

## **San Diego IRWM Program** **RAC Meeting #92**

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August 4, 2021

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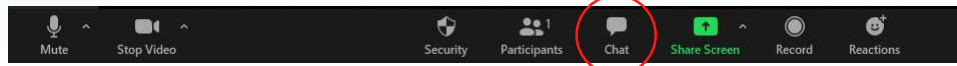
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## Land Acknowledgement

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 Pasqual Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update

*Sandra Carlson, City of San Diego*

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## Groundwater Planning for DACs and Tribes in the Anza Valley

*Susan Recker, Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians*  
*Michelle Stern, California Water Science Center USGS*

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## 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
- SB 129: Budget Bill Jr. - passed in June
  - \$200 million available for multi-benefit projects, including IRWM
  - May be distributed via drought funding
- Details on how the budget will be allocated still forthcoming
- Potential for future budget-related bills to include additional water-related funding
- Survey on State's Climate Resilience Budget – *see email from 8/3*

**Thank you to everyone advocated for  
IRWM inclusion in the budget!**



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## Proposition 1, Round 2

- DWR Schedule (tentative):
  - Draft PSP proposed for this summer\*
  - Final PSP proposed by end of 2021\*
- SDIRWM Schedule (tentative):
  - Local process to start around the time the Draft PSP is released, pending DWR schedule
- DWR conducting survey to inform timing of Round 2 and Drought funding

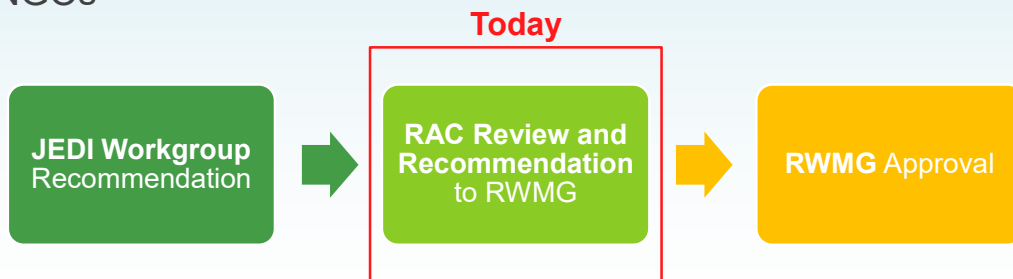
\*Recent State Budget updates and drought declarations may delay Prop 1, Round 2 from this timeline

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

- Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (JEDI) Workgroup has met four times (May 4, May 24, June 21, and July 27)
- 17 volunteers representing diverse group of agencies, tribes, and NGOs



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## JEDI Workgroup - Meeting Agendas

### 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

### Meeting #3 (June)

Set goals and metrics

Recommend project selection  
process revisions

Evaluate scoring criteria

### Meeting #4 (July)

Recommend scoring criteria  
revisions

Review goals and metrics

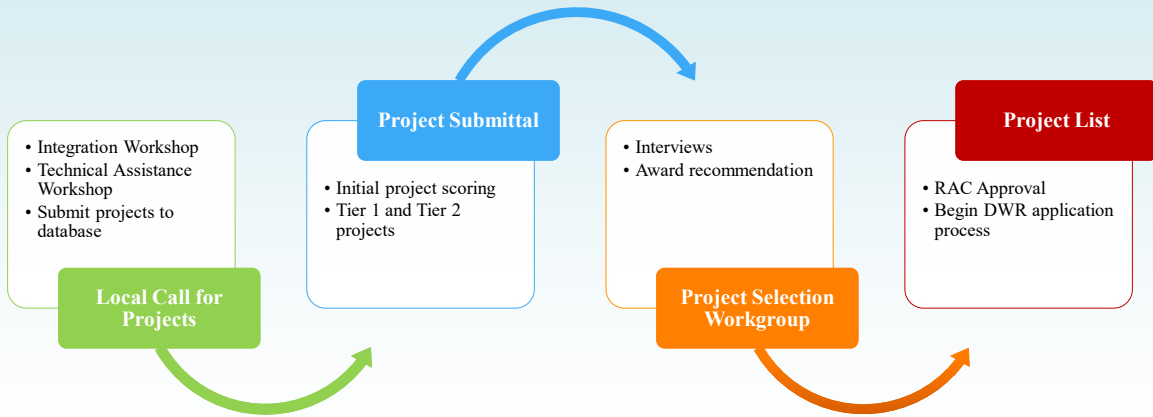
Determine SDIRWM next steps /  
recommendations

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## Project Selection Process

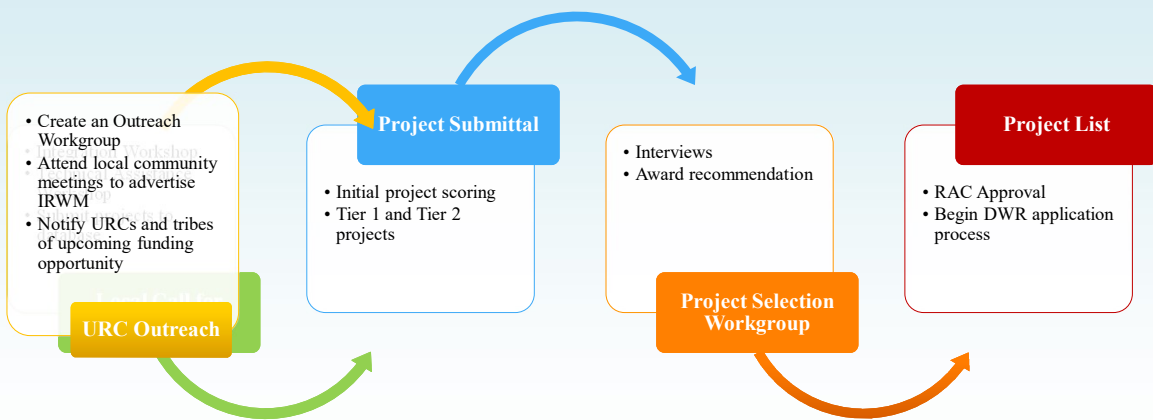


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## Project Selection Process



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## Additional Project Selection Process Recommendations

- Create a Workgroup tasked with community outreach to bring more people to the table prior to the Call for Projects
- Follow up with project sponsors regarding any “fatal flaws” in submitted project applications
- Include unconscious bias training for the Project Selection Workgroup
- Explore opportunities for stipends to URCs participating in the Project Selection Workgroup and other IRWM activities

*\*Implementation of recommendations to be evaluated by RWMG for feasibility*

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## Project Scoring Process Recommendations

### Option 1:

Include all qualifying URC Projects automatically in Tier 1

- Score all submitted projects per Scoring Criteria
- Tier projects (top 50% of scores, bottom 50% of scores)
  - Tier 1 projects are considered in detail by Project Selection Workgroup
- **Add any URC projects that scored in Tier 2 to Tier 1**
  - Tier 1 may be more than 50% of projects once URC projects moved
  - URC project status based on project benefit area

### Option 2:

Include all qualifying URC Projects in Tier 1 but needs URC organization as sponsor/partner to move automatically in Tier 1.

- Same approach as Option 1, but projects in Tier 2 must have a URC organization as a project sponsor or project partner to be moved to Tier 1, not just provide benefits to URCs.

*All projects, including URC projects, must meet the pass/fail criteria to be scored – Objective A (Integration), Objective B (Outreach/Education)*

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## JEDI Goals for San Diego IRWM

### IRWM Planning/Program

- Clarify the definition of URCs
- Prioritize the needs of URCs in IRWM Planning
- Increase participation of grantees and consultants in JEDI
- Make RAC and Project Selection Workgroup more reflective of communities served

### IRWM Funding

- Increase funding program awareness
- Understand and address hurdles for URCs in accessing grants
- Build capacity in URCs to effectively participate in planning & grant processes
- Provide more equitable evaluation of projects

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## RAC Discussion: JEDI Recommendations



Discussion on JEDI Workgroup Recommendations and Goals

- RAC Vote on:**
1. Project Selection Process Recommendations
  2. Project Scoring Process Recommendations

Reminder: Only RAC members (or their alternates if RAC member not present) should vote

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*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> Drought Response Funding*	Small Communities Funding opens 8/6, rolling deadline	TBD
<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>
WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal year 2022	November 3 at 3:00 PM	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=335103">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=335103</a>
WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects for Fiscal Year 2022	December 9 at 3:00 PM	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=335081">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=335081</a>

\*If San Diego County included in Drought Proclamation  
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## 2021 RAC Meeting Schedule

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

- Regular Meetings Held First Wednesday of Every Other Month -

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