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Linda Ackerman, Regional Water Quality Control Board
Vacant, San Bernardino County City Representative

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 26, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
at SAWPA, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Committee on items within the jurisdiction of the Committee; however, no action may be taken on an item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Government Code §54954.2(b).

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: May 24, 2018

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Final Report from Departing CivicSpark Water Fellows (SC#2018.14)
Recommendation: Receive and file.

Mike Antos

B. OWOW Program Status (SC#2018.15)

Recommendation: Receive, review and provide comment.

Mike Antos



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5. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. [Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Program – Project Rating & Ranking System \(SC#2018.16\)](#) Mike Antos

Recommendation:

1. Approve minor changes to the 2016 OWOW Steering Committee approved Eligibility Criteria and adopt as the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Eligibility – OWOW Program Policy;
2. Approve and adopt the OWOW Program Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation grants Rating & Ranking system, inclusive of eligibility criteria, benefit classes and scoring procedures, for evaluating projects which submit to compete for the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation grants expected to be released by DWR this Fall; and,
3. Approve and adopt the described system whereby large budget projects compete against one another and small budget projects compete against one another for separate allocations of grant funds.

- B. [OWOW “Let’s Connect” \(SC#2018.17\)](#) Mike Antos

Recommendation: Receive and file this report about the OWOW “Let’s Connect” initiative.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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/s/

Kelly Berry, CMC



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<u>2018 – OWOW Steering Committee Meetings</u> Fourth Thursday of Every Other Month (NOTE: All meetings begin at 11:00 a.m. , unless otherwise noted, and are held at SAWPA.)	
January 25, 2018	March 22, 2018
May 24, 2018	July 26, 2018
September 27, 2018	November 15, 2018*
* Meeting date adjusted due to conflicting holiday.	

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 24, 2018

Committee Members	
<u>Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Representatives</u>	
Ronald W. Sullivan, Eastern Municipal Water District	Present
Bruce Whitaker, Orange County Water District	Present
<u>County Supervisor Representatives</u>	
Marion Ashley, Riverside County Board of Supervisors	Absent
Shawn Nelson, Orange County Board of Supervisors	Absent
Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors	Absent
<u>County Mayor Representatives</u>	
Jon Harrison, Councilmember, City of Redlands	Absent
Laura Roughton, Councilmember, City of Jurupa Valley	Present
Jose Solorio, Councilmember, City of Santa Ana	Present
<u>Business Committee Representative</u>	
James Hessler, Director of West Coast Operations, Altman Plants	Present
<u>Environmental Committee Representative</u>	
Garry W. Brown, Convener, President, Orange County Coastkeeper	Absent
<u>Regional Water Quality Control Board Representative</u>	
Linda Ackerman, Vice Chair, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board	Present
Others Present	
<u>SAWPA COMMISSIONERS:</u>	Susan Lien Longville
<u>SAWPA STAFF:</u>	Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, Dean Unger, Mike Antos, Kelly Berry, Sara Villa
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Mike Wellborn, Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks Krista Sloniowski, Connective Issue Betty Andrews, P.E., Environmental Science Associates Peter Vorster, The Bay Institute

The OWOW Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener, at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
Roll call was duly noted and recorded.



2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – March 22, 2018

MOVED, approve the March 22, 2018 meeting minutes.

Result:	Adopted (Passed)
Motion/Second:	Hessler/Roughton
Ayes:	Ackerman, Hessler, Roughton, Solorio, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	Whitaker
Absent:	Ashley, Hagman, Hall, Harrison, Nelson

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. OWOW Program Status (SC#2018.10)

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation with an OWOW Program status update. Committee Member Ackerman voiced support of the Trust the Tap Campaign and requested clarification of the targeted audience; Antos responded staff and the consultant are working in support of water retailers and their own communications (bill inserts, social media, website) within their communities, as well as utilizing trusted ethic media outlets.

Convener Sullivan noted the City of Riverside had reached out for technical assistance by way of an MOU, and he asked if other communities have communicated an interest in receiving technical assistance. Antos noted the unique nature of Riverside's MOU and stated there are various avenues by which technical assistance can be provided; at this point staff has identified the need for income surveys in disadvantaged communities with newly developed areas within those communities, among other avenues.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Incorporating Sub-regional Plans into OWOW Plan Update 2018 (SC#2018.11)

Mike Wellborn, President, Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks and Krista Sloniowski, Connective Issue, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Newport Bay Watershed Idea Book (Idea Book).

A discussion ensued regarding the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) referenced in the presentation. Sloniowski noted the EIFD is a possible funding tool of interest to the Infrastructure Funding Alliance which could replace former redevelopment funding with an infrastructure focus rather than a focus on housing. Committee Member Whitaker noted his skepticism of tax increment financing because it diverts existing property tax revenues and creates a floor with which existing property tax revenues do not grow, consequently cannibalizing traditional sources of necessary revenue for general fund purposes. The idea of an EIFD could be workable in a limited way; however, Whitaker noted this is an open process whereby the monies could be utilized for private corporations or developers. Sloniowski noted formation of the EIFD would be a joint effort of all the implementing parties, and an outside financier would provide the load money to the EIFD. Whitaker stated the EIFD model seems to be somewhat more measured than redevelopment. Normally there would be public oversight by way of city councils and county boards of supervisors, whereby the parties are held to certain requirements and standards, but the EIFD tends to move away from those controls. Whitaker stated that while these are his concerns, he is generally supportive of the overall holistic



approach and project.

Committee Member Roughton suggested staff work with the Coastal Conservancy to incorporate the Santa Ana River Conservancy Plan; Mike Antos noted the projects of that Plan have been imported, but that he would reach out to determine if they would be interested in pursuing this same path.

Convener Sullivan clarified this is not an application for a stand-alone grant, but an integration with other Orange County parties – essentially a matching fund proposal for projects OC parties may wish to accomplish cooperatively. Kloniowski noted the Idea Book is broader in scope, envisioning 100% sustainability.

MOVED, incorporate the Newport Bay Watershed Idea Book as an appendix to the OWOW Plan update 2018; and direct SAWPA staff to work with Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks to ensure proposed projects contained in the Newport Bay Watershed Idea Book are imported and fully-submitted to the OWOW Program Project Database to ensure inclusion of the OWOW Plan Update 2018.

Result:	Adopted (Passed)
Motion/Second:	Solorio/Ackerman
Ayes:	Ackerman, Hessler, Roughton, Solorio, Sullivan
Nays:	Whitaker
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Ashley, Hagman, Hall, Harrison, Nelson

B. California Water Plan Update 2018 Indicators Pilot Status (SC#2018.12)

Mike Antos introduced Betty Andrews of Environmental Science Associates and Peter Vorster of The Bay Institute; and provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Sustainability Assessment for the Santa Ana River Watershed outlining the six goals with corresponding indicators and metrics.

Convener Sullivan asked what is the baseline, the established criteria to be measured against. As an example, who provides the average content to be measured against when measuring salt or Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)? Antos responded the idea is that we measure progress toward our established goals. The systems already in place with regulatory and management goals – existing processes to manage salts that have targets which are set regulatorily or set by a management agency. The goals suggest an improvement trajectory of one way or another; what is the best way to indicate whether that trajectory called for by the goals is in progress or not. Convener Sullivan noted the importance of consistency, stating he would rather know definitively what a goal would be measured against before adopting this – that it clearly state the baseline each of these goals will be measured against. Larry McKenney advised the first round will establish the baseline, which will be established by November; trends will be measured thereafter based on that established baseline.

Committee Member Whitaker noted a significant part of the solution in Southern California involve technology, finding new sources and solving these challenges. Much of this sustainability assessment is driven by the notion that we are going to be locked in perpetual rationing and normal, voluntary means of compliance give way to more coercive, mandated approaches such as a per-capita limit which is slowly squeezed over time. Some of these top-down, social engineering approaches reduce fundamental freedoms we have all come to appreciate over time even to a point where an average resident may be induced to forgo a pool or similar property improvement due to these types of mandates. Whitaker noted it troubling that we would be complying with a restrictive mode that does not take into account possible



new sources such as wastewater recycling efforts, the purchase of surplus water from other areas, etc. He encouraged a more freedom-friendly approach which states that supply is more elastic, and if we work in that direction we can achieve almost all the requirements over time.

Relative to the goal to “Ensure high quality water for all people and the environment”, Committee Member Jose Solorio noted access to clean drinking water is more significant and important than safety of water for contact recreation. Relative to the goal to “Education and build trust between people and organizations”, Solorio note this is more difficult to measure, but if it is measured he suggested customer satisfaction surveys or studies, or via measurable communications between the entity and the people.

Convener Sullivan strongly suggested any retrospective should begin with 2015, which would be a timeframe inclusive of work accomplished by local agencies. Paul Jones, EMWD general manager, noted locally derived water supplies that are not stored, such as urban runoff, should be included in the language.

Committee Member Solorio left the meeting at 12:56 a.m., after the presentation and discussion of Agenda Item No. 5.B. and did not return.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 5.B.

C. Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Program – Project Rating & Ranking Process (SC#2018.13)

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on project Rating and Ranking criteria. Staff will continue to seek input from the pillar chairs, stakeholders and other qualified staff; the final process will be brought before the Committee for consideration during the July meeting.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 5.C.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting came to a close at 1:12 p.m.

APPROVED: July 26, 2018

Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener

Attest:

Kelly Berry, CMC, Clerk of the Board

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2018.14

DATE: July 26, 2018
TO: OWOW Steering Committee
SUBJECT: Final Report from departing CivicSpark Water Fellows
PREPARED BY: Mike Antos, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee receive and file a final presentation from Miki Helman and Ryan Hirano about their year of service in the CivicSpark Fellows Program in support of the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program and OWOW.

DESCRIPTION

The Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program supports two CivicSpark Water Fellows each year, beginning in September and ending in August. The two fellows who have served with the DCI Program in its second year are leaving in August and will provide a brief presentation that reviews the activities they have undertaken.

They have played many roles within the Program, chief among them is as the coordinators and mentors of the Community Water Interns, of which there are now twenty-two, working across the watershed on projects related to engaging members of disadvantaged communities. Other activities include supporting work on Homelessness and Water, contributing to the OWOW Plan Update 2018, conducting interviews with water leaders in pursuit of the strengths & needs assessment, among others.

Giving this presentation to the OWOW Steering Committee is part of their professional development plan in the Fellowship. SAWPA staff, on behalf of the stakeholders of the watershed, thank Ms. Helman and Mr. Hirano for their year of service here in support of the OWOW Program.

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2018.15

DATE: July 26, 2018
TO: OWOW Steering Committee
SUBJECT: OWOW Program Status
PREPARED BY: Mike Antos, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee receive, review and if appropriate provide comment to SAWPA staff about the OWOW Program.

DESCRIPTION

The OWOW Program currently is undertaking three main efforts; the OWOW Plan Update 2018, the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program, and the upcoming Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation grant opportunity. Below is a brief status update of these three efforts.

The OWOW Plan Update 2018 remains on its ambitious schedule. At the time of this memo, SAWPA Staff and contract staff at Dudek are assembling an administrative draft which will be out for public comment sometime in August. This draft will include the ten chapters submitted by Pillar workgroups, as well as the updated chapters from OWOW 2.0 Plan.

Throughout the Fall, comments will be documented and addressed, and a final Plan will be compiled and formatted for the OWOW Steering Committee to review and recommend for adoption by the SAWPA Commission in November.

The Call for Projects to be included in the OWOW Plan Update 2018 remains underway, at the time of this memo twenty-four organizations have submitted one hundred and seven projects to the online OWOW Projects Database. The OC Plan projects the California Coastal Conservancy Santa Ana River Parkway & Open Space plan, and some of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed IRWM plan projects were imported, when feasible.

The Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program is nearing completion of its first Program Element – Strengths & Needs Assessment. The past six months has seen program partners fanning out across the watershed to conduct interviews and listening sessions with members of communities. A report summarizing this work and its findings will be complete in the Fall.

In addition, the Trust the Tap campaign, funded by this Program, has a kick-off meeting on August 1 at 1pm here at SAWPA. This meeting was advertised to the retail and wholesale water agencies of the watershed, and will introduce everyone to the marketing, social media and other materials that will be made in English, Spanish and Vietnamese to ensure that all people can understand and recognize the quality and value in the tap water in the watershed.

Initial consideration of Technical Assistance opportunities is also underway. A partnership between SAWPA and the City of Riverside is developing related to homelessness and watershed health. Additional aspects of Technical Assistance will include financial or technical support on CEQA documents for projects, the establishment of a Tribal advisory group, and policy and/or engineering templates to support linking water management infrastructure and the provision of safe-routes-to-schools.

DWR has revised their timeline for the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grants since the May OWOW Steering Committee. The draft Project Solicitation Package (PSP) will be released in September, with a 45-day comment period following. The Final PSP will be released in "late Fall 2018."

New to the process will be Pre-Application Workshops, one held in each Funding Region. Prior to the workshop our region will provide a relatively light amount of detail about our region's critical needs, our planning and engagement approaches, and the projects we propose to fund using the Prop 1 allocation. DWR staff, along with peers from other State agencies, will then come to our region for a workshop and to dialog with us about the items we are proposing. This is intended to ensure high-quality applications that contain fundable and realistic projects.

Following the workshop, DWR will provide written comments, and referencing them our region will compile and submit an application for grant funding. DWR is hopeful that applications will roll in following the workshops, which will be distributed between November 2018 and April 2019. Grant Agreements then take several (or more) months to complete, meaning that grant awards to project proponents will be ready in summer 2019 at the earliest.

It remains unclear if DWR would permit a region to request the entire allocation within the first round of submittals. In discussions DWR staff are eager to support strategic planning and achieving success in regions that are ready to go, however, their documents continue to describe multiple rounds of funding. This is an ongoing discussion between DWR and SAWPA.

Another small but very impactful change DWR is proposing involves project readiness. In past rounds, one of the suite of construction projects submitted for funding had to be through the CEQA process. In Prop 1 DWR is proposing that all construction projects submitted for funding must each complete CEQA within six months of the grant award date. If a project does not achieve that milestone, it will be judged ineligible for grant funding, and the awarded funding will be available for future rounds. Comments are still being accepted by DWR on this conceptual idea.

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2018.16

DATE: July 26, 2018

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Program – Project Rating & Ranking System

PREPARED BY: Mike Antos, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee:

1. Approve minor changes to the 2016 OWOW Steering Committee approved Eligibility Criteria and adopt as the *Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Eligibility – OWOW Program Policy*.
2. Approve and adopt the OWOW Program Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation grants Rating & Ranking system, inclusive of eligibility criteria, benefit classes and scoring procedures, for evaluating projects which submit to compete for the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation grants expected to be released by DWR this Fall.
3. Approve and adopt the described system whereby large budget projects compete against one another and small budget projects compete against one another for separate allocations of grant funds.

DESCRIPTION

Upon the release of a Proposition 1 IRWM Project Solicitation Package from DWR, the OWOW Steering Committee becomes responsible for bringing the SAWPA Commission a portfolio of projects that are eligible for the funding opportunity, are suitably ready to proceed, have sufficient local match funding identified, and, most importantly, provide benefits to the watershed in line with the goals of the OWOW Plan Update 2018. One critical aspect of the process of developing a suite of projects for the grant proposal is the development and application of a set of Rating & Ranking Criteria. This tool is used to assess and rank all the competing projects in a way that is transparent and appropriate.

Rating & Ranking Criteria have been under development for the past months. Built from the system previously used in Prop 84 and using the Project Eligibility Criteria established by the OWOW Steering Committee in July 2016 (attachment 1), stakeholders and the Pillar Chairs have provided input about the proposed system. The 2016 action by the OWOW Steering Committee requires minor updates to reference the OWOW Plan Update 2018, rather than OWOW 2.0 Plan (attachment 2.) To uncomplicate things, this document will be renamed the *Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant – OWOW Program Policy*, because the name “eligibility criteria” is playing a role elsewhere in the program.

The proposed final rating and ranking system is described herein and has support from the Pillar Chairs who gathered to review and make final changes on June 28, 2018. There are two steps, first

an assessment of eligibility for the proposed project, and then a system of rating each project based on the benefits achieved for the watershed. These ratings will support the ranking of projects to determine how to allocate the available grant resources.

The first step will be for a project proponent to answer a series of eligibility questions, each structured to be a Yes/No question (see attachment 3.) Any project that cannot answer “Yes” to all the eligibility questions will not be considered. Some of the questions, derived from the July 2016 action by the Steering Committee, have a narrative component to describe the project proponent answer.

Once a project has been identified as eligible, the project proponent will be required to quantify the benefits the completed project will provide the watershed. The benefit classes are derived from the July 2016 Steering Committee document and the Proposition 1 language. The complete list of benefit classes, and the metrics of how to quantify them, is shown in attachment 4. Each of the benefit classes, as can be seen, contains a weighting factor derived from the work of stakeholders in April 2018.

When the Call for Projects for grant competition closes, submittals will be reviewed by SAWPA staff for accuracy, data entry errors, omissions and duplication. Thereafter, the list of submitted projects, including all submitted data and answers, will be made public for review by stakeholders. A meeting will be scheduled to allow project proponents to gather and discuss the suite of projects.

Following this public review, the range of benefits proposed by the suite of projects will be established, from most to least in each benefit class. The range is used to proportionally allocate points to all proposed projects. In each benefit class, the project achieving the most benefits will receive the full 20 points, and all other projects will be given a proportional amount of points. Projects providing no benefits in a particular benefit class will receive zero points for that benefit class. This analysis will be completed for each benefit class for each project, using the stakeholder weighting. Each project then will have a summary score, which will permit ranking of the proposed projects.

It is further proposed by the Pillar Chairs that the available grant funds be split (90/10), so that projects will compete in one of two categories, based on the size of the grant request. Projects with a grant request under \$500,000 will compete against one another for 10% of the grant funding, and projects with a grant request at or over \$500,000 will compete against one another for 90% of the grant funding. This system is designed to allow small innovative projects that provide less benefits but also require fewer grant dollars to compete and win grant support.

These two lists will be used to understand the extent to which the available grant funds will be able to support proposed projects in the watershed. Another public meeting will be scheduled to discuss the ranked projects and the associated grant funding.

An additional requirement to spend 10% of the available grant dollars on projects that support disadvantaged communities exists, but how to administer this requirement has not been fully settled by the stakeholders. SAWPA staff are confident that nothing proposed today will preclude the development and implementation of a system to ensure the disadvantaged community benefit requirement is met.

Attachments:

1. Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Project Eligibility Criteria (as approved by the OWOW Steering Committee, July 7, 2016)
2. Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Project Eligibility - OWOW Program Policy
3. Eligibility Criteria Table
4. Rating & Ranking Benefit Class Table

Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Project Eligibility Criteria

As approved by OWOW Steering Committee, July 7 2016

IRWM is a collaborative effort to manage all aspects of water resources in a region. IRWM crosses jurisdictional, watershed and political boundaries; involves multiple agencies, stakeholders, individuals and groups; and attempts to address the issues and differing perspectives of all entities involved through mutually beneficial solutions. Our goal is to seek benefits which improve the entire watershed and are not achieved at the expense or detriment of another.

Applicants is required to describe how the project:

- Applicant meets all statutory requirements, as was the case in all prior rounds, including grant recipient eligibility and project eligibility, including:
 - IRWM region acceptance through the Regional Acceptance Process (SAWPA has complied)
 - Project must be consistent with the OWOW Plan
 - Project proponents must adopt the OWOW Plan
 - Groundwater Management Plan compliance
 - Urban Water Management Planning Act compliance
 - Agriculture Water Management Plan compliance
 - Surface Water Diversion Reporting compliance
 - AB 1420 compliance
 - SBX 7-7 compliance
 - CWC Section 529.5 compliance
 - CWC Section 10920 compliance
 - CWC Section 10562(b)(7) compliance (for stormwater projects).
- Is an integrated project that benefits the entire watershed or a significant sub-watershed in the region, will be completed with active participation of multiple agencies and/or NGOs or other stakeholders, produces a net benefit to the Watershed and has no unreasonable negative impacts on others?
- Is a sustainable project that is resilient to changing conditions in the watershed?
- Provides multiple benefits and includes two or more of the following elements:
 - Water supply reliability, water conservation, and water use efficiency
 - Stormwater capture, storage, clean-up, treatment, and management
 - Removal of invasive non-native species, the creation and enhancement of wetlands, and the acquisition, protection, and restoration of open space and watershed lands
 - Non-point source pollution reduction, management, and monitoring
 - Groundwater recharge and management projects
 - Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation, desalting, and other treatment technologies and conveyance of reclaimed water for distribution to users
 - Water banking in the Watershed, exchange, reclamation, and improvement of water quality
 - Multipurpose flood and storm water management programs
 - Watershed protection and management
 - Drinking water treatment and distribution
 - Ecosystem and fisheries restoration and protection.
- Is consistent with the implementation of the California Water Action Plan.
- Implements the OWOW 2.0 Plan as adopted on February 4, 2014.
- Complies with eligibility requirements contained within a specific Proposal Solicitation Package.

Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Project Eligibility - OWOW Program Criteria Policy

As approved by OWOW Steering Committee, ~~July 7, 2016~~ July 26, 2018

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- Implements the OWOW 2.0 Plan Update 2018 as adopted ~~on February 4, 2014~~ by the SAWPA Commission.

One Water One Watershed Program

- Complies with eligibility requirements contained within a specific Proposal Solicitation Package.

One Water One Watershed Program
 Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Program Implementation Grants
 Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility Criteria	Yes / No	Indicator
Is it a collaborative project?		More than one org providing resources (\$, labor, land, etc.)
Does the project provide at least two benefits to the watershed?		Benefits claimed in at least two benefit classes
Is the project consistent with California Water Action Plan?		Identify (select from a list) and explain
Do all benefits accrue to members of disadvantaged communities?		If asserted, the eligibility criteria marked with an * below becomes <i>Not Applicable</i>
* Has the required 50% match been identified and secured?		Describe the secured, eligible source of match funds
* If applicable, will the project be CEQA ready within six months of the grant award?		New requirement per DWR, details to be added when PSP released
Is it a sustainable project resilient to changing conditions?		Describe in the context of climate change, land use, population change, economic conditions, etc.
Will the benefits of the project be achieved at the expense or detriment of another in the watershed?		Describe the analysis conducted to assert this answer. How was your conclusion reached?

One Water One Watershed Program
 Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Program Implementation Grants
 Benefit Classes for Rating and Ranking

Benefit Classes	Weight	Metrics	Notes
Water supply reliability, water conservation, water-use efficiency, water banking, conjunctive use, water supply decision support tools	9.2	Gallons per year of water supply made newly available in the watershed by the project	Please describe the calculation used to find the value given for the metric.
Groundwater recharge and management, clean-up	8.9	Gallons per year of new groundwater recharge from any source or new groundwater treated	If achieving recharge, clean-up and/or management, pick one to quantify
Treat and convey wastewater / reclaim water	8.5	Gallons per year of new reclaimed water treated or distributed	If both treatment and distribution, pick one to quantify
Multipurpose flood & Stormwater (monitor, capture, storage, cleanup, treat, manage, tools)	8.4	Acres of watershed managed by the project	
Watershed / ecosystem / wetland protection, restoration	7.7	Acres of watershed managed by the project	
Benefits to members of disadvantaged communities	7.7	Percent of benefits accruing to disadvantaged communities	Please describe the calculation used to find the value given for the metric.
Benefits large area of watershed	7.6	Acres of the watershed receiving benefits from the program	Please describe the calculation used to find the value given for the metric.

One Water One Watershed Program
 Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Program Implementation Grants
 Benefit Classes for Rating and Ranking

Benefit Classes	Weight	Metrics	Notes
Drinking water treatment, distribution	7.4	Gallons per year of water treated or distributed	If both treatment and distribution, pick one to quantify
Contains public education component	7.4	Estimated number of person-contacts per year	Describe how “person-contacts” were calculated
Non-point source pollution : reduce, manage, monitor, tools	7.1	Gallons per year managed (reduced, treated, monitored) by the project	Please describe the calculation used to find the value given for the metric.
Fisheries restoration / protection	6.9	Acres of the watershed managed by the project	
Removal invasive non-native species	6.3	Acres of watershed managed by project	“Managed” means monitored, treated and maintained clean for performance period

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2018.17

DATE: July 26, 2018

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: OWOW “Let’s Connect”

PREPARED BY: Mike Antos, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee receive and file this report about the OWOW “Let’s Connect” initiative.

DESCRIPTION

As a critical component of the OWOW Program, SAWPA staff regularly holds integration workshops with all watershed stakeholders to promote integrated planning as well as multi-benefit and multi-jurisdictional projects. Past workshops have included exercises with stakeholders to identify potential project locations and descriptions of planned or conceptual projects so that everyone can be aware of initiatives and opportunities to work with others can be explored.

To further promote integration in preparation for Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant opportunities, SAWPA staff has developed a new initiative called “Let’s Connect.” This effort will build upon past integration efforts and provide all stakeholders a transparent way of learning about and seeking to collaborate with planned or ongoing efforts. It is planned that the initiative will support the development of multi-benefit and multi-jurisdictional projects to attain the OWOW Plan Update 2018 goals.

Attached is an outline of the SAWPA OWOW “Let’s Connect” initiative that describes the purpose and process. The implementation of this initiative is planned for the August – September 2018 time frame to further promote integration among proposed projects that may be seeking Prop 1 IRWM grant funding.

Attachment:

1. OWOW “Let’s Connect” Outline

SAWPA One Water One Watershed **“Let’s Connect”**

Purpose

- Provide a venue and facilitate exchange between stakeholders developing multi-benefit and multi-jurisdictional projects.
- Promote collaboration and cooperation in the development of programs and projects that achieve OWOW Plan Update 2018 goals.
- Build upon past OWOW integration workshops in which stakeholders were asked to describe and locate potential projects on a watershed map
- Show OWOW Program as a leader and engagement as critical component of effective integration and collaboration
- Ensure a strong list of eligible projects for consideration of Prop 1 IRWM Implementation grant program that meet OWOW project selection criteria
- Enact the OWOW Program goal to support integration among stakeholders and expand number of eligible regional and subregional scale projects
- Provide greater return-on-investment for participants supporting multi-purpose water infrastructure projects
- Create a structure with the Let’s Connect Initiative to provide an open, organized, and facilitated activity that is beneficial to all participants, including project proponents

Proposed Two-Step Let’s Connect Initiative Structure

Level 1 – Connect format open to all project proponents. Following a somewhat similar structure to the “speed dating” format that was used by San Diego County Water Authority in a past IRWM grant round, a venue will be selected and advertised to the stakeholders of the watershed. At the event, project proponents who are actively developing a program or project and seeking partnerships with others will register to be assigned one of six or eight round tables. Participants from other organizations will register to work through the tables, discussing their project and program concepts. The goal is for new partnerships to form and new ideas to spread.

The event will start with a general overview of the day, and then proceed into a sequence of 15-minute sessions with 5-minute breaks between. At each table a SAWPA staff member will facilitate the conversation between the table proponent and the other participants. Introductions will be made, business cards shared, then the project rep(s) sitting at each table will give short overviews of their organization, current program, needs and upcoming projects (possibly using a tablet or laptop if they want to show graphics/slides) - leaving time for Q&A.

Level 2 – Follow up - One-to-one format- As an incentive and way of showing even better return on investment for a multi-benefit project proponent, SAWPA staff would support and arrange one on one meetings with project proponents and other interested partnering project proponents who would like more extended dialogue. This could be held on another date sometime after the Level 1 session. These Level 2 sessions would be longer, tailored and opportunity-specific. SAWPA would support this follow-up with a venue, facilitation, or other needs identified by the parties (or not at all, if that is the request.)