

San Diego IRWM Program RAC Meeting #103

October 4, 2023

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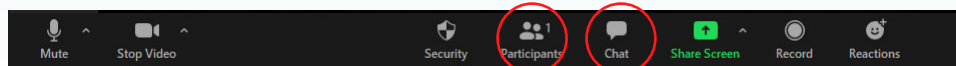
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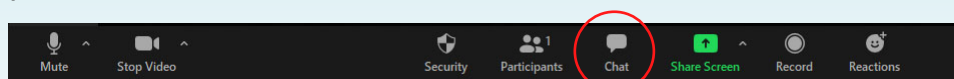


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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this hybrid 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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2024 San Diego IRWM Summit – Save the Date!

- Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024
- Location: Balboa Park
- More details to follow!



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Prop 84 Round 3 Program Completion Report

Loisa Burton, San Diego County Water Authority

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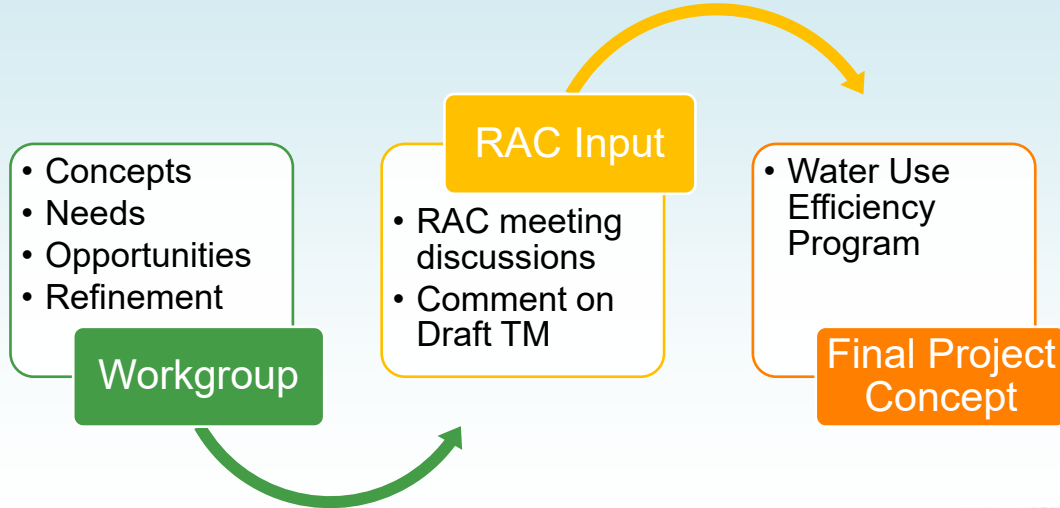
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Drought Resiliency Project Process



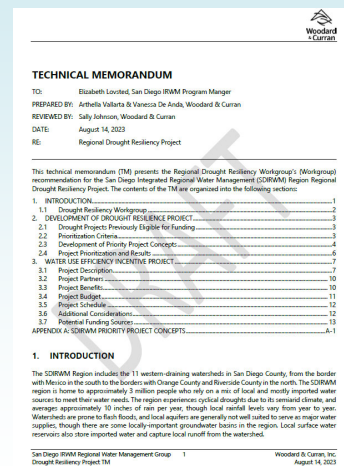
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Regional Drought Resiliency Project Technical Memorandum (TM)

- Regional Drought Resiliency Project TM summarizes the Water Use Efficiency Project.
- Released for public review on August 16 and closed on September 16.
- Final TM will be available on SDIRWM website and will be distributed via email in October 2023



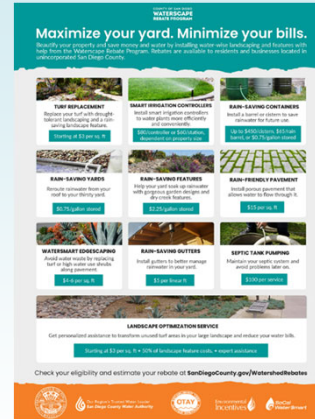
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Water Use Efficiency Incentive Project

- Incentives reduce financial barriers for URCs.
- Target residential and multifamily customers
- Includes indoor and outdoor incentives program and a community development program.
- A resource database was included as an optional task depending on the project sponsor's ability to implement



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Public Review Period

Comment	Response
Would CII projects qualify for funding to replace non-functional turf? They would score low based on the final prioritization criteria.	Final prioritization criteria was developed as SDIRWM's internal criteria. CII turf replacement projects could qualify for funding depending on the grant program's eligibility.
Would a local groundwater project to inject recycled water into the ground to create a seawater barrier to protect existing brackish wells used for desalination/RO potable water projects get support for a study? If so, would there be a way to add this as a Priority Project Concept?	Not considered for this effort but will consider this project concept for future efforts. Add to the project concept table in Appendix A.
Suggestion to add the use of irrigation with seawater for salt-tolerant turf locations that have ocean water available such as Mission Bay and San Diego Bay.	Add to the project concept table in Appendix A, but not incorporated into project as described in TM.

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Colorado River Updates

Shana Tighi, United States Bureau of Reclamation
Alexi Schnell, San Diego County Water Authority

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San Diego Green Infrastructure Consortium

Laurie Broedling, Vicki Estrada, Tony Endress, San Diego Green Infrastructure Consortium

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Regional Water Equity Report Updates

Elise Ruiz, County of San Diego

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Current Funding Opportunities

Project Types	Timing	Website
USBR: Drought Resiliency Projects	Application due October 31, 2023	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346822
USBR: Cooperative Watershed Management Program – Phase 1	First round due December 5, 2023; Second round due September 3, 2024	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349783
USBR: Planning and Project Design Grants	First round due October 17, 2023; Second round due April 2, 2024	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349785
USBR: Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects	Application due November 30, 2023	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=r24AS00010
USBR: Title XVI and WIIN Act Projects	Application due December 7, 2023	WIIN: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=title%20XVI Title XVI: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=title%20XVI
USBR: Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects	Second round due January 24, 2024	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346822
DWR: Pilot Program	Anticipated in October	TBD
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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■ Drought Resiliency Projects

- Purpose: Funding for on the ground projects and modeling tools that will increase water reliability and improve water management
 - ❖ Note: If recycled water project is eligible for Title XVI/WIIN, it is not eligible for Drought Resiliency Funding
- Funding:
 - ❖ Up to \$500,000 for projects to be completed within 2 years
 - ❖ Up to \$5 million large projects to be completed within 3 years
- Cost share: 50% or greater
- Status: Application due October 31, 2023

For more information please visit:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=349782>

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■ WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase 1

- Purpose: Watershed group development, watershed restoration planning, and watershed management project design.
- Funding:
 - ❖ Up to \$300,000 per applicant
- Cost share: 25-30% per application submittal period contingent on appropriations
- Status: First round due December 5, 2023; Second round due September 3, 2024

For more information please visit:

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- WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grants
 - Purpose: Projects to conduct planning to support water supply and management solutions (e.g. domestic water supply projects for DACs, water marketing, water conservation, drought resiliency, and ecological resilience).
 - Funding:
 - ❖ Up to \$400,000 per application for projects that can be completed within 3 years
 - Cost share: 0%, 25%, or 50% depending on project type
 - Status: First round due October 17, 2023; Second round due April 2, 2024

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<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349785>

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- Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects
 - Purpose: Funding for planning, design, and construction of small surface water and groundwater storage facilities.
 - ❖ *Must have a completed feasibility study that meets the requirements of USBR's Directives and Standards by September 18, 2023*
 - Funding:
 - ❖ \$25,000,000 available
 - Cost share: 75%
 - Status: Application due November 30, 2023

For more information please visit: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=r24AS00010>

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- WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects
 - Purpose: Funding for design and construction of aquatic ecosystem restoration projects that are collaboratively developed, have widespread regional benefits, and are for the purpose of improving of the health of fisheries, wildlife, and aquatic habitat through restoration and improve fish passage.
 - Funding:
 - ❖ Up to \$500,000 - \$2 million per project for Study and Design
 - ❖ Up to \$3 million - \$20 million per project for construction
 - Cost share: 35% or greater
 - Status: Second round due January 24, 2024

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2024 RAC Meeting Schedule

- 2024 Meeting Schedule:
 - February 7
 - May 1
 - August 7
 - November 1

- Regular meetings to be held *quarterly* in 2024

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