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Agenda Item: 9-12

Meeting Dates: February 9 and 10, 2005

JOINT MEETING WITH BAY-DELTA PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STATUS OF PROPOSITION 50 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Summary: On January 24, 2005, the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board issued the Draft Proposal Solicitation Packages for the Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Planning Grants and Implementation Grants, Step 1. The public comment period on the Draft Proposal Solicitation Packages concludes on February 9, 2005.

Recommended Action: This is an information item only. No action will be taken.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) are jointly implementing the Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program. The Draft Proposal Solicitation Packages (PSPs) for the Planning Grants and Implementation Grants, Step 1 are posted on the DWR and SWRCB websites at:

DWR: <http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/integregio.cfm>
SWRCB: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/irwmgp/index.html>

On January 24, 2005, DWR and the SWRCB posted the Draft Planning Grant and Implementation Grant, Step 1 PSPs on the Internet for public review and comment. A public meeting to answer questions on the Draft PSPs and to accept comments will be held on February 1, 2005. The public comment period on the Draft Planning Grant and Implementation Grant, Step 1 PSPs concludes on February 9, 2005 at which time DWR and SWRCB will consider revising the PSPs in response to the public comments. Final PSPs will be issued in March 2005.

Background

Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, was passed by California voters in November 2002. It amended the California Water Code (CWC) to add, among other articles, Section 79560 et seq. authorizing the Legislature to appropriate funding for IRWM projects. The intent of the IRWM Grant Program is to encourage integrated regional water management and to provide funding, via competitive grants, for projects to protect communities from

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drought, protect and improve water quality, and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water. Approximately \$380 million is available for IRWM grants. Final Guidelines for the IRWM Grant Program were adopted by DWR and SWRCB in November 2004, following a formal recommendation by the Authority at its October 13 and 14, 2004 meeting (Resolution 04-10-01).

The Planning Grants are intended to foster development or completion of IRWM Plans and Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plans, to enhance regional planning efforts, and to assist more applicants to become eligible for Implementation Grant funding. The Draft Planning Grant PSP provides instructions for preparing and submitting a Planning Grant application.

The Implementation Grant program provides funding for project types that are specified in CWC § 79561 and are consistent with an adopted IRWM Plan. The Implementation Grant program will be a two-step grant program. The Draft Implementation Grant PSP provides instructions for preparing and submitting an Implementation Grant, Step 1 application. The Draft PSP for Implementation Grants, Step 2 will be issued for public comment in April 2005.

The grant program timeframes are shown on Attachment 1.

Fiscal Information

Funding Source: Proposition 50, Chapter 8

Total Amount: Approximately \$380 million is available for IRWM grants

List of Attachments

Attachment 1 -- Grant Program Timeframes

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GRANT PROGRAM TIMEFRAMES

The timeframes listed below are tentative and may be modified as necessary.

Draft PSPs posted on Internet	January 24, 2005
Public Meeting on PSPs	February 1, 2005
Public Comment Period Concludes	February 9, 2005

PLANNING GRANTS

Issue Final PSP	Mid-March 2005
Proposal for planning grant due	Late-April 2005
Initial Funding Recommendations Ready	July 2005
Execute planning grant contracts	September 2005

IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

Issue Final PSP	Mid-March 2005
Issue Draft Step 2 PSP	Mid-April 2005
Step 1 proposals due	Mid-May 2005
Announce selection for Step 2 PSP	Mid-July 2005
Step 2 proposals for due	September 2005
Implementation Grant awards	December 2005
Execute implementation grant contracts	June 2006