

# PROPOSITION 1 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



Proposition 1 (Prop 1) Technical assistance (TA) is implemented by the State Water Resources Control Board's Office of Sustainable Water Solutions (Office). The Office promotes permanent and sustainable drinking water and wastewater treatment solutions to ensure effective and efficient provision of safe, clean, affordable, and reliable drinking water and wastewater treatment services, focusing on addressing financial and technical assistance needs. Prop 1 TA is available to help small (less than 10,000 people\*) disadvantaged (median household income [MHI] < 80% statewide MHI) communities (small DACs\*) develop, fund, and implement Prop 1-eligible capital improvement projects.

**HOW TO APPLY FOR TA:** The Office is continually accepting Requests for TA. An electronic form can be obtained at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/proposition1/docs/ta\\_request\\_form.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/docs/ta_request_form.pdf). The form can be submitted by anyone, including representatives from the community or system needing TA, or by staff from State or local agencies, TA Providers, etc. Completed forms should be emailed to [DFA-TArequest@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DFA-TArequest@waterboards.ca.gov).

**PROJECT TYPES.** Prop 1 TA efforts will be focused on development of projects for the following Prop 1 funding programs:

- **Drinking Water.**\*\* Infrastructure improvements to correct system deficiencies & improve drinking water quality:
  - Treatment systems
  - Distribution systems & water storage
  - Interconnections, extension of service, consolidation
  - Water sources
  - Water meters
- **Wastewater.**\*\* Infrastructure improvements to correct system deficiencies & prevent pollution:
  - Wastewater treatment & discharge facilities
  - Replacement or rehabilitation of local sewers
  - Septic to sewer projects
- **Groundwater.** Projects that prevent or cleanup the contamination of groundwater that serves or has served as a source of drinking water:
  - Wellhead treatment
  - Installation of extraction & treatment systems
  - Source removal
  - Groundwater recharge to prevent contamination of wells
  - Groundwater injection to prevent seawater intrusion
- **Storm Water.** Multiple benefit projects designed to infiltrate, filter, store, evaporate, treat, or retain storm water or dry weather runoff:
  - Green infrastructure
  - Rainwater & storm water capture projects
  - Storm water treatment facilities

**POTENTIAL ASSISTANCE TYPES AVAILABLE:**

- Project coordination and development
  - Application assistance
  - Rate studies
  - Income surveys
  - Facilitate discussions with regulatory agencies, funding agencies, & between nearby communities
- Legal assistance
  - Entity formation
  - Agreements for the transfer of facilities or provision of water supply sources;
  - Land acquisition or access agreements
  - Review of existing debts & preparation of bond counsel opinions
  - Negotiations on behalf of small systems to consolidate into a nearby system, buy water, purchase land, etc.
- Engineering and environmental analysis
  - Preliminary engineering & project report preparation
  - Plans & specifications
  - Water quality testing
  - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents
- Leak detection/water audits

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS - CONTACT US:**

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\* Certain exceptions to provide TA to larger DACs may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

\*\* Assistance with more general drinking water and wastewater capacity development needs outside the context of capital project development (e.g., compliance audits, rate studies and board or operator training) may be available for public water systems or wastewater systems through other TA programs. Please use the universal TA Request Form described above for all TA requests.