

San Diego IRWM Program RAC Meeting #105

May 1, 2024

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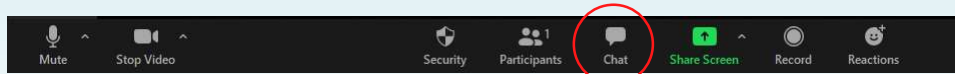
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Land Acknowledgement

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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Colorado River Updates

Noe Santos, United States Bureau of Reclamation
Alexi Schnell, San Diego County Water Authority

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2024 San Diego IRWM Summit

- The 2024 San Diego IRWM Summit was held on February 29, 2024 at Recital Hall in Balboa Park.
 - *Thank you to the City of San Diego for booking the venue!*
- Purpose of the Summit was to highlight the evolution of the San Diego IRWM Program and to solicit input from local and regional stakeholders about the direction of the San Diego IRWM Program.

Thank you to all who attended!

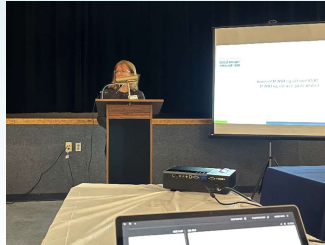
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- Keynote speaker DeeDee A'damo, State Water Resource Control Board, highlighted the Statewide approach to resiliency.



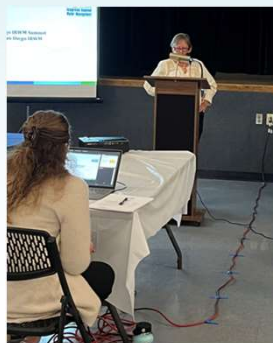
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- URC and Tribal Discussion highlighted water management within URCs and Tribal groups in the region.
 - Thanks to Toby Roy and John Flores for participating in the discussion!

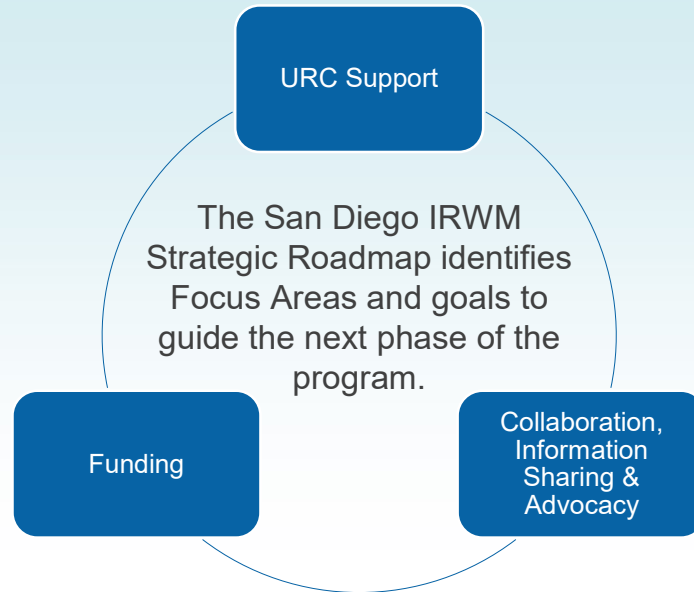


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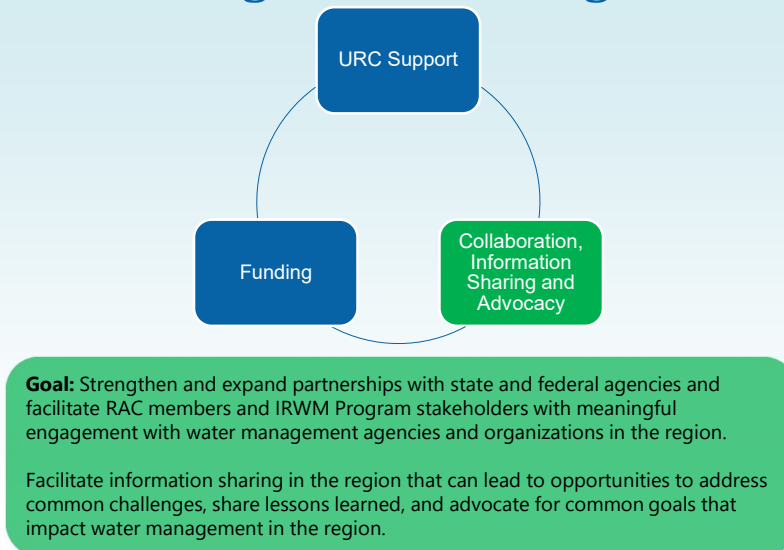
Reminder - San Diego IRWM Strategic Roadmap



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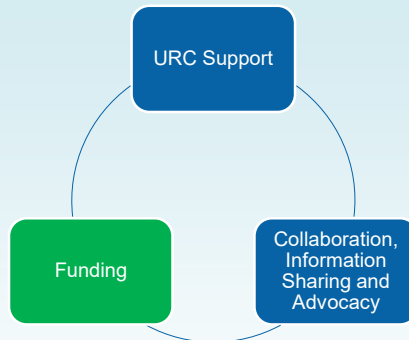
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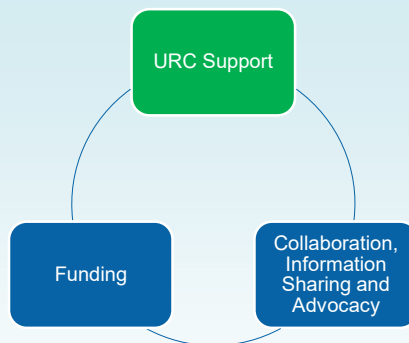


Goal: Identify and secure potential funding sources that support the goals of IRWM and enhance IRWM's capacity to improve water resources planning in the region. Position the region for success in funding endeavors.

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Goal: Increase and facilitate partnerships with URCs to provide resources and information that can support the needs of URCs in the region. Support can include information sharing, training resources, capacity building, and positioning for successful funding applications.

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- RWMG sought input on the Strategic Roadmap:
 - Collaboration, Information Sharing, and Advocacy (2 groups)
 - URC Support (2 groups)
 - Funding (1 group)
- Breakout groups discussed Focus Area goals and potential actions for a given focus area



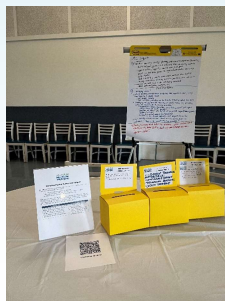
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- Attendees were asked to identify approaches to achieving goals for each Focus area and select three to share with the group
- Attendees “funded” the actions that they would prioritize.



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Results from the 2024 Summit – Collaboration, Information Sharing, and Advocacy See handout!

#	Action	Votes
1	Involve legislation/governmental affairs for shaping and implementing advocacy strategy	20
2	Remove IRWM participation barriers	18
3	Invest in good facilitation that supports a safe space	13
4	Evolution of MOUs to prioritize funding for advocacy and collaboration, as needed, or use RAC meetings, and/or bond issues watershed-based	11
5	Set IRWM RAC agenda items, specific time, for open project proposals & collaboration, looking for partners, efficiency, etc.	10
6	Annual watershed level/and multijurisdictional / NGO / stakeholder meetings facilitated by IRWM.	7

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Results from the 2024 Summit – Funding See handout!

#	Action	Votes
1	Advocate at state/federal level for political acceptance to support recognition of water projects	22
2	Build public/private partnerships for value engagements	21
3	Use existing resources to build strong and competitive projects that meet new/current state, federal, and local priorities	13

**Funding had only 1 breakout group, so fewer actions were identified and available for "funding"*

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See handout!

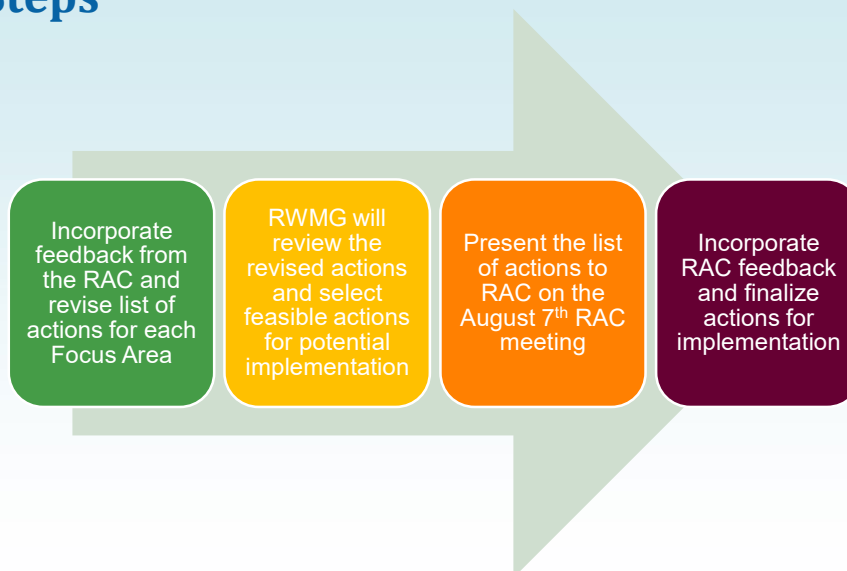
Results from the 2024 Summit – URC Support

#	Action	Votes
1	Increase technical assistance for URCs throughout the entire grant application process	23
2	Tribal-focused outreach and collaboration opportunities, trainings, workshops, and cross-collaboration efforts	22
3	Develop training materials for environmental compliance and grant applications.	16
4	Check in periodically with URCs	8
5	Multi-language outreach and support	8
6	Identify and survey existing members to identify needs that are relevant to their community	6

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2024 San Diego IRWM Summit – Discussion



1. What are your impressions on the actions of each Focus Area?
2. Do you agree with the actions that received the most support?
Would you have supported other actions more strongly?
3. Are there any aspects that we might overlooking?
4. Are there any other actions you would like to include?



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Safari Park Drought Response and Outreach

David Gillig, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance

*Pat McTigue, Chris Brzezicki, Michael Fanelli, Raj Brown, and
Sasha Stallard, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance*

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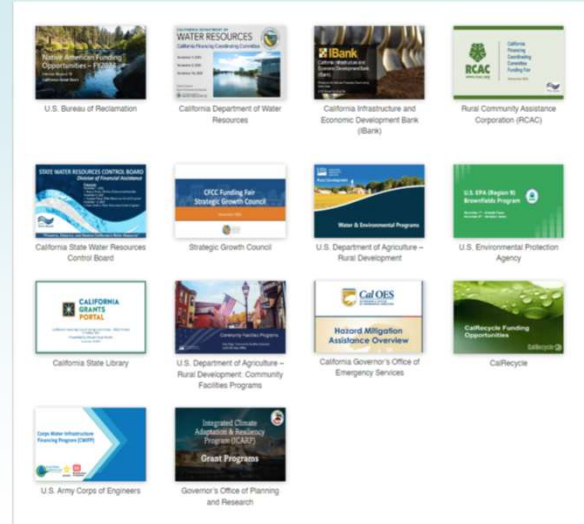
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CFCC Funding Fair

- California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) 2024 Spring Funding Fairs (virtual):
 - May 23, 9am - 12pm
 - May 29, 9am – 12pm
- Presentations from state and federal agencies on funding available from their programs
- More information available: <https://www.cfcc.ca.gov>



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Current Funding Opportunities

Project Types	Timing	Website
USBR: WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants	Second round due October 30, 2024	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/350982
USBR: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grants	Second round due: July 9, 2024	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/350845
USBR: Planning and Project Design Grants for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024	Second round due: May 21, 2024	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/349785
USBR: Cooperative Watershed Management Program – Phase 1	Second round due September 3, 2024	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/349783
USBR: WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024	Second round due September 30, 2024	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/350381
DWR: Pilot Program	Anticipated in 2024	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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■ Water Energy Efficiency Grants

- Purpose: Provide funding for projects that result in quantifiable water savings, implement renewable energy components, and support broader sustainability benefits
- Funding: \$50 million in FY 2024 and FY 2025
 - ❖ \$500,000 for smaller projects to be completed in 2 years
 - ❖ \$2 million for projects to be completed in 3 years
 - ❖ \$5 million for larger projects to be completed in 3 years
- Cost share: 50% or greater
- Status: Second Round due October 30, 2024

For more information please visit: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/350982>

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■ Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects

- Purpose: Fund small-scale-on-the-ground projects that seek to conserve, better manage, or otherwise make more efficient use of water supplies F\$
- Funding: \$120 million
 - ❖ \$100,000 per applicant
- Cost share: 50%
- Status:
 - ❖ Round 2 Due: July 9, 2024
 - ❖ Round 3 Due: January 14, 2023
 - ❖ Round 4 Due: July 8, 2025

For more information please visit: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/350845>

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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: Second round due September 3, 2024

For more information please visit: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/349783>

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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: Second round due May 21, 2024

For more information please visit: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/349785>

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- WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024
 - Purpose: Provides financial and technical assistance to local water agencies for the planning, design, and construction of water reclamation and reuse projects.
 - ❖ *The project must have a completed Title XVI feasibility study submitted to Reclamation for review by August 30, 2024.*
 - Funding: \$179 million
 - ❖ Up to \$30 million per project
 - Cost share: 75% or more
 - Status: Second round due September 30, 2024

For more information please visit: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/350381>

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2024 RAC Meeting Schedule

- 2024 Meeting Schedule:
 - August 7
 - November 6
- Regular meetings to be held *quarterly* in 2024

Reminder: The tour to the Safari Park's upgraded wastewater treatment plant is after the RAC meeting. If your attendance has been confirmed, please stay after the RAC meeting to attend the tour.

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