DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR APPROVAL OF THE DROUGHT RESPONSE OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS (DROPS) GRANT PROGRAM RECOMMENDED FUNDING LIST
(DROPS RECOMMENDED FUNDING LIST, REVISION 1 - JULY 2016)

BACKGROUND

In response to the Governor's declaration of a Drought State of Emergency on January 17, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) repurposed unallocated Proposition 13 and Proposition 40 funds to create the DROPS grant program. Additional unallocated Proposition 50 funds have also been allocated to DROPS. DROPS provided funding to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to implement Low Impact Development (LID) strategies designed to re-establish predevelopment hydrology on school campuses. The projects will (1) reduce stormwater pollution; and (2) increase stormwater retention, use or recharge while creating multiple benefits, such as water conservation, water supply augmentation, and reduced dry weather runoff. In addition, every DROPS project includes an educational component designed to increase student awareness of the project's environmental benefits and water resource sustainability.

The Division of Financial Assistance (Division) released a solicitation for proposals on September 11, 2014, with a January 15, 2015 application submittal deadline. Applicants submitted a total of 49 eligible proposals that were reviewed and scored by State Water Board and Regional Water Quality Control Board staff. The proposals were reviewed, scored and ranked using the criteria and processes in the Guidelines to develop the attached Recommended Funding List. The California Department of Education (CDE) coordinated supplemental reviews of the Education and Outreach component of each eligible application.

The Recommended Funding List recommended 29 projects for DROPS funding and was approved by the State Water Board Executive Director, Thomas Howard on May 22nd 2015. Authority was also delegated to the Deputy Director of the Division to utilize additional funds that become available (e.g. if a project is withdrawn or completed under budget) to fund additional projects below the funding line or to augment the scope and budget of projects previously awarded, subject to the maximum grant amounts allowed in the DROPS Guidelines.

During the grant agreement negotiation process, three (3) applicants have chosen to decline their DROPS awarded grants and subsequently withdrew their applications. Therefore, the DROPS grant program had approximately $2.1 million in unallocated funds. To utilize the unallocated funds, Division staff continued down the list of the original 49 eligible proposals to recommend funding to additional LEAs and identified four additional applicants with proposal scores similar to those on the original funding list. Division staff reviewed the applications, contacted the applicants to determine the project status and confirm their continued interest in the DROPS funding, and conducted site visits in May 2016. As a result of the review, three additional school districts are recommended to be included in the DROPS Recommended Funding List, Revision 1 - July 2016 (**Attachment 1**).

APPROVAL

I, Darrin Polhemus, Deputy Director of the State Water Board's Division of Financial Assistance, approve the DROPS Recommended Funding List, Revision 1 - July 2016 (**Attachment 1**). The final amount awarded will be subject to each applicant providing a scope of work and budget that is acceptable to the DROPS Unit technical staff and Program Manager OR the Division's Bond Section Manager.

Projects may be removed from the Recommended Funding List by the Deputy Director of the Division if applicants do not respond to requests for changes to the scopes of work and budgets in a timely and appropriate manner. The Deputy Director of the Division has the authority to utilize additional funds that become available (e.g., if a project is withdrawn or completed under budget) to fund additional projects below the funding line or to augment the scope and budget of projects previously awarded, subject to the maximum grant amounts allowed in the DROPS Guidelines. This authorization includes augmentation of project budgets to provide sufficient funds to ensure each project is properly designed to meet its stated goals.

The Deputy Director of the Division is authorized to execute grant agreements and amendments thereto.

Approved: _____

Darrin Polhemus
Deputy Director, Division of Financial Assistance
State Water Resources Control Board

Date: 7/28/2016

Attachment 1: DROPS Recommended Funding List, Revision 1 - July 2016

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Attachment 1: DROPS RECOMMENDED FUNDING LIST, REVISION 1 – JULY 2016

Additional Applicants Recommended for DROPS Funding

PIN	Region	Project Title	Applicant	Grant[2]	Match[3]	Total
29860	1	Russian River LID Demonstration Projects at Ukiah High School	Ukiah Unified School District	$440,451	$154,310	$594,761
29851	3	Water Shed and Water Conservation Educational Models	Monterey Peninsula Unified School District	$671,162	$102,287	$773,449
29710	6	Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) DROPS Project	Tahoe Truckee Unified School District	$998,900	$250,610	$1,249,510
			Total:	$2,110,513	$507,207	$2,617,720

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PIN	Region	Project Title	Applicant	Grant[2]	Match[3]	Total
29717	1	Sinkin' the Stormwater in Humboldt County	Northern Humboldt Union High School District[5]	$999,461	$296,358	$1,295,819
29813	1	Anderson Valley Unified Schools LID Retrofit Program	Anderson Valley Unified School District[4]	$124,432	$30,014	$154,446
29860	1	Russian River LID Demonstration Projects at Ukiah High School	Ukiah Unified School District[6]	$440,451	$154,310	$594,761
29673	2	DROPS - OPS (Oakland and Piedmont Schools)	StopWaste[5]	$1,491,503	$380,218	$1,871,721
29873	2	Downtown College Preparatory Native Landscapes and Bioswale Project	Downtown College Preparatory[1,6]	$164,280	$33,120	$197,400
29468	3	Bay View Elementary School LID and Water Conservation Retrofit	Santa Cruz City Schools[5]	$486,200	$151,532	$637,732
29602	3	Atascadero Junior High School Storm Water Management	Atascadero Unified School District[6]	$999,999	$2,006,653	$3,006,652
29616	3	LMUSD Ground Water Recovery Projects	Lucia Mar Unified School District[6]	$903,933	$170,742	$1,074,675
29794	3	Paso Robles Joint Unified School District LID Project	Paso Robles Joint Unified School District[6]	$999,305	$207,750	$1,207,055
29815	3	Rancho El Chorro Water Conservation, Reuse, and LID Project	San Luis Obispo County Office of Education[4]	$628,566	$126,550	$755,116
29851	3	Water Shed and Water Conservation Educational Models	Monterey Peninsula Unified School District[6]	$671,162	$102,287	$773,449
29049	4	Will Rogers Learning Community SW Capture, WQ Improvement & WS Education	Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District[6]	$621,256	$213,070	$834,326
29656	5	Fresno Unified Green Infrastructure Initiative	Fresno Unified School District[1,5]	$898,745	$164,969	$1,063,714
29758	5	Grizzly Hill Stormwater Management Project	Twin Ridges Elementary School District[1,4]	$123,808	$20,400	$144,208
29776	5	Regional Stormwater Learning Lab Project	Butte County Office of Education[1,6]	$350,590	$62,371	$412,961
29787	5	Grant Union High School's Pacer Quad	Twin Rivers Unified School District[6]	$725,703	$262,851	$988,554
29831	5	Chico Unified School District LID Implementation and Stormwater Education Program	Chico Unified School District[4]	$445,220	$135,239	$580,459

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29710	6	Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) DROPS Project	Tahoe Truckee Unified School District[6]	$998,900	$250,610	$1,249,510
28211	8	Clearwater Project: A Stormwater Water Regenerative Program	Perris Elementary School District[1,5]	$773,470	$160,889	$934,359
29595	8	Fontana Unified School District Watershed Education Initiative	Fontana Unified School District[6]	$2,000,000	$400,000	$2,400,000
29664	8	Katella High School Stormwater Capture Project	Anaheim Union High School District[1,5]	$2,000,000	$500,520	$2,500,520
29714	8	Davis Magnet School Outdoor STEAM Learning Center	Newport-Mesa Unified School District[5]	$239,015	$42,225	$281,240
29739	8	Rio Vista Elementary School	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District[1,5]	$752,200	$139,138	$891,338
29752	8	Garden Grove Unified School District	Garden Grove Unified School District[1,6]	$1,990,092	$499,219	$2,489,311
29772	8	Harvest Valley Elementary School	Romoland School District[1,6]	$765,235	$136,000	$901,235
29161	9	Go Clean Go Green Stormwater Improvement Project	San Diego Unified School District[1,6]	$1,243,445	$310,862	$1,554,307
29167	9	Santee Schools Water Conservation and Storm Water Recharge Program	Santee School District[6]	$1,000,000	$150,000	$1,150,000
29621	9	Encinitas Union School District S.W.E.L.L. Stormwater Education Through Lifelong Learning	Encinitas Union School District[5]	$595,000	$117,796	$712,796
29633	9	Great Oak High School Storm Water Retention and Bioretention Basin	Temecula Valley Unified School District[6]	$568,150	$103,500	$671,650
			Totals (without LAUSD):	$24,000,121	$7,329,193	$31,329,314
			Los Angeles Unified School District[1,4] Set-Aside Total:	$5,000,000	$3,287,037	$8,287,037
			TOTALS:	**$29,000,121**	**$10,616,230**	**$39,616,351**
			100% Disadvantaged Schools Total:	**$9,061,865**		
			100% Disadvantaged Schools Percent of DROPS Funding:	**31%**		

Applicants who have declined DROPS Funding

PIN	Region	Project Title	Applicant	Grant[2]	Match[3]	Total
29637	4	Schurr High School	Montebello Unified School District[1]	$991,575	$148,736	$1,140,311
29645	4	LNSD DROPS Stormwater Pollution Reduction and Bioretention Project	Los Nietos School District[1]	$124,999	$374,501	$499,500
28245	5	Project CLEAR (Constructing LID Environments, Awareness and Resources)	Elk Grove Unified School District[1]	$1,000,000	$703,052	$1,703,052
			Total:	$2,116,574	$1,226,289	$3,342,863

[1] - 100% Disadvantaged Schools in Project
[2] - Subject to change by the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance
[3] - Match amount subject to adjustment.
[4] - Grant Agreement Executed
[5] - Original Awarded Grant Amount
[6] - Projected Grant Amount