

Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management

Stakeholder Meeting Summary

February 10, 2019



- Reviewed the attached California Department of Water Resources (DWR) process for the upcoming Prop 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant funding cycle.
 - Up to \$2.6 million is available to the Pajaro region in this round.
 - We anticipate having to have projects selected and ready for a pre-application workshop with DWR by May. The formal application would be probably be due in September 2019.
 - If we don't submit an application this round, the available funding will roll over to the next round currently scheduled to begin in 2020.
 - Sounds like there might be a disconnect between the scheduling of this funding round and release of the updated hexavalent chromium MCL.
- Reviewed the attached Pajaro River Watershed IRWM schedule for the upcoming grant funding cycle, including the IRWM Plan update. The IRWM plan update needs to be completed by the time the application is submitted, currently scheduled for September 2019.
- Reviewed the attached draft project review and scoring process.
 - Half the project scoring is based on how well projects meet the IRWM Plan goals and objectives. Remaining points are divided almost equally between integration, social considerations, financial and economic considerations, climate change, and readiness.
 - Project sponsors should complete the form as completely as possible, especially if they are interested in being considered for a grant application.
 - **Please submit your project information regardless of whether you are interested/ready for funding this grant cycle.**
- Discussed the attached project information form.
 - We will add boxes somewhere to indicate whether the project is a stormwater project.
 - There was also a question about whether [DWR's Resource Management Strategies \(RMS\)](#) include Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge (Flood-MAR). I couldn't find a reference to Flood-MAR in the RMS reports online, but 1) DWR has specific program for Flood-MAR (<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/All-Programs/Flood-MAR>) and 2) Flood-MAR would likely address multiple RMS.
- Provided an update on Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Involvement activities. Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) is conducting a needs assessment to identify DACs and economically distressed areas (EDAs) and determine their water and wastewater needs. They will also be conducting educational activities, providing technical assistance, and developing projects to address needs.
- Discussed Stormwater funding.
 - All stormwater projects need to be in a Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP) and the SWRP needs to be adopted by the IRWM region to be eligible for funding.
 - Santa Cruz County has a SWRP and the Greater Monterey County region is nearing completion. A SWRP for southern Santa Clara County is just starting up. A copy of the presentation on the southern Santa Clara County SWRP is attached.

- Next steps
 - Stakeholders should send any comments they have on the project review process and project form to Samantha Greene (sgreene@valleywater.org) by 2/28/19.
 - The Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) will send out a call for projects the first week of March, along with the revised project review process and project form.
 - The RWMG will convene a workshop in April to discuss project scores and potential projects for a grant application.
 - The RWMG will continue to track the DWR process, which could result in schedule changes.