

San Diego IRWM Program RAC Meeting #91

June 2, 2021

1

Agenda

- Meeting Logistics
- Welcome and Introductions
- Regional Conveyance System Study
- Project Completion Report
- Statewide IRWM Update
- Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup Update
- Grant Administration
- Public Comments
- Summary and Next Steps

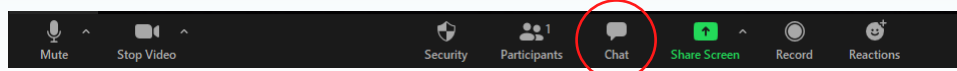
2

2

San Diego IRWM Program RAC Meeting #91

June 2, 2021

All attendees: Please enter your full name and organization into the **chat**

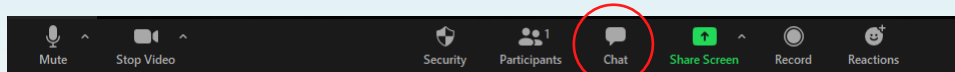


For any technical difficulties, contact: Nicole Poletto, 858-875-7405

3

Virtual Meeting Process

- Please remain on mute until called on – do not put meeting on hold
- Use the chat feature to ask questions or notify moderator if you want to speak



- To unmute when called on, click on the microphone icon



- To unmute if you're on the phone, press *6
- If you can't find the chat feature, email questions or comments to sdirwm@woodardcurran.com

4

4

Agenda

- Meeting Logistics
- Welcome and Introductions
- Regional Conveyance System Study
- Project Completion Report
- Statewide IRWM Update
- Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup Update
- Grant Administration
- Public Comments
- Summary and Next Steps

5



5

Agenda

- Meeting Logistics
- Welcome and Introductions
- Regional Conveyance System Study
- Project Completion Report
- Statewide IRWM Update
- Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup Update
- Grant Administration
- Public Comments
- Summary and Next Steps

6



6

Regional Conveyance System Study

Kelly Rodgers, Director of the Colorado River Program, San Diego County Water Authority

7



7

Agenda

- Meeting Logistics
- Welcome and Introductions
- Regional Conveyance System Study
- Project Completion Report
- Statewide IRWM Update
- Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup Update
- Grant Administration
- Public Comments
- Summary and Next Steps

8



8

Healthy Water for Forester Creek
*Sarah Hutmacher, The San Diego River Park
Foundation*

9



9

Agenda

- Meeting Logistics
- Welcome and Introductions
- Regional Conveyance System Study
- Project Completion Report
- **Statewide IRWM Update**
- Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup Update
- Grant Administration
- Public Comments
- Summary and Next Steps

10



10

Future of San Diego IRWM: 2021-22 State Budget

- Gov. Newsom released a May Revise on the CA State Budget
 - \$5.1 billion budget for water infrastructure, drought response, and climate resilience
- Budgets will be merged and submitted to the Governor by **June 15**
- **There is no direct appropriation for IRWM**



**We Need Your
Help ASAP!**

Send letter
advocating for
inclusion of IRWM
in final 2021-2022
state budget

SAN DIEGO
Integrated Regional
Water Management 11

11

How to Send a Letter?

- See email from sdirwm@woodardcurran.com sent on Tuesday, May 18
- **Instructions and a template have been provided**

[Redacted], 2021

The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
State Capitol, Room 5019
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phil Ting, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Inclusion of IRWM Funding in Drought Relief and Resiliency Package

Dear Senator Skinner and Assemblymember Ting:

The **<insert name of agency or organization>** strongly supports the inclusion of \$510 million in statewide funding for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) regions in the final drought relief and resiliency package. We request the funding be allocated to IRWM Funding Areas based on hydrologic regions as defined by the California Water Plan, consistent with the previously approved Proposition 1 Water Bond. The \$510 million request exactly replicates the amount allocated to IRWM regions through Proposition 1.



Email Letters to:

- Senate Budget Committee
- Assembly Budget Committee
- Local State Legislators

Send letters ASAP!

SAN DIEGO
Integrated Regional
Water Management 12

12

Other Opportunities to Advocate

- Set up a meeting with your legislator
 - Template and Instructions provided on Thursday, May 27
 - SDIRWM Fact Sheet would be a good leave-behind
 - Target the week of June 7 for legislative outreach
- Advocate for IRWM Funding in proposed Water Bonds AB 1500 and SB 45
 - Currently, we've switched focus to request \$510 million in the State budget as opposed to these water bonds
 - Depending on State budget outcomes, we may request your help advocating for the bond measures



13

Roundtable of Regions Recommendations on the Future of IRWM

- Attend the special Roundtable of Regions (RoR) meeting on **July 1** to discuss the Future of IRWM
 - RoR completed an assessment report of the 48 IRWM Planning Regions

Rec #1	Rec #2	Rec #3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use existing IRWM regional boundaries when designating regions that integrate water and natural resource management with climate resilience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain State support for IRWM regions regardless of transition to an expanded role 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State leadership should express strong commitment to IRWM, given tremendous benefits it has provided

All Recommendations Supported by the San Diego RWGM

14

Proposition 1, Round 2 Proposed Changes

- DWR hosted workshop on May 6 to review Round 1 Survey and Round 2 Proposed Changes
 - Goal to simplify application and complete contracting more quickly
 - DWR reaffirmed their support for projects with multiple benefits or multiple partners
- Emphasis on climate change resiliency and support for projects identified in Needs Assessments and DACI funding round
- DWR Schedule (tentative):
 - Draft PSP proposed for this summer
 - Final PSP proposed by end of 2021

Recent State Budget updates and drought declarations may delay Prop 1, Round 2 from this timeline

Preparing for the SDIRWM Call for Projects

- Establish a **partnership** or determine integrated approach
- Incorporate a **community engagement** component
- Request and review sample Prop 1 **grant agreement** to understand agreement compliance requirements
- Register for **project database** (<https://opti.woodardcurran.com/irwm/sd/login.php>)
- Materials to strengthen project application:
 - Updated itemized project budget
 - Schedule (planning and construction)
 - Strategy for CEQA and permits
 - Measurable/quantifiable benefits of the project
 - Feasibility study or preliminary design

Agenda

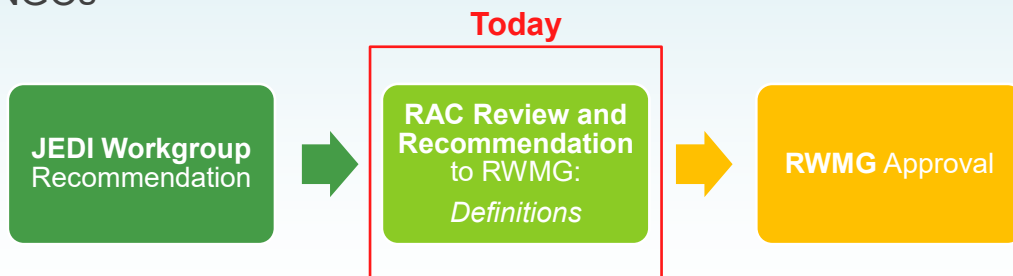
- Meeting Logistics
- Welcome and Introductions
- Regional Conveyance System Study
- Project Completion Report
- Statewide IRWM Update
- Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup Update
- Grant Administration
- Public Comments
- Summary and Next Steps

17

17

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

- Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (JEDI) Workgroup has met twice (May 4 and May 24)
- 17 volunteers representing diverse group of agencies, tribes, and NGOs



18

JEDI Workgroup – Meeting Agendas

Complete

Meeting #1 (May)

Frame JEDI in the context of SDIRWM

Define JEDI

Meeting #2 (May)

Finalize JEDI definitions

Set goals and metrics

Evaluate project selection process

Upcoming

Meeting #3 (June)

Finalize goals and metrics

Finalize project selection process

Evaluate scoring criteria

Meeting #4 (July)

Finalize scoring criteria

Evaluate RAC Member selection process

Determine SDIRWM next steps

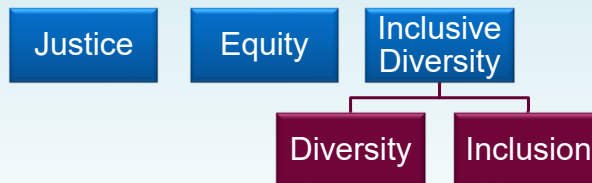
19

SAN DIEGO
Integrated Regional
Water Management

19

Terminology

The JEDI Workgroup examined what these terms mean for the San Diego IRWM Program:



& recommended transitioning language when possible:



20

SAN DIEGO
Integrated Regional
Water Management

20

What do Justice, Equity, and Inclusive Diversity mean for the SDIRWM Program?

- **Over-riding goal:** Entrench a culture of EQUAL STATUS for all communities within the planning region in the eyes of those making decisions about IRWM activities and funding
- Key concepts and ideas as determined by the Workgroup:

Justice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of life • Environmental justice • Impartial • Equitable • Recognize historical wrongs • Support • Prevent future injustice • Needs of the environment

Equity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaningful support looks different for different groups • Investment • Innovative tools, time, and technologies • Access

Inclusive Diversity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal voice • Partnerships • Collaboration • Respect • Representation • Decision-making • Quality and range of project types and technologies

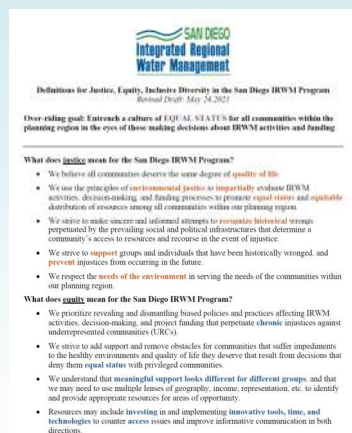
21

See handout for complete definitions!



21

Discussion on Definitions



22

See handout for complete definitions!
(Page 39 of the meeting packet)



22

Initial Recommendations on Project Selection Process



- Initial discussion focused on the project selection process within SDIRWM control
 - Began with the pre-application and application stage
- Initial recommendations include:
 - Create a Workgroup tasked with community outreach to bring more people to the table prior to the Call for Projects
 - Follow up with underserved communities regarding any “fatal flaws” in submitted project applications
 - Rank underrepresented community projects in Tier 1 for Project Selection Workgroup consideration

23



23

Agenda

- Meeting Logistics
- Welcome and Introductions
- Regional Conveyance System Study
- Project Completion Report
- Statewide IRWM Update
- Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup Update
- Grant Administration
- Public Comments
- Summary and Next Steps

24



24

Grant Administration

Loisa Burton, San Diego County Water Authority

25



25

Agenda

- Meeting Logistics
- Welcome and Introductions
- Regional Conveyance System Study
- Project Completion Report
- Statewide IRWM Update
- Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup Update
- Grant Administration
- Public Comments
- Summary and Next Steps

26



26

Public Comments

27



27

Agenda

- Meeting Logistics
- Welcome and Introductions
- Regional Conveyance System Study
- Project Completion Report
- Statewide IRWM Update
- Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup Update
- Grant Administration
- Public Comments
- Summary and Next Steps

28



28

Current Funding Opportunities

Project Types	Deadline	Website
CalEPA Environmental Justice Small Grants	June 30, 2021 at 11:59 PST	https://calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/Funding/
New Program from SWRCB and Division of Financial Assistance (DFA): O&M Costs of Specific Disadvantaged Community Drinking Water Systems	Submit Letter of Interest by July 12, 2021	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/docs/reg_for_interest_prop68_dw_om.pdf
Prop 1 Technical Assistance Funding Program	Open: rolling	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/tech_asst_funding.html
Water Desalination Grant Program	Open: rolling	https://water.ca.gov/News/Public-Notices/2020/Sept-2020/Water-Desal-Grant-CAP

29



29

2021 RAC Meeting Schedule

- Next RAC Meeting: August 4, 2021
- 2021 Meeting Schedule:
 - October 6, 2021
 - December 1, 2021

- Regular Meetings Held First Wednesday of Every Other Month -

30



30

San Diego IRWM Program RAC Meeting #91

June 2, 2021