PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM (WRFP) GUIDELINES

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Overview

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Purpose of WRFP Guidelines

- DFA’s standard operating procedure to process applications and execute funding agreements.
- Required by Propositions 1 and 68. The State must develop and adopt project solicitation and evaluation guidelines to administer a competitive grant or loan program.
Background

• WRFP Guidelines last amended on June 16, 2015

• Guidelines work in conjunction with CWSRF Policy & CWSRF Intended Use Plan
Main Objectives

• Revisions for organization, clarity, and simplification
• Better integration with CWSRF Policy and procedures
• Long term guidance, not dependent on individual bond measures
• Strengthen guidance regarding Research and Pilot Projects
Notable Changes

- Planning grants for DAC/SDACs
- Construction grant calculation and maximum
- Processing priority
Planning Grants for DAC/SDACs

Planning Grant covers 50% of eligible planning costs, up to the maximum in CWSRF IUP.

• A disadvantaged community (DAC) or severely disadvantaged community (SDAC) may receive 100% of eligible planning costs, up to the maximum in CWSRF IUP.
Construction Grant Calculation

GOALS FOR REDEFINING

• Eliminate conflicting interpretations
• Simplify grant calculation
• Allow agencies to utilize 100% grant commitment
• Disencumber less grant from projects
## Construction Grant Calculation

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<td>35% of eligible estimated costs</td>
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<td>Construction + partial Construction Allowances</td>
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<td>Confirmed or reduced during Final Budget based on selected construction bid</td>
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<td>Limitations applied to actual costs</td>
<td>Eligible costs reimbursed up to original grant amount</td>
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Proposed Processing Priority
if none established in Bond Law

• Projects that benefit a severely disadvantaged community (SDAC) or support the human right to water.
• Potable reuse projects that increase the drinking water supply.
• Projects that construct or extend Recycled Water distribution systems.
• Projects that construct or expand Recycled Water treatment facilities.
## Schedule

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Comment Letters

Use subject line “Comment Letter – October 15, 2019 Board Meeting – WRFP Guidelines Amendment”

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Or

Letters in PDF less than 15 megabytes may be emailed to: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov.
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