

# Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program

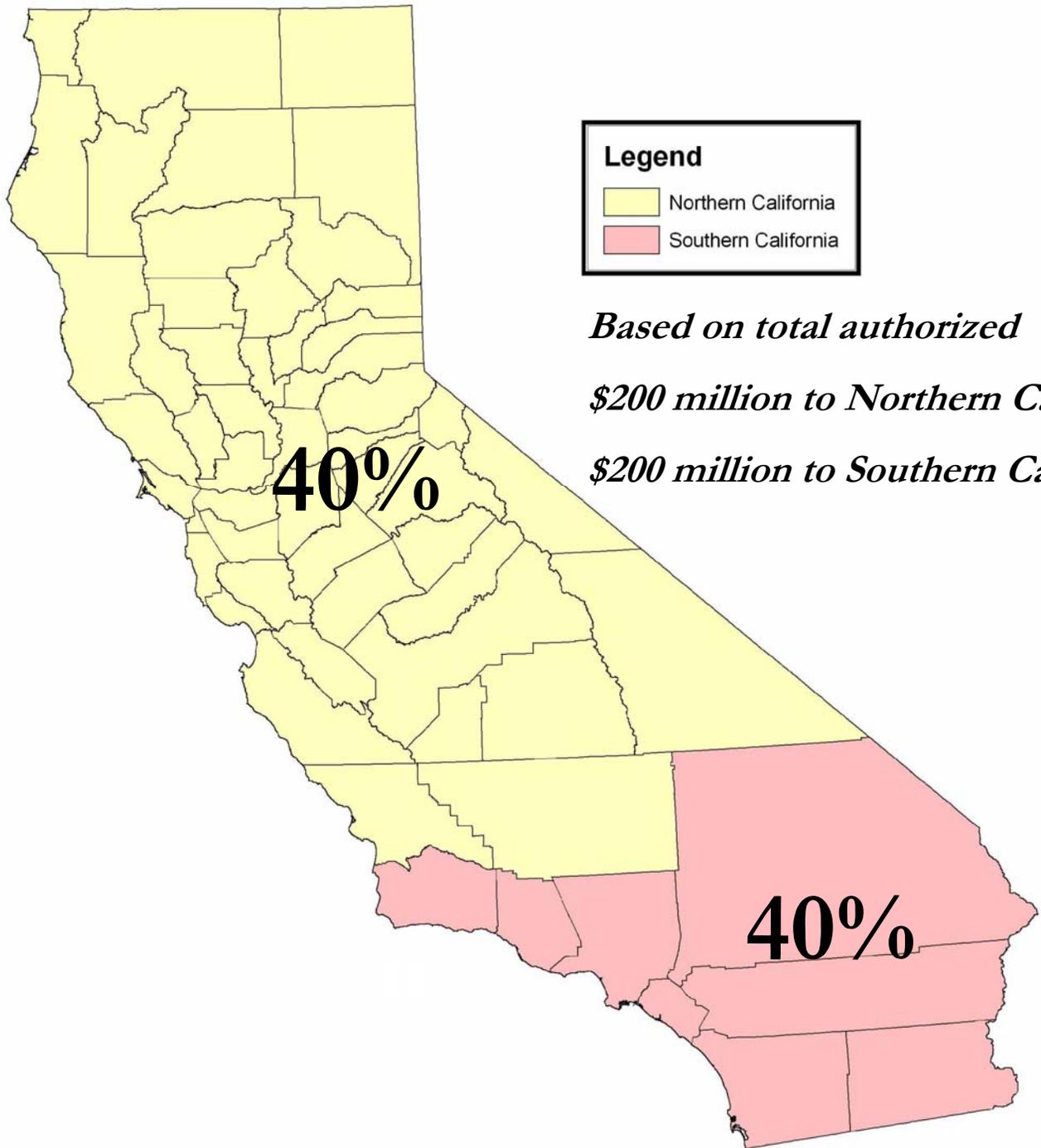
Implemented Jointly by  
Department of Water Resources and  
State Water Resources Control Board

# 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

- Total Authorized – \$500 million
- 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



**Legend**

- Northern California
- Southern California

*Based on total authorized*  
*\$200 million to Northern California*  
*\$200 million to Southern California*

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# Maximum Grant Amounts & Local Match Requirements

- Planning Grants
  - Maximum Award – \$500,000
  - Minimum Funding Match – 25%
- Implementation Grants
  - Maximum Award – \$50,000,000
  - Minimum Funding Match – 10%
- Funding Match may be waived or reduced for disadvantaged communities
  - < 80% Statewide Average Median Household Income
  - Using 2000 Census 80% MHI = \$37,994

# Application Process

- Planning Grants
  - One-step Process
- Implementation Grants
  - 1 Application per Region
  - Two-step Process
    - Step 1
      - Conceptual Proposal
    - Step 2
      - Selected applicants called back
      - Detailed proposal

# Eligible Project – Planning Grant

- Develop new IRWM Plan
- Complete or modify IRWM Plans
- Develop Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan
  - Coastal watersheds that influence water quality in areas of special biological significance

# 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*

# CWC § 79561 List

- Water supply reliability, water conservation, & water use efficiency
- Storm water capture, storage, treatment, & management
- Removal of invasive non-native plants, the creation & enhancement of wetlands, & the acquisition, protection, & restoration of open space and watershed lands
- Non-point source pollution reduction, management, & monitoring
- Groundwater recharge & management projects
- Contaminant and salt removal
- Water banking, exchange, reclamation, & improvement of water quality
- Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood control programs
- Watershed management planning and implementation
- Demonstration projects for new drinking water treatment & distribution methods

# 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 may be a part of IRWM Plan and may perform work under a grant agreement.*

# IRWM Plans

- Plan need not be called an “IRWM Plan”
- May use existing regional planning documents as a “functionally equivalent plan”
- For functionally equivalent plans, the applicant must detail:
  - How the various plans function together
  - How the various plans meet the IRWM Plan Standards

# Minimum IRWM Plan Standards

- Must be adopted by January 1, 2007
- Regional Agency or Group
  - At least 3 agencies – 2 of which have statutory authority over water management
- Regional Description
  - Map
- One or more regional objectives
- Considered certain water management strategies
  - Guidelines Table A-1 – asterisked
- Integrates 2 or more water management strategies
- Includes a prioritization of projects and an implementation schedule

# Other IRWM Plan Standards

- Identify specific actions, projects, or studies to be implemented
- Evaluate potential impacts and benefits from plan implementation
- Discuss data, technical methods, and analysis used to select water management strategies
- Discuss data management

# Other IRWM Plan Standards

- Identify beneficiaries and funding/financing
- Identify any statewide priorities that will be met
- Discuss the plans relationship to local planning efforts
- Discuss stakeholder involvement
- Discuss coordination with other agencies

# Next Steps – Planning Grants

- Applications Submitted – May 12, 2005
  - Received 54 Proposals
    - 9 Coastal Proposals
  - Requesting approximately \$22 million
  - Approximately \$12 million available
  - Completing Reviews
- Initial Funding List Ready – *September 2005*
- Public Meeting – *October 2005*
- Awards – *November 2005*

# Next Steps – Implementation Grants

- Issued Draft Step 2 PSP – June 21, 2005
- Step 1 Applications Due – July 14, 2005
- Public Meetings on Draft Step 2 PSP
  - July 28, 2005 – Sacramento
  - August 4, 2005 – Los Angeles
  - Comments Due – August 19, 2005
- Step 2 Call Back List – *December 2005*
- Awards – *mid-2006*

# 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>