

## San Diego IRWM Program RAC Meeting #99

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October 5, 2022

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## Virtual Meeting Process

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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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## City of San Diego Stormwater Funding Strategy Update

*Bethany Bezak, City of San Diego*

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## Drought and Climate Change Panel

*Tory Walker, Building Industry Association of San Diego  
County*

*Anne Middleton, ECOLIFE Conservation*

*Jamie Milani, County of San Diego*

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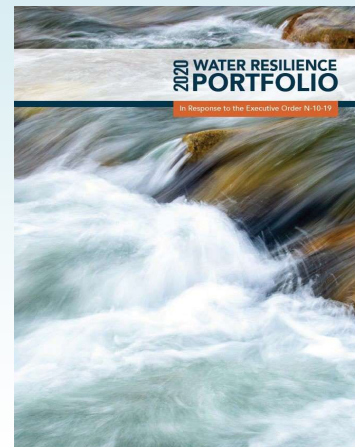
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## California Water Plan (CWP) Update 2023 – Water Resilience Initiative Goal

- Increase regional climate change resilience through integrated water management at watershed scales
- Watershed Resilience Initiative-Related Products:
  - Statewide Climate Change Risk and Preparedness Assessment
  - Watershed Resilience Framework and Toolkit
  - Watershed Performance Tracking Hub
  - CWP Update watershed resilience chapter



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## CWP Update 2023 – Water Resilience Initiative Objectives

- Better understand where and what type of risks exist in California’s watersheds
- Improve understanding the state of resilience preparedness Statewide
- Inform scoping of the Watershed Resilience Initiative and how the State can best coordinate, support, and partner with local/regional partners in improving their climate resilience

*California Water Plan – Update 2023 Content Preview Workshop  
October 27 from 9 AM – 12 PM  
<https://water.ca.gov/News/Events/2022/Oct-2022/California-Water-Plan---Update-2023-Content-Preview-Workshop>*

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## 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Funding

- The California Legislature amended the Budget Act of 2021 to allocate an additional \$545 million to DWR to award grants for drought relief - \$285M available this solicitation
  - \$190M for Urban Community Drought Relief
  - \$71.25M for Turf Replacement
  - \$71.25M for Conservation for Urban Suppliers
- Draft PSP does not provide a set-aside for IRWM Regions

*This is a statewide competitive grant. You can apply without going through the SDIRWM Process. See <https://water.ca.gov/Water-Basics/Drought/Drought-Funding/Urban-Drought-Grant> for more information*

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## 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Funding

- Minimum cost share of 25%; can be waived for underrepresented communities (URCs) and Tribes
- Minimum award amount of \$5 million
- ~\$85M set aside for URCs and Tribes
- Costs incurred on or after July 1, 2022 can be used as local cost-share
- Expected in October - Applications submitted on a rolling basis

Intention of Grant		
Provide water to communities that face the loss or contamination of their water supplies	Address immediate impacts on fish and wildlife resources	Protect fish and wildlife resources

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## 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Funding-Eligible Project Types

- Hauled water
- Installation of temporary or permanent community water tanks
- Bottled water
- Water vending machines
- Emergency water interties
- New wells or rehabilitation of existing wells
- Construction or installation of permanent connection to adjacent water systems, recycled water projects that provide immediate relief to potable water supplies, and other projects that support immediate drought response
- Fish and wildlife rescue, protection, and relocation
- Education, outreach, direct installation programs, rebate programs, and other activities to increase water conservation
- Turf replacement projects\*
- Drought resilience planning
- Other projects that support immediate drought response

*\* Turf replacement projects are required to incorporate a measure to ensure infiltration is maximized. See draft PSP and Guidelines for more information.*

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## 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Funding

- Projects must be complete by **December 2026**
- Funds awarded to highest priority projects:
  - Respond to critical human and/or wildlife emergencies. Especially for emergency projects that benefit communities, particularly URCs facing a Human to Right to Water Challenge.
  - Urban Water Suppliers that have activated a higher stage of their Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

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## URC and Tribes Implementation Fund

- ~\$85M set aside for URCs and Tribes
- Projects must provide at least 50% of primary water management related benefits to URCs or Tribes
- See Appendix H of PSP and Guidelines for information on how to determine if a community is an URC or Tribe

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## RAC Membership 2023 – 2026 Term Turnover

- *Purpose:* Facilitate broader stakeholder participation and ensure that all stakeholders have an equal opportunity to serve on the RAC
- *Method:* Rotate approx. half of RAC membership every second year

Previous and current RAC members are welcome to apply for a new term



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## Existing RAC Member Structure

15 Open Seats (shown in red – see handout for details)

- Regional Water Management Group (3)
- Water Supply (5)
  - Retail (North County – Inland)
  - Retail (North County – Coastal)
  - Retail (East County)
  - Retail (South County)
  - Retail (At Large)
- Water Quality (6)
  - Stormwater (North County)
  - Stormwater (South/East County)
  - Water Quality (NGO)
  - Water Quality (NGO)
  - Wastewater/RW (Metro JPA)
  - Wastewater/RW (Non-Metro JPA)
- Tribal (3)
  - Northern IRWM Region
  - Central IRWM Region
  - Southern IRWM Region
- DAC/Environmental Justice (2)
  - Urban DAC
  - Rural DAC
- Natural Resources & Watersheds (6)
  - Water Conservation (NGO)
  - Protection and Restoration (NGO)
  - Protection and Restoration (NGO)
  - Recreation
  - Coastal Ecosystems
  - Wildfire-Water Nexus
- Other (7)
  - Flood Management
  - Business Community
  - Agriculture
  - Land Use Planning
  - At Large
  - At Large
  - Climate Change

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## RAC Member Selection Workgroup

- The Workgroup will consist of 9 representatives, 1 from each Caucus
  - Water Supply
  - Water Quality
  - Natural Resources and Watersheds
  - DAC/Environmental Justice
  - Tribal
  - Other
- All caucus members have a say in who to nominate from their caucus

**We are soliciting representatives for the RAC Member Selection Workgroup**

*RAC members whose term is not ending are eligible to serve in the workgroup*

The 2022 RAC Member list is available at

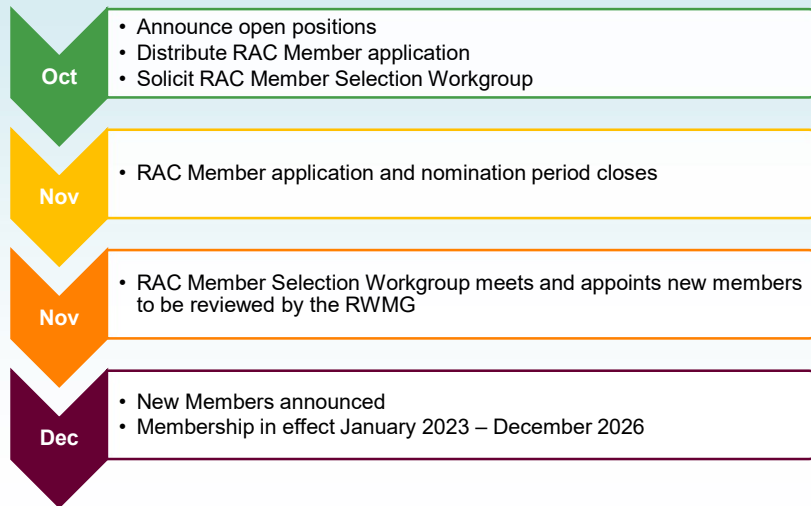
[https://www.sdirwmp.org/pdf/RAC\\_All\\_Members\\_2021\\_2022\\_31Mar22.pdf](https://www.sdirwmp.org/pdf/RAC_All_Members_2021_2022_31Mar22.pdf)

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## Tentative RAC Member Selection Schedule



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## RAC Desired Attributes

- Has knowledge and experience in water resources management.
- Represents an agency, non-profit organization, tribe, or academia.
- Has the ability and desire to objectively articulate the perspective of his/her RAC seat and caucus at a level beyond that within his/her individual organization.
- Can provide recommendations with the best interests of the entire San Diego IRWM region in mind.



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## RAC General Duties

1. Attend meetings consistently (only two absences/year)
2. Come prepared to meetings
3. Be responsive to requests between meetings
4. Act as a point of contact and disseminate information related to the IRWM Program as appropriate
5. Designate an alternate to attend and participate in RAC meetings as needed
6. Recuse from discussion or voting if personal interest or stake in the outcome

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## RAC Conflict of Interest Policy

- The following activities are incompatible with membership on the RAC or Workgroup(s) and so are prohibited:
  - Any activity for private gain.
  - Additional employment that would impair the RAC or Workgroup member's independence of judgment. May not advocate for their entity's project during the project selection process.
  - RAC or Workgroup member must disclose his/her personal interest and fully recuses himself/herself from participating in the project selection process for applicable projects.

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## RAC Member Application

- Pass/fail eligibility criteria:
  - Represents an agency, non-profit organization, tribe, or academia
- Application form – **see handout!**



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### San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Membership Application

Please return this form to Lesley Dobalian ([LDobalian@sdicwa.org](mailto:LDobalian@sdicwa.org)) by **November**. A workgroup representing the RAC caucuses will review the applicants and recommend who should fill the 15 vacancies. The final decision concerning the new members will be made by the Regional Water Management Group and the RAC.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which vacant RAC seat(s) you are applying for (note that all names highlighted in red in the RAC Member Composition Section are vacant):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you meet the eligibility criteria:  
 Represents an agency, non-profit organization, tribe, or academia.

Describe your knowledge and experience related to water management, including participation in the IRWM Program or other water resource policy, planning, outreach, or implementation efforts:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Describe how your experience and knowledge allows you to:  
1. Have the ability and desire to objectively articulate the perspective of your RAC seat and caucus at a level beyond that within your individual organization.  
2. Provide recommendations with the best interests of the entire San Diego IRWM region in mind.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Describe how your position within your organization allows you to:  
1. Act as a point of contact within your individual organization for collection and dissemination of information related to the IRWM Program.  
2. Disseminate information about the IRWM Program to your contacts, as appropriate.  
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## RAC Applications

- Reminder: RAC applications are due in **November**
- Applications will be circulated via SDIRWM list serve and available for download: <http://sdirwmp.org/regional-advisory-committee>
- For questions about the process or to submit a completed application, contact:

**Lesley Dobalian**  
IRWM Program Manager  
[LDobalian@sdicwa.org](mailto:LDobalian@sdicwa.org)  
858-522-6747

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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>DWR:</b> Urban Community Drought Relief	Expected to open: October	<a href="https://water.ca.gov/Water-Basics/Drought/Drought-Funding/Urban-Drought-Grant">https://water.ca.gov/Water-Basics/Drought/Drought-Funding/Urban-Drought-Grant</a>
<b>DWR:</b> Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Round 2	Expected to open: October	<a href="https://water.ca.gov/work-with-us/grants-and-loans/sustainable-groundwater">https://water.ca.gov/work-with-us/grants-and-loans/sustainable-groundwater</a>
<b>OPR:</b> Adaptation Planning Grant Program and Regional Resiliency Planning & Implementation Grant Program	Expected Fall/Winter 2022	<a href="https://www.opr.ca.gov/climate/icarp/grants/adaptation-planning-grant.html">https://www.opr.ca.gov/climate/icarp/grants/adaptation-planning-grant.html</a>
<b>SWRCB:</b> Prop 1 Technical Assistance Funding Program	Open: rolling	<a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/tech_asst_funding.html">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/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: **December 7!**
- 2023 Meeting Schedule:
  - February 1
  - April 5
  - June 7
  - August 2
  - October 4
  - December 6
- Regular Meetings Held First Wednesday of Every Other Month -

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