



Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Stakeholder Workshop #3: Prioritization

Handout #3: Proposition 50 Program Preferences

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The California Water Code and implementing legislation specifies that preference will be given to specific project types. These program preferences are reflected in the evaluation criteria and will be taken into consideration during the review process. Preference will be given to proposals that, as applicable:

- ◆ Include integrated projects with multiple benefits;
- ◆ Support and improve local and regional water supply reliability;
- ◆ Contribute expeditiously and measurably to the long-term attainment and maintenance of water quality standards;
- ◆ Eliminate or significantly reduce pollution in impaired waters and sensitive habitat areas, including areas of special biological significance;
- ◆ Include safe drinking water and water quality projects that serve disadvantaged communities; or
- ◆ Include groundwater management and recharge projects that are located 1) in San Bernardino or Riverside counties; 2) outside the service area of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; **and** 3) within one mile of established residential and commercial development.

¹ Adapted from the *Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Guidelines*, State Water Resources Control Board and Department of Water Resources, November 2004, sections II.E and II.F.