

# Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program

Implemented Jointly by  
Department of Water Resources and  
State Water Resources Control Board

# Program Objectives

- Protect Communities from Drought
- Protect & Improve Water Quality
- Reduce Dependence on Imported Water
- Promote Integrated Regional Planning
- Achieve Multiple Benefits and Objectives

# Funding

- Approx. \$380 million available for IRWM grants
- 1<sup>st</sup> Funding Cycle – Approximately \$160 million
  - Planning Grants - \$12 million
  - Implementation Grants - \$148 million
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Funding Cycle – Approximately \$220 million

# Maximum Grant Amounts & Local Match Requirements

- Planning Grants
  - Maximum Award - \$500,000
  - Minimum Local Match – 25%
- Implementation Grants
  - Maximum Award - \$50,000,000
  - Minimum Local Match – 10%
- Local Match may be waived or reduced for disadvantaged communities
  - < 80% Statewide Average Median Household Income

# Program Preferences

- Integrated projects providing multiple benefits
- Improve water supply reliability
- Long-term attainment and maintenance of water quality standards
- Eliminate or reduce pollution in impaired waters and sensitive habitat areas
- Drinking water & water quality projects that serve disadvantaged communities
- Groundwater projects in Southern California

# Statewide Priorities

- Reduce conflict between water users and resolve water rights disputes
- Implement TMDLs
- Implement RWQCB Watershed Management Initiative Chapters, Plans, and Policies
- Implement SWRCB NPS Pollution Plan
- Meet Delta Water Quality Objectives
- Implement various task force recommendations
- Address environmental justice concerns
- Assist CALFED program goals

# Eligible Grant Recipients

- Non-profit Organizations
  - California Corporations
  - Internal Revenue Code §§ 501(c)(3 – 5)
- Public Agencies
  - Local governments
  - State agencies or departments
- *Other entities, including tribes, may be part of the regional water management group and may perform work funded by a grant.*

# Eligible Proposal – Planning Grant

- Develop new IRWM Plan
- Complete or modify IRWM Plans
- Develop Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan



# Eligible Proposal – Implementation Grant

- Proposals may consist of a suite of projects
- Contain at least 1 element listed in CWC § 79561
- Consistent with an adopted IRWM Plan
  - Waive requirement if:
    - Engaged in development of IRWM Plan
    - Plan will be adopted by January 1, 2007
    - Project assists in achieving plan objective(s)
- *Not eligible – On-stream/ Off-stream Surface Water Storage Facility*

# Next Steps

- Issue Draft Planning & Step 1 PSPs— January 24, 2005
- Public Meeting – February 1, 2005
- Issue Final Planning & Step 1 PSPs – *March 2005*
- Planning Grants Proposals Due – *Late-April, 2005*
- Step 1 Grant Proposals Due – *Mid-Late May, 2005*
  
- Issue Draft Step 2 PSP – *March-April 2005*
  - *Public Meeting to be scheduled*

# Web Sites

- Department of Water Resources

<http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/integregio.cfm>

- State Water Resources Control Board

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/irwmgp/index.html>

- To be added to email list:

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