



**Coordinating Committee
San Francisco Bay Area
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**
c/o San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
525 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

June 3, 2016

Re: Invitation to Partner in Water Management to Benefit Disadvantaged and Underrepresented Communities

Dear Potential DAC Stakeholder Engagement Partners:

The Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP) is seeking outreach partners to include communities in water planning and project development in the Bay Area. To support community involvement and to identify water related projects the Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee (CC) has partnered with Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW) and the California Indian Environmental Alliance (CIEA) to seek a broad base of additional outreach partners. ***We invite you to join us!***

This is an opportunity to build relationships and community-based capacity to guide water planning in partnership with local government, California tribes, watershed agencies, watershed groups, community-based organizations and other stakeholders in the Bay Area.

This effort is funded through Proposition 1 (the 2014 Water Bond) that will provide the San Francisco Bay Area with \$65 million in IRWM grant funding for projects related to water supply, water quality, wastewater, recycled water, flood management, stormwater, watershed habitat protection and restoration. Of these funds \$6.5 million is dedicated to our efforts to include low-income and underrepresented communities in our local IRWMP area.

To become an outreach partner or to receive services please tell us what activities you are interested in by **July 31, 2016**, by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6SXYQBM>. We will be contacting you during the summer and fall to bring you into the team.

If you already know of a project that addresses the water-related needs of low-income or underserved communities in the Bay Area please complete and the accompanying *Proposition 1 – DWR Proposal for DACs* form (fillable PDF) **by July 31, 2016**. Your project does not yet have to be fully developed. As part of capacity building we will support development of applicable projects. After you complete the form, please save it with a name appropriate for the project. Then e-mail it as an attachment to projects@bairwmp.org.

To become an outreach partner or to receive capacity building in order to participate please contact:

Colin Bailey, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, (916) 432-3529, colin@ejcw.org,
Sherri Norris, California Indian Environmental Alliance, (510) 848-2043, sherri@cieaweb.org

For more information about the Bay Area IRWMP or our process please see the *Bay Area IRWMP Background* information attached or visit our website, www.bairwmp.org, or email us at: projects@bairwmp.org. To add your name to the Bay Area IRWM Listserve please [click here](#). You will receive updates on the Bay Area IRWM process and future funding rounds.

We look forward to working with you in the Bay Area communities in water management and watershed planning and in hearing your ideas for the next round of IRWM funding.

Sincerely,



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What is the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan?

The Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Bay Area IRWMP) is a multi-stakeholder, nine-county effort to coordinate a strategic approach to regional water resources management. The Plan builds on water resources needs and planning strategies identified throughout the Bay Area, and leverages regional cooperation to more effectively address the needs identified.

The Bay Area IRWMP informs future water resource planning by creating a road map that helps to enhance water supply reliability, protect water quality, manage flood protection, maintain public health standards, improve habitat conditions, and enhance the overall health of San Francisco Bay.

The Bay Area IRWMP is important because it fosters regional planning and cooperation, which in turn creates more efficient and effective management of water resources and improves the region's competitiveness for funding.

WORKING TOGETHER TO ENHANCE SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT TO SUPPORT A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE BAY AREA

BAY AREA IRWMP BACKGROUND

Who is involved in the Bay Area IRWMP?

The Bay Area IRWMP is a living document and involves a diverse group of water supply, water quality, wastewater, stormwater, flood management, watershed and habitat agencies, local governments, environmental groups, business groups, and community based organizations.

The Bay Area IRWMP defines the Bay Area region according to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Region 2) jurisdiction. This region includes all or major portions of the nine counties which surround the Bay.

Stakeholders from the nine counties developed four Functional Areas in order to identify specific needs and challenges related to each specific Functional area, describe water man-



agement strategies to address these needs, and develop a list of potential strategies and implementation projects that maximize benefits and enhance opportunities for regional cooperation within a given functional area. The four Functional Areas are:

- Water Supply and Water Quality
- Wastewater and Recycled Water
- Flood Protection and Stormwater Management
- Watershed Management-Habitat Protection and Restoration

Previous IRWM Grant Rounds

The Bay Area IRWMP has had four rounds of Proposition 84 grant funding, where the Bay Area received a total of \$136 million. For information on previously funded projects, see the [Bay Area IRWMP Funded Projects List](#).

Since Prop 84 funds have been fully allocated, the Bay Area IRWMP is now focusing on Prop 1 grant funding opportunities (see reverse side).

You're Invited to Participate in the Prop 1 IRWM DAC Outreach Round

If you have a project that addresses the needs of disadvantaged communities and/or are able to perform one or more of the eligible DAC involvement activities, please contact the Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee at projects@bairwmp.org. The following types of activities are eligible for funding:

- Technical Assistance
- Needs Assessments
- Project Development
- Site Assessment
- Engagement in IRWM Efforts
- Governance Structure
- Education
- Facilitation
- Enhancement of DAC aspects in IRWM Plans

Timeline for Prop 1 DAC Involvement Program*

- DWR released the Draft DAC Involvement RFP in January 2016.
- Public workshops on the Draft RFP were held in February and March 2016.
- The public comment period closed in April 2016.

Release of Final DAC Involvement RFP **JUNE 2016**

DWR Accepting Grant Proposals **JUNE - DEC 2016**

Grant Awards **UPON PROPOSAL APPROVAL**

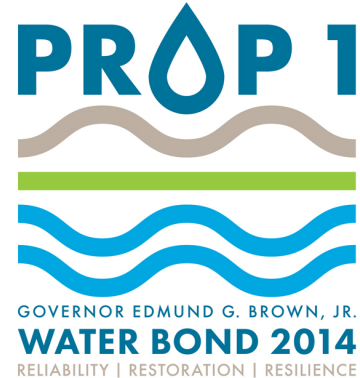
* Tentative dates

What is Proposition 1?

Background

In November 2014, voters passed Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act, which provided \$510 million in IRWM funding for Implementation, Planning, and Disadvantaged Community Involvement efforts. The San Francisco Bay Area was allocated \$65 million, which will be disbursed through three IRWM Grant Programs - the Planning Grant Program, the Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Involvement Program, and the Implementation Grant Program.

The IRWM Grant Programs are managed within the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Division of IRWM by the Financial Assistance Branch. DWR is currently soliciting proposals for the Planning Grant Program and the DAC Involvement Program.



Prop 1 DAC Involvement Program

The DAC Involvement Program's goal is to ensure the involvement of disadvantaged communities, economically distressed areas (EDAs), and underrepresented communities (URCs) in the IRWM planning process. The Bay Area was allocated \$6.5 million to perform activities that involve DACs in IRWM planning, including helping define, understand, and address DAC water management needs through a collaborative process. The Bay Area will submit one grant proposal to DWR that addresses the water-related needs of [DACs](#), [EDAs](#), and URCs in this region.

The Bay Area defines URCs as groups that have a history of disproportionately less representation in water policy and/or projects which include, but are not limited to: African American, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Native Americans, California Indian Tribes, Hispanic, Middle-Eastern, LGBTQ, homeless, new immigrant, youth and elderly populations, unincorporated communities, and small independent organizations.

Additional Information

For information on the Prop 1 DAC Involvement Program, visit: http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/p1_dac_involvement.cfm

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