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## Proposition 1, Round 2 Update



*DRAFT* Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) and Guidelines (GL) released **December 10** – *comments due to DWR February 18 by 5 PM*



~\$16M available to the San Diego IRWM Region

See <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs/Proposition-1/Implementation-Grants> for more information

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## Proposition 1, Round 2 – Eligibility

- Eligible applicants and project sponsors:
  - Public agencies
  - 501 (c)(3) Non-profit organizations
  - Public utilities
  - Federally-recognized Indian Tribes
  - State Indian Tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's Tribal Consultation list
  - Mutual water companies

*Partnerships are encouraged!*

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## Proposition 1, Round 2 – Eligibility

- Eligible project types include:
  - Water reuse and recycling
  - Water-use efficiency and conservation
  - Storage
  - Regional water conveyance facilities
  - Watershed protection and restoration
  - Stormwater resource management
  - Conjunctive use
  - Desalination
  - Decision support tools
  - Water quality and treatment
  - Regional projects or programs

*See draft PSP/GL for detailed list of eligible project types!*

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## Proposition 1, Round 2 – Project Eligibility

### DWR Requirements

- Have quantifiable benefits that address critical statewide needs (including climate change and regional water resilience)
- Be consistent with statewide priorities
- Have an expected useful life of at least 15 years

See Self-Certification form for all requirements

### Local Process Requirements

- Be included in the SDIRWM Plan
  - Stormwater projects must be in the Stormwater Resources Plan
- Meet Objective A: Integrated project
- Meet Objective B: Include community engagement

See IRWM Plan for all requirements

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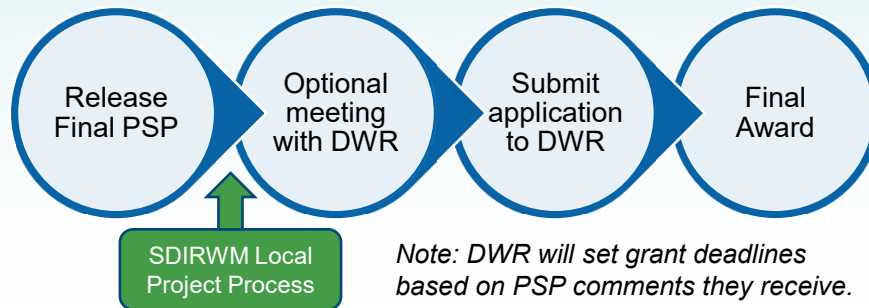


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## Proposition 1, Round 2

- Funding Criteria from DWR:
  - 50% funding match required (Match funds eligible through Jan 2015)
    - ❖ DAC funding match waiver possible, partial or full
  - Costs incurred following Final Award are available for grant reimbursement
- DWR Process:



*Note: DWR will set grant deadlines based on PSP comments they receive.*

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## Key Changes and Requirements – Draft PSP and GL

### Changes from Round 1

- Applicants no longer need to have CEQA completed and submitted within 12 months of final award
- No Pre-Application Materials submission and workshop requirement
- Statewide Priorities updated to reflect Water Resilience Portfolio
- Grant administration costs excluded from match requirement calculation

### Requirements in Round 2

- Projects must be complete by December 31, 2026
- Submit a self-certification form
- Simplified application for areas with funding split agreements

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## SDIRWM Comments on the Draft PSP and GL

- Requested clarifications:
  - Grant administration will not be included when considering total project costs for purposes of match requirement
    - ❖ Comment: Clarify if this applies to regional grantee or also to individual LPS.
  - Projects may be removed if they fail to progress in timely fashion
    - ❖ Comment: Clarify DWR's process for determining whether project progress is timely
- Requested adjustments to schedule:
  - Extend project completion date to 5 years from agreement execution
  - If project is removed, extend the grant agreement deadline to accommodate replacement project.

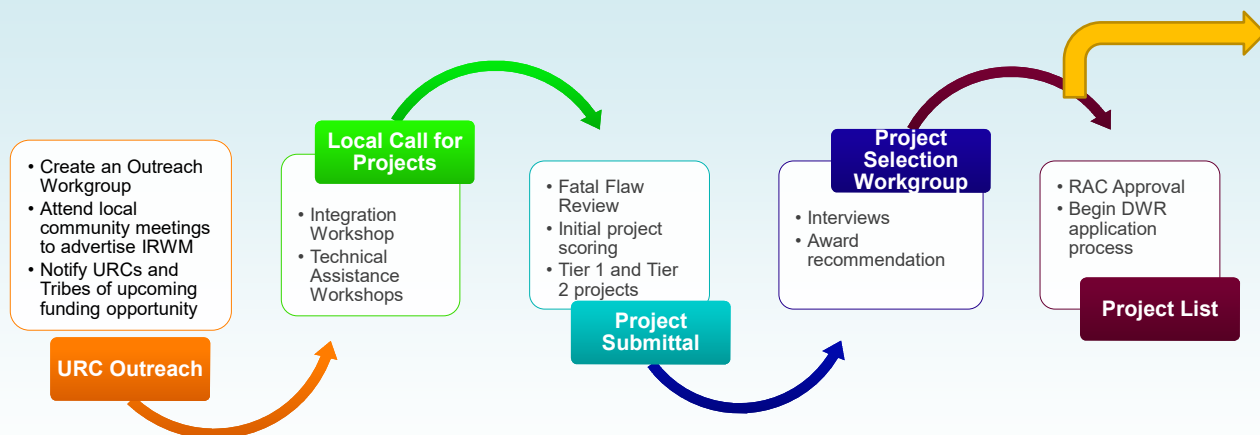
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Comments are due to DWR on February 18, 2022



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## SDIRWM Local Selection Process

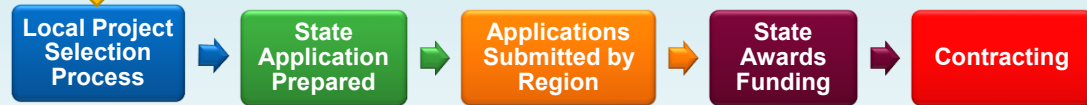


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## State IRWM Funding Process



*Receiving Some Grant \$\$  
Up Front Is Possible!*

- Submitted projects for Local Selection Process can be at any level of development (from planning to ready to proceed)
- ~5-7 months for entire application process and ~6 months for contracting after award date

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## URC Outreach Workgroup Update

- Formed in response to previous RAC discussions and a recommendation from the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Workgroup in 2021
- Partnered with [The Global ARC](#)
- (9) volunteers representing the following RAC caucuses:
  - RWMG Agencies (3)
  - Natural Resources and Watersheds (1)
  - DAC/Environmental Justice (2)
  - Water Quality (1)
  - Tribal (1)
  - Other (1)



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## URC Outreach Workgroup Objectives

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**Conduct** targeted outreach to URCs to the Call for Projects

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**Create** distribution materials for URC outreach

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**Notify** URCs and Tribes of upcoming funding opportunity

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**Attend** local community meetings to advertise opportunity

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## Workgroup Purpose

### Purpose of the Workgroup

Bring more URCs to the table in advance of the Call for Projects

Assist URCs in creating competitive funding applications for Proposition 1, Round 2

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## Workgroup Meeting #1

- Expanded contact list
- Discussed outreach methods for maximum stakeholder engagement
- Discussed communication needs for stakeholders

### Next Steps:

- Develop outreach materials
- Initiate contact with URCs
- Identify and attend local community meetings to present IRWM

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## Grant Administration

*Loisa Burton, San Diego County Water Authority*

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## *Public Comments*

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## Current Funding Opportunities

Project Types	Deadline	Website
<b>Cal OES:</b> Prep CA Jumpstart	February 28	<a href="#">Hazard Mitigation Grant Program</a>
<b>DWR:</b> Drought Response Funding • Small Communities Drought Relief	Small Communities: Opened 8/6 – rolling	<a href="#">Small Community Drought Relief (ca.gov)</a>
<b>SWRCB:</b> Prop 1 Technical Assistance Funding Program	Open: rolling	<a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issue_s/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/tech_asst_funding.html">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issue_s/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/tech_asst_funding.html</a>
<b>DWR:</b> Water Desalination Grant Program	Open: rolling	<a href="https://water.ca.gov/News/Public-Notices/2020/Sept-2020/Water-Desal-Grant-CAP">https://water.ca.gov/News/Public-Notices/2020/Sept-2020/Water-Desal-Grant-CAP</a>

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## 2022 RAC Meeting Schedule

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

- Regular Meetings Held First Wednesday of Every Other Month -

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