

## **DWR and State Water Board Announce Consideration of Additional Grant Awards for the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program**

SACRAMENTO -The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) have approved funding of seven proposals under the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Program. In addition, DWR's Director Snow and the State Water Board have directed staff to evaluate funding additional proposals from among those that competed in Step 2 of the Implementation Grants process.

In November 2006 DWR and the State Water Board announced draft grant funding recommendations. The agencies recommended funding 7 of the 16 IRWM Implementation Grant finalists. Those recommendations were made available for public comment and presented at a public meeting on November 16, 2006. DWR and SWRCB received both written and oral comments from various interested parties, including private citizens, local agencies, grant applicants, and advocacy groups. Comments were strongly in favor of awarding additional Proposition 50 funding to existing applicants.

DWR and the State Water Board are accepting public comments, until February 8, 2007 (Noon), on the recommended additional grant funding, and will discuss the issue at upcoming IRWM scoping meetings on January 23 in Sacramento and January 31 in Los Angeles. Public comments may be emailed (preferred) to Tracie Billington at [tracieb@water.ca.gov](mailto:tracieb@water.ca.gov) and Shahla Farahnak at [sfarahnak@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sfarahnak@waterboards.ca.gov) or mailed to:

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More information on the public meetings is available at [http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/docs/IRWM\\_ScopingMeetingInfo.pdf](http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/docs/IRWM_ScopingMeetingInfo.pdf) or by contacting Tracie Billington at (916) 651-9226.