What is CivicSpark?

CivicSpark is a Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps program dedicated to building capacity for local governments in California to address community resilience issues such as climate change, water resource management, and access to opportunities.

What is a Fellow?

Fellowships are a way to augment academic studies with the experience necessary to succeed in a chosen field.

The CivicSpark fellowship provides young adults who hold at least a bachelor's degree the opportunity to gain hands-on, entry level experience in the fields they are seeking to enter professionally.
What do Fellows do?

- Fellows work exclusively on the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program.
- Fellows serve 1500 hours of service over 11 months.
- Fellows also dedicate time to volunteer projects and professional development.
Community Water Internship Program

- The Community Water Internship program provides paid internship opportunities to Community College, CSU, and UC students in the SARW to work on water related projects that benefit disadvantaged and underrepresented communities.
- Fellows facilitate the program through recruitment of project partners and interns, through check-ins and monthly cohort trainings, and through the dissemination of professional development curriculum for the interns to further advance their careers.
- Interns currently placed at:
Community Water Ethnography

- Fellows contributed to a strengths and needs assessment of the Santa Ana River Watershed
- Fellows interviewed representatives from 12 water agencies throughout the Santa Ana River Watershed
Intersections of Homelessness and Water

- Fellows conducted research on the intersections of homelessness and water
- Fellows helped organize a 2nd homelessness and water symposium
- Fellows produced a fact sheet for the Homelessness and Water Symposium
Volunteer Engagement Projects

- Fellows have teamed up with other Fellows placed at EMWD, LACI, and LA County Public Health to initiate the development of a food security garden in Riverside in partnership with the Riverside Office of Homeless Solutions, Riverside Garden Council, and Path of Life Ministries.

- Also involved in a food justice volunteer engagement project with Fellows at SCAG, City of Santa Monica, and LACI and helped a fellow from the City of Lynwood on the 2018 Lynwood Earth Day event.
Service Days

- CivicSpark Fellows participate in a minimum of 4 service days
- Our service days:
  - Lincoln High School: restoration and beautification of a historic East LA high school
  - Huerta Del Valle: helping care for a food justice garden in Ontario
  - Ventura Land Trust: assisting clean-up efforts following fires and mudslides
  - Arlanza Community Garden: garden maintenance and community cookout
Miscellaneous Research & Tasks

- Fellows have taken on research projects and tasks:
  - Weekly DCI program progress surveys and team updates
  - Organization of cohort reading group as a database
  - Research on
    - Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts
    - Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities
    - Tribal leader contacts for outreach
    - Gentrification and displacement
    - California Climate Investments
    - SB1000
OWOW Program

1. OWOW Plan Update 2018
2. Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program
3. Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grants
OWOW Plan Update 2018

Pillar Chapters
- Ten chapters submitted by the end of May 2018
- Posted for review by participating stakeholders
- Copy-edit to be completed by Dudek & SAWPA staff

“Non-Pillar” Chapters
- SAWPA Staff and consultant Dudek reviewing and completing updates

Call for Projects to be in the plan
- Remains underway
- Twenty-four groups have submitted over 100 projects

Next Steps:
- Assembly of administrative draft for public comment
- August public comment period
- November adoption
### Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program

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<td><strong>Education / Engagement</strong></td>
<td><strong>Project Development</strong></td>
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<td>Nearing completion, report due in the late fall</td>
<td>Some items underway (internships, planning for trainings)</td>
<td>Technical Assistance to Communities</td>
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<td>Trust the Tap – kick off meeting August 1</td>
<td>TAC Meeting August 14 to continue vetting TA projects to undertake.</td>
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<td>Other items beginning in 2019 (trainings, workshops)</td>
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### Prop 1 IRWM Grants - Latest from DWR

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<th>Timeline</th>
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<td>Conversations with Regional Stakeholders</td>
<td>May 2017 – August 2018</td>
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<td>Release draft PSP for 45-day public comment period</td>
<td>September</td>
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<td>Three public meetings (north, central, south)</td>
<td>October</td>
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<td>Draft PSP comment period closes</td>
<td>October</td>
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<td>Final PSP released</td>
<td>Fall</td>
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<td>Round 1 Grants due to DWR*</td>
<td>Starting April 2019</td>
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<td>Round 1 awards</td>
<td>2019</td>
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<td>Round 2 solicitation</td>
<td>2020</td>
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* DWR intends to work with grant applicants on a Funding Area Basis following the release of the Final PSP and prior to the submittal of the grant application.
State of the Santa Ana River Watershed Conference

March 29, 2019

University Conference Center @ California State University Fullerton
OWOW Program

OWOW Steering Committee Meeting
July 26, 2018

Prop 1 Implementation Grant
Rating & Ranking Criteria
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How we got to today

• OWOW and OWOW 2.0
• Proposition 1
• 2016 OWOW SC Eligibility Criteria
• OWOW SC Meetings (March, May, Today)
• Stakeholder processes
  • Pillar Integration Meetings (April, June)
  • Pillar Chair Special Meetings (May, June)
Changes to the 2016 document

• That document refers to OWOW 2.0 Plan, and required minor changes to reference OWOW Plan Update 2018 instead.

• It is currently called “Eligibility Criteria”, these words are now doing a different job in the OWOW Program, therefore, a new proposed name:
  • Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Eligibility – OWOW Program Policy
Rating & Ranking Criteria

• Selecting a suite of projects to propose to DWR for Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grants.
• Developed over time in the OWOW Program, and updated for this grant opportunity.
• Designed to be a transparent, replicable system understandable to all.
• Accountability shared by OWOW SC, SAWPA, and the stakeholders

The system presented today has support from the Pillar Chairs.
Sequence of grant-seeking
Eligibility vs. Rating vs. Ranking

Eligibility:
• Is the project compliant with OWOW Program Policy, and Proposition 1?

Rating:
• How do the benefits of each project compare to the other proposed projects?

Ranking:
• How do we choose which projects will be part of the grant proposal to the state?
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<th>Indicator (yes / no)</th>
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<td>Collaborative Projects</td>
<td>More than one org providing resources ($, labor, land, etc.)</td>
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<td>Contains at least two benefits</td>
<td>Benefits claimed in at least two classes</td>
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<td>Consistent with CA Water Action Plan</td>
<td>Identify (select from a list) and explain</td>
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<td>All benefits accrue to members of disadvantaged communities</td>
<td>If asserted, the * below becomes <em>Not Applicable</em></td>
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<tr>
<td>Has identified required 50% match*</td>
<td>Describe the secured, eligible source of match funds</td>
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<td>If construction project, CEQA timeline*</td>
<td>CEQA ready six months from grant award <em>(detail pending DWR action)</em></td>
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<td>Is a sustainable project resilient to changing conditions</td>
<td>Describe in the context of climate change, land use, population change, economic conditions, etc.</td>
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<td>Benefits are not achieved at the expense or detriment of another</td>
<td>Describe the analysis conducted to assert this answer. How was your conclusion reached?</td>
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Benefit Classes
(what projects can provide the watershed)

• Following slides contains an edited list of benefits enumerated by the OWOW Steering Committee on 7/7/16
  • edits merged similar benefits
• At April 2018 Pillar Integration Workshop ~30 stakeholders provided their prioritization of these benefits
  • The average of scores created the weighting
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<th>Weighting</th>
<th>Indicators</th>
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<td>Water supply reliability, conservation, efficiency</td>
<td>9.2</td>
<td>Gallons per year of water supply made newly available in the watershed by the project</td>
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<td>Groundwater recharge and management</td>
<td>8.9</td>
<td>Gallons per year of new groundwater recharge from any source or new groundwater treated</td>
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<td>Reclaim water, treat and convey</td>
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<td>Gallons per year of new reclaimed water treated or distributed</td>
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<td>Multipurpose flood &amp; Stormwater (monitor, capture, storage, cleanup, treat, manage)</td>
<td>8.4</td>
<td>Acres of watershed managed by project</td>
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<td>Watershed / ecosystem / wetland protection, restoration</td>
<td>7.7</td>
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<td>Benefits to members of disadvantaged communities</td>
<td>7.7</td>
<td>Percent of benefits accruing to disadvantaged communities</td>
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<td>Benefits large area of watershed</td>
<td>7.6</td>
<td>Acres of the watershed receiving benefits from the program</td>
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<td>Drinking water treatment, distribution</td>
<td>7.4</td>
<td>Gallons per year of water treated or distributed</td>
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<td>Contains public education component</td>
<td>7.4</td>
<td>Estimated number of person-contacts per year</td>
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<td>Non-point source pollution, reduce, manage, monitor</td>
<td>7.1</td>
<td>Gallons per year managed (reduced, treated, monitored) by the project</td>
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<td>Fisheries restoration / protection</td>
<td>6.9</td>
<td>Acres of the watershed managed by the project</td>
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<td>Removal invasive non-native species</td>
<td>6.3</td>
<td>Acres of watershed managed by project</td>
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For each benefit class, the project providing the most benefits (MAX) receives full points.

All other projects are then scored along a spectrum from MAX to Zero.

Each project competes in each benefit class for points.

Sum of points earned in each benefit class gives project score.
### An example, four projects, one benefit class

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<th>Acres Managed</th>
<th>Proportion of MAX</th>
<th>Points Earned</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>120 (MAX)</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>10%</td>
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### Test Project 1 - stormwater runoff to groundwater

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**Total** 585
Public Accountability

- Step 1: Submitted Projects
- Step 2: Rated and Ranked Projects
- “Let’s Connect” Initiative
- All submitted information, and the scoring, are publicly visible, encouraging dialog
Big & Not Big Projects

Proposed by the Pillar Chairs:

- 90/10 split of the available grant $ 
- Eligible projects with big grant requests ($\geq$500,000) compete against one another for the 90%
- Eligible projects with not big grant requests (<$500,000) compete against one another for the 10%

Caveats:

- 90/10 split of the dollars available in the PSP.
- NOT the same thing as the allocation (10%) that must benefit disadvantaged communities
SAWPA staff continue work on a project proposal submission tool.

Communications about the system, so stakeholders can begin quantifying their proposals.

With Draft PSP release, “Let’s Connect” workshop(s).

Call for Projects seeking Prop 1 Grants, released in-time with the Final PSP release.

Likely more “Let’s Connect” events during public review phases

What happens next?
Questions?

• Today, we talked about:
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  • The collaboratively-built Rating & Ranking System
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Let’s Connect!

One Water One Watershed Steering Committee Meeting

July 26, 2018
Let’s Connect Initiative

Support engagement between stakeholders to develop or strengthen collaborative, multi-benefit projects

Timed to support development of Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant proposal from the region
Open meeting where proponents of big ideas register to be at a table.

Proponents of smaller or less fleshed-out ideas register to “speed date” those at the tables.

SAWPA facilitates registration, and orchestrates the day.
How it will work:

Phase 2

Parties who had a successful “speed date”

That wish to have additional facilitation or support

Will receive SAWPA staff support for follow-on dialog as requested
Sequence of grant-seeking:

1. **Project Solicitation Package Released by DWR**
2. **Call-for-projects seeking grants**
   - Proponents complete submittal details
     - QA/QC screening by SAWPA staff
     - Eligibility criteria screening
3. **Public review period of proposed projects and programs**
4. **Rating & Ranking criteria applied**
5. **OWOW SC Approved Final list submitted for pre-application workshop with DWR**
6. **Public QA/QC meeting of top projects**
7. **Final Application package submitted**
8. **Pre-Application Workshop**
   - SAWPA & Proponents present to DWR
   - Receipt of comments from DWR
9. **Public Release of Draft Ranked Project List**
It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee receive and file this report about the OWOW “Let’s Connect” initiative.