



IMPERIAL IRWMP

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

IRWMP Project Submittal Workshop

February 16, 2011, 1:00 – 3:30 PM
SGD&E Renewable Energy Center
1425 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243

Workshop Purpose: To help project proponents in the Imperial Region understand the IRWMP project submittal and review process and be prepared to submit proposed projects to the Imperial Water Forum to be considered for inclusion in the Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) ..

Who should attend: The workshop is for Water Forum members, other public agencies and nonprofits organizations that are eligible to submit proposed projects that 1) would help meet the Imperial IRWMP Goals and Objectives and 2) could be included in the Imperial IRWMP. Projects that are part of a public-private partnership are invited to submit projects for the IRWMP as long as there is a public lead agency.

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Submittal and Review Process:

The workshop is to support applicants who plan to submit project proposals and respond to a Preliminary Call for IRWMP Projects. The Preliminary Call for IRWMP Projects will be open from February 16 through March 31, 2011, and will result in a Preliminary IRWMP Project List that will be reviewed and prioritized by the Water Forum. A project must be included in the Imperial IRWMP, and the Imperial IRWMP must be adopted by the regional stakeholders, if the Imperial Region is to qualify for Proposition 84 Funding. The Water Forum is working to develop and adopt a multi-stage screening process that is fair, open and transparent. Specific screening and evaluation criteria will be adopted by the Water Forum and used to identify, integrate and prioritize projects in the Imperial IRWMP. The Water Forum reserves the right to conduct a second Call for IRWMP Projects. The IRWMP projects will be prioritized first on how the proposed project would help to meet the IRWMP goals and objectives; and second, how well those projects could meet the Proposition 84 funding criteria and help the Imperial Region compete for monies that are available from the California Department of Water Resources (CDWR).

CDWR will award funding on a competitive basis using specific criteria contained in the Proposition 84 Proposal Solicitation Package (PSPs). Based on the information provided by project sponsors in response to the Call(s) for IRWMP Projects, it is anticipated that the projects which best meet the CDWR Proposition 84 funding criteria will be invited to submit additional information for developing the Proposition 84 Imperial IRWMP Implementation Grant Project List. The additional project information will be used by the Water Forum to further screen and rank projects to be included in the Proposition 84 IRWMP Implementation Grant Project List. IID, on behalf of the Imperial Region, would then support preparation of the final Proposition 84 Implementation Grant application. It is anticipated that projects proponents would share the costs related to preparing the Implementation Grant application.

Resources: Project proponents may wish to consult the following resources.

- Imperial Water Forum and Integrated Regional Plan Website <http://www.imperialirwmp.org/>
- IRWMP Proposition 84 and 1E Final Guidelines
http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/Guidelines/Prop84/GL_Final_07_20_10.pdf
- IRWMP Implementation Grants http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/integregio_implementation.cfm

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- Questions about the IRWMP or funding will be addressed at the workshop.

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TIME	CONTENT
1:00 PM	1) Welcome & Introductions
1:10 PM	2) Meeting Agenda and Purpose
1:20 PM	3) Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) a) Imperial Region goals and objectives b) Participating organizations c) IRWMP Schedule d) Proposition 84 Implementation Grant Funding Available
1:45 PM	4) DWR Guidelines and Standards- Overview a) IRWMPs standards – The long term view b) Proposition 84 Requirements – The immediate, near term view
2:15 PM	5) Overview of Project Submittal and Review Process a) Who is eligible to submit projects to be included in the IRWMP? b) What types of projects are eligible to be included in the IRWMP? c) What if my project is just conceptual at this stage and needs more work? d) How do I submit a project to be included in the IRWMP? e) How will projects be prioritized in the IRWMP? Who will review? What is the criterion to screen and evaluate projects? f) What happens next: how will projects be prioritized for inclusion in the Proposition 84 Implementation Grant application?
3:00 AM	6) Review of IRWMP Project Submission Forms for Preliminary Call for IRWMP Projects
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