



2018 Call for IRWM Projects and Programs for WVCV IRWM Plan Amendment

In order to comply with the 2016 Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Guidelines and to qualify for funding in the upcoming Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant solicitation we are amending our WVCV IRWM Plan to address the new IRWM Plan Standards. As part of this process we are soliciting new projects and programs for inclusion in the IRWM Plan. All projects and programs will be included in a new database which will be housed on the WVCV web portal. Note that we are emphasizing that programs may also qualify as “projects” under the IRWM or other grant programs, or be combined with more traditional projects. A program could include education and outreach or research and assessment - designed to inform, evaluate, promote or otherwise result in improved water management.

We have redesigned the WVCV IRWM project input form(s) to be a fillable pdf document. The form contains a mix of fillable text boxes and drop down menus. Some of the text boxes have a word/character limit. We will be using this form for all types of projects and programs – including concept projects and programs which still lack full detail, as well as those that are ready to go forward. Submit as many projects/programs as you like as long as they generally meet the criteria of IRWM (multi-benefit, integrated, and help address the IRWM Plan Goals or enhance management of local water resources). Please submit one form for each project/program.

Please see this link to learn more about eligible project types and Prop. 1 funding priorities http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/p1_guidelines.cfm. Please note that not all projects/programs submitted must be compliant with Prop. 1 IRWM Grant Guidelines. Projects and programs included in the IRWM Plan may also qualify for other grants or funding sources, some of which require inclusion in an IRWM plan in order to be eligible for funding. This is why we are asking for all projects/programs that help address the IRWM Plan Goals, or which have the potential to enhance management of water resources, to be included. Even if your project is small or only provides a single benefit, or is still in concept form, you are encouraged to fill out a submission form. There may be opportunities to combine or integrate projects/programs, resulting in multi-benefits or attracting like-minded partners to further develop and promote your concept.

**** In order to be eligible for the first round of Prop. 1 IRWM Implementation Grant funding, your project(s) must be included in the WVCV IRWM Plan; to get your project in the plan, you need to submit a project submission form for each project you'd like considered****

Project Submission Form Guidance

In order to submit your project or program for inclusion in the IRWM Plan for consideration you must fill out the Project Submission Form. Project sponsors and/or proponents should complete

the form with as much information as possible. The information will be reviewed by the watershed committee where the project is located, or by all three watersheds if the project is regional.

Please refer to the following resources:

- 2016 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines, Volumes 1 and 2, available at: http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/p1_guidelines.cfm
- 2014 WCVV IRWM Plan at: <https://wcvv.ventura.org/>

A. General Information

Provide the name of the project or program, the project proponent (if identified), whether the project is jointly sponsored, website (if applicable), contact information, project/program type, **primary watershed (even if the project covers more than one watershed)** and estimated project cost. In the drop down menu there is one option for type of project. Please indicate the primary project/program type and then in section C provide a more detailed description with all major project/program elements, and in section E add other benefits if applicable. Also include which watershed(s) this applies to, or indicate if it's a regional project or program.

Identify if the project benefits a disadvantaged community (DAC). A DAC is defined as having an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the statewide annual median household income (\$61,818 per 2015 US Census). A project/program does not have to be physically located in a DAC to benefit a DAC. Refer to the IRWM Guidelines Pgs. 53 and 54 for more information. To determine if the project area is in a DAC or benefits a DAC area, please review the state's DAC mapping tool at: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>.

B. Project Status

This section includes information about the status of the project and the source of funding. Please complete as much of this section as you can by either filling in the requested information or selecting from the options in the drop down menu. This information can updated over time to reflect its status – including the source of funding.

C. Project Description (Word limit – 207)

Provide several sentences describing the proposed project or program. Include all major project/program elements.

D. Project Location (Word limit – 102)

Provide a brief description of the location of the project. Please indicate the longitude and latitude for the project. If the project or program is regional, please use the following coordinates for the lat and long boxes provided: 34.471618, -119.078194.

E. Project Benefits

Describe the overall project benefits (word limit – 200), primary, secondary and tertiary benefits (word limit – 107 each) and select quantifiable benefits from the drop down menus. IRWM Plans are implemented through projects, relevant to measurable goals and objectives. Goals and objectives can be measured quantitatively (e.g., AFY of water saved, # acres restored, etc.) or qualitatively. To the extent possible, please identify anticipated project benefits.

Identify if the project supports or addresses the concerns of a Native American Tribal Community.

Identify if the project supports or addresses an environmental justice concern. An environmental justice concern relates to the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

F. Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Readiness

Please respond to the yes or no questions regarding the readiness of the project as it applies to the requirements of the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant. *This is only necessary if you would like your project considered for Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant funding (Round 1 anticipated in Spring 2019).*

G. Project Review and Selection Criteria (General)

Consider your project in light of the three general criteria listed and respond by using the drop-down menu:

1. Includes integrated projects with multiple benefits, including climate change adaptation,
2. Supports and improves local and regional water supply reliability;
3. Contributes measurably to the long-term attainment and maintenance of water quality standards

H. IRWMP Goals Met

IRWM Plan goals address the major water-related issues and conflicts of the region. Projects submitted for inclusion in the IRWM Plan must identify how a project contributes to meeting the goals of the Plan. Refer to Sections 5 of the 2014 IRWM Plan for more information about the IRWM Plan goals and objectives.

The WVCV IRWM Plan Goals were updated in June 2018 and will be reflected in the 2018 IRWM Plan Amendment as follows:

1. Protect, conserve, and augment local water supply portfolio to increase local water resilience
2. Protect and improve water quality
3. Protect people, property and the environment from adverse flooding impacts
4. Protect and restore habitat and ecosystems in watersheds

5. Provide water-related recreational, public access, stewardship, engagement and educational opportunities
6. Prepare for and adapt to climate change

I. Additional Requirements for Stormwater Capture Grant Program Projects
(Optional for inclusion in IRWM Plan only)

CA Water Code § 10562 (b) (7) (i.e. SB 985) requires that projects seeking grant funding from Bonds approved after January 1, 2014 be included in a Stormwater Resource Plan in order to be eligible for funding. In response, the Ventura County Municipal Stormwater Resource Plan (VCMSRP) was developed in 2016 by the Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program. This Plan was subsequently incorporated into the IRWM Plan, as required to obtain IRWM Implementation Grant Funding. As such, projects included in the Ventura County Municipal Stormwater Resource Plan are eligible to apply for and receive grant funding for projects that infiltrate stormwater and polluted dry weather flows. For new stormwater capture projects not included in the 2016 VCMSRP to be eligible for Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant funding, a new WVCV Project Submission Form must be completed and submitted using this fillable pdf form. For information on how to get your projects included in the Ventura County Municipal Stormwater Resource Plan please visit:

<http://www.vcstormwater.org/index.php/publications/plans/stormwater-resource-plan>.

J. Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

The 2016 IRWM Plan Standards require that all projects funded by IRWM grants must consider or address the following:

- Include potential effects of climate change on the region and consider if adaptations to the water management system are necessary.
- Consider the contribution of the project to adapting to identified system vulnerabilities to climate change effects on the region.
- Consider changes in the amount, intensity, timing, quality and variability of runoff and recharge.
- Consider the effects of sea level rise on water supply conditions and identify suitable adaptation measures.
- Consider the contribution of the project in reducing GHG emissions as compared to project alternatives
- Consider a project’s ability to help the IRWM region reduce GHG emissions as new projects are implemented over the 20-year planning horizon.
- Reducing energy consumption, especially the energy embedded in water use, and ultimately reducing GHG emissions.

The items listed above will be further addressed and described in the 2018 IRWM Plan Amendment. Please check the appropriate boxes in this section to the best of your ability as they apply to your project/program. Changes can be made to this section as more information is developed through

the planning process. In the meantime you can refer Sections 7 and 13 in the 2014 IRWM Plan for information about climate change vulnerabilities and related impacts. Please see: (<https://wcvc.ventura.org/IRWMP/2014IRWMP.htm>)

***This project/program form gathers information needed to submit a project for consideration in the IRWM Plan. Fill out as much information as possible. More information may be required at a later date. Minimum information required to be included on the IRWM Project/Program List include items A, C, D, E, H and J. *Due to the drop down menus included in the fillable pdf, this form can't be printed and filled out.*

FINAL STEP: Once complete, save a copy of the form in your files for future editing, and email the form(s) to Lynn Rodriguez, WCVV Program Manager at lynn.rodriguez@ventura.org.

The new deadline for submittal of the forms is Friday, October 19, 2018.

To discuss your project idea(s) with your watershed coordinator please refer to the contacts below:

Ventura River Watershed – Po Chi Fung, venturawatershed@gmail.com

Santa Clara River Watershed – Lara Meeker, lara.meeker@ventura.org

Calleguas Creek Watershed – Ian Prichard, ianp@camrosa.com