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DWR Releases Final 2014 IRWM Program Guidelines and Drought Grant Proposal Solicitation Package

Sacramento -- The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) today issued the final 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Drought Grant Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP). DWR is soliciting proposals for \$200 million in Proposition 84 funds to support projects and programs to help alleviate drought conditions and improve regional drought preparedness.

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. signed a \$687.4 million package of drought-response legislation on March 1, 2014 that included the grant program. Details on the state's response to the drought can be found at <http://ca.gov/drought>.

The Governor and Legislature have directed DWR to expedite the solicitation and award of the \$200 million to support projects and programs that:

- Provide immediate regional drought preparedness;
- Increase local water supply reliability and the delivery of safe drinking water;
- Assist water suppliers and regions to implement conservation programs and measures that are not locally cost-effective;
- Reduce water quality conflicts or ecosystem conflicts created by the drought.

To help relieve the effects of drought and to comply with the Legislature's direction, DWR has developed a streamlined and focused solicitation process and anticipates awarding grants by the fall of 2014 to local public agencies and non-profit organizations that are participating in California's 48 IRWM planning efforts.

The final documents and other information about the IRWM Grant Program are at:
<http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/implementation.cfm>

California voters passed Proposition 84 in 2006. Called the “Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006,” the measure authorized \$5.4 billion in general obligation bonds, including \$1 billion for IRWM.

Two Applicant Workshops will be held to assist potential grant applicants in preparing their applications. The workshops also will have information on DWR’s grant application submittal tool – the Grant Review and Tracking System (GRanTS). Information about GRanTS can be found at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/grants.cfm>.

Grant workshops are scheduled as follows:

Location	Date
University of California Cooperative Extension Kern County 1031 South Mount Vernon Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93307	June 18, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
CalEPA Building Sierra Hearing Room 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814 This meeting will be web broadcast via the following link: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/	June 20, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

For simple, everyday water conservation tips, visit <http://SaveOurH2O.org>.



The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.