



San Luis Obispo County Region
Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)

Date: September 1, 2021
Time: 10am – 11am
Location: GoTo Meeting
Via Teleconference: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/861201733>
Call-in information: **+1 (872) 240-3212** Access Code: **961-201-733**

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Current Grants
- 3) Upcoming DWR Funding Programs
 - a) Round 2 IRWM Implementation
 - b) Small Community Drought Relief Program
 - c) Urban Community Drought Relief
 - d) Multi-benefit Projects
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 - a) Presentation
 - b) Discussion
- 5) Announcements & Member Updates
- 6) Public Comment

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2021-2022 RWMG SCHEDULE IRWM Prop 1 Round 2 Grant Application

The following meetings, workshops, and actions are scheduled to release the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Water Survey and respond to Proposition 1 IRWM grant opportunities for San Luis Obispo County.

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Date	Activity	Location	Key Actions
2021			
August 4	RWMG Meeting	Online	
September 1	RWMG Meeting	Online	<i>County of San Luis Obispo Regional Water Survey</i>
October 6	RWMG Meeting	TBD	<i>Project List Updates</i>
November 3	RWMG Meeting	TBD	<i>TBD</i>
December 1	No RWMG Meeting scheduled at this time		
2022			
January 5	No RWMG Meeting scheduled at this time		
February 2	RWMG Meeting	TBD	<i>Call for Projects, Project Scoring/Selection, and Project Showcase pending final PSP from DWR</i>
March 3	RWMG Meeting		
April 6	RWMG Meeting		
May 4	RWMG Meeting		
Mid 2022	BOS Authorizes Round 2 Grant Application		
Fall 2022	Round 2 Grant Applications Due to DWR.		

RWMG = Regional Water Management Group
 WRAC = Water Resources Advisory Committee

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Lucia Mercado, Water Resources Engineer

DATE: September 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 3: Upcoming DWR Funding Programs

Discussion

On July 8th, 2021, Governor Newsom added San Luis Obispo County to the State's Drought Declaration. Subsequently, on August 13th 2021 DWR announced four funding programs created to provide interim or immediate relief in response to conditions arising from a drought scenario. The following funding programs were included:

1. Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation
2. Small Community Drought Relief
3. Urban Community Drought Relief
4. Multi-benefit Projects

DWR's email stated that funding is moving at a rapid pace, and included a survey created to assess the needs and readiness of prospective grant applicants for the forthcoming funding programs.

As we await additional details from DWR, we encourage RWMG members and agencies to submit or resubmit any projects that may qualify for these funding programs. The submission link for the project list remains the same and can be accessed through the following link: <https://forms.office.com/g/c6qv6i53zw>

In the meantime, we encourage you to review the attached email and funding program information DWR has posted thus far by visiting the webpages below:

Websites

- Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Program
<https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs/Proposition-1/Implementation-Grants>
- Guidelines for the Small Community Drought Relief Program:
https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Small-Community-Drought-Relief/Small-Community-Drought-Relief-Guidelines_2021.pdf
- August 11, 2021, News Release, First Round of Commitments for Drought Funding
<https://water.ca.gov/News/News-Releases/2021/Aug-21/State-Agencies-Announce-First-Round-of-Commitments-for-Drought-Funding-Small-Communities>

Attachment: August 13th, 2021 DWR Email, "DWR Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Programs + Upcoming IRWM Grant

From: DWR IRWM Grants@DWR <dwr_irwm@WATER.CA.GOV>
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 7:57 AM
To: DWR_IRWM_INFO@LISTSERVICE.CNRA.CA.GOV
Subject: [EXT]Survey to inform upcoming DWR Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief program

ATTENTION: This email originated from outside the County's network. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Good Morning,

DWR is conducting a survey to assess the needs and readiness of prospective grant applicants for the funding forthcoming DWR Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief program. This program will be managed separately from our recently announced [Small Community Drought Relief program](#), but our programs will coordinate to ensure that proposals received through either solicitation would be shared with the other program if deemed to be a more appropriate funding source.

The information we receive from this survey will help us design the grant solicitation processes, a schedule, and a combined Guidelines/Proposal Solicitation Package(s) (PSP) for the Urban/Multibenefit Drought Program. In addition, this information will help us refine the schedule for releasing the Guidelines and PSP for the remaining Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) funding. We are seeking to run the two grant programs as concurrently as possible to give grant applicants choices about the best funding source for their projects.

The deadline for completing this survey is August 27. Time is of the essence, so thank you for your prompt response. You can find the survey [here](#).

If you have any questions, please send them to dwr_irwm@water.ca.gov.

Background

Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency for drought on April 21, 2021, to cover the counties most affected. On May 10, 2021 and July 8, 2021, the drought state of emergency was expanded to cover 50 counties of the State. The drought emergency proclamations directed state agencies to take immediate action to bolster drought resilience and prepare for impacts on communities, businesses, and ecosystems if dry conditions extend to a third year.

As part of the drought relief financial assistance, \$500 million was authorized for DWR by the Legislature pursuant to the [Budget Act of 2021](#) (Stats. 2021, ch. 69, §112) and its [Trailer Bill](#), Assembly Bill 148 (Stats. 2021, ch. The Trailer Bill 115, § 97) authorized DWR to make grants and direct expenditures for interim or immediate relief in response to conditions arising from a drought scenario to address immediate impacts on human health and safety and on fish and wildlife resources and to provide water to persons or communities that lose or are threatened with the loss or contamination of water supplies.

Below is the breakdown of the \$500 million in authorized funds for DWR:

- \$100 million for Urban Community Drought Relief - addressed by this survey
- \$200 million for Multi-benefit Projects - addressed by this survey
- \$200 million for Small Community Drought Relief - being addressed separately

Key requirements, in conformance with AB-148, include:

- Eligible applicants must be in a county named in one of the Governor’s emergency drought proclamations or must be in an area determined by the State Water Resources Control Board where drought conditions necessitate urgent and immediate action. (a)(1), (2). Regardless of whether your project(s) are located in a county currently subject to a State declared emergency proclamation, we encourage you to complete and submit the survey.
- Eligible projects must provide interim or immediate relief (c) (1)
- The funding is only available until June 2026 and therefore projects must be completed by March 2026

The drought funding has been moving at a rapid pace and we understand many organizations may need clarification or have questions about the upcoming solicitation. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.



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TO: Regional Water Management Group

FROM: Lucia Mercado, Water Resources Engineer

DATE: September 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 4: County of San Luis Obispo Regional Water Survey

Discussion

As the foundational component of the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program, the IRWM Plan serves as a document that identifies regional water management issues, establishes water management goals, objectives, and performance measures for SLO County.

One way IRWM Plans adapt to changing conditions is through stakeholder surveys. The 2021 Regional Water Survey is intended to identify top water related priorities from the stakeholder's perspective. Previously adopted IRWM plans have used similar survey data to recognize and prioritize local projects that work towards water management solutions.

The survey will be open to water agencies, water committees, and the overall public in San Luis Obispo County. The virtual survey is composed of 5 short multiple choice questions asking respondents to identify and prioritize water-related issues in the county and in their specific water planning area (there are 6 water planning areas).

Prior to the release of the survey, the RWMG's input on the survey content is appreciated and helpful in confirming that we are asking the right questions. Please take a moment to consider the attached survey and bring any input you may have to next week's RWMG meeting.

Attachment: DRAFT 2021 Regional Water Survey

County of San Luis Obispo Regional Water Survey

The County of San Luis Obispo Regional Survey is conducted every 5 to 7 years with the purpose to identify the County's top priorities and vulnerabilities. The priorities and vulnerabilities identified in these surveys are published in the latest version of the County's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and utilized to recognize and fund future-water related projects within the County. This years survey aims to re-evaluate previously identified regional priorities and vulnerabilities. The survey asks stakeholders, water agency members, and the public to prioritize water-related issues that apply to the County of San Luis Obispo as a whole and to their own specific water planning area. We value your input and appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey.

The County of San Luis Obispo covers approximately 3,300 square miles and is bordered by Monterey County to the north, Kern County to the east, Santa Barbara County to the south, and 100 miles of Pacific coastline to the west. The County is made up of seven cities as well as many unincorporated communities with varying geographies.

* 1. What do you consider to be the top water-related priorities in the County of San Luis Obispo as a whole?
(Choose up to 5)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Water Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain and Increase Flood Control Capacity | <input type="checkbox"/> Implement Stormwater Capture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Affordability (i.e. cost) | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Groundwater Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Implement Groundwater Management/Sustainability Plans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue Desalination | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Interagency Coordination | <input type="checkbox"/> Maximize Recycled Water Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Address Drought Vulnerabilities (i.e. interties, storage) | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain Local Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Determine Water Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protect Watershed/Ecosystem Functionality | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Public Input/Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Water Supply |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigate Effects of Climate Change (i.e. sea level rise) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigate and Protect Against Seawater Intrusion | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

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* 2. Which water planning area (WPA) do you reside in or represent?

See SLO County WPA Map below to locate your WPA, or [click here](#) for a larger map



3. My water is delivered through a ...

- Public Water System (CSA, CSD, City)
- Private Water System (i.e. Mutual Water Company)
- Private Well
- Other/Uncertain (please specify/explain)

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* 4. What do you consider to be the top water-related priorities specifically in your Water Planning Area:{{ Q2 }}? (Choose up to 5)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Water Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain and Increase Flood Control Capacity | <input type="checkbox"/> Implement Stormwater Capture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Affordability (i.e. Costs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Groundwater Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Implement Groundwater Management/Sustainability Plans |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

5. Do you have any questions, comments or concerns?