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PROPOSITION 1 STORM WATER GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING GUIDELINES – AMENDED FOR ROUND 2

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Background

- 💧 Proposition 1 (Prop 1) allocated \$200 million for multi-benefit storm water management projects
- 💧 Prop 1 Storm Water Grant Program (SWGP) Guidelines initially adopted by the Board on December 15, 2015:
 - Establish eligibility criteria,
 - Outline the process to solicit applications,
 - Establish criteria to evaluate and select eligible proposals, and
 - Requirements that apply to funded projects.
- 💧 Eligible applicants include:
 - Public Agencies/Utilities
 - Non-profit Organizations
 - Mutual Water Companies
 - State and Federally recognized Tribes

Background (cont.)

- First Funding Round (Round 1) - Awards completed in 2016

Planning (\$10Million)

- Project Specific Planning (Design Plans, CEQA, etc.)
- Storm Water Resource Plans (SB 985)

Implementation (\$113Million*)

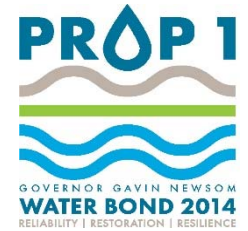
- Green Infrastructure
- Rainwater and Storm Water Capture and Use
- Storm Water Treatment Facilities

* Including funds from older bond funds (Prop 13, 40, 50, 84)

Proposed Amendments

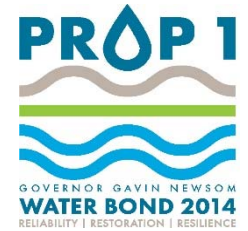
- 💧 In anticipation of the second round of funding (Round 2) to occur in end of 2019, staff have proposed amendments to the Prop 1 SWGP Guidelines
- 💧 Proposed amendments address:
 - Project Eligibility
 - Grant Maximums
 - Solicitation Process
 - New Requirements for Funded Projects
 - Proposal Questions and Scoring Criteria

Project Eligibility



- 💧 Eligible project types are not changing:
 - 💧 Projects must be designed to infiltrate, filter, store, treat, or retain storm water or dry weather runoff;
 - 💧 Preference: Given to projects that capture and use storm water for a variety of potential benefits:
 - Water Supply (i.e. Groundwater Recharge)
 - Water Quality (i.e. pollutant load reduction)
 - Flood Protection (i.e. flood attenuation)
 - Environmental (i.e. Habitat Enhancement/Restoration)
 - Community (i.e. creating green spaces)

Project Eligibility (cont.)



- Provide clarification regarding cost eligibility and project types:

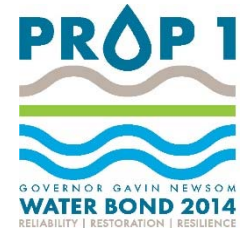
Traffic Control Features

- Eligible if one or more of the following are met: (1) Contributes to a quantifiable benefit, (2) Assists in the management of storm water runoff, (3) Mitigates a safety concern that arose from the implementation of the Project

Monitoring Equipment

- Telemetry/Devices necessary for long-term monitoring of the Project are eligible

Project Eligibility (cont.)



"Nature-Based" Projects

- Adding "Nature-Based" projects as an eligible project type. These are projects that create green space, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote community engagement, and restore native habitat.

Implementation Projects Only

- The next solicitation round (Round 2) will be for Implementation projects only.
- Grants for stand-alone planning projects will not be awarded.

Grant Maximum

- Proposing to change the way the Grant Maximum is applied.

	EXISTING GUIDELINES	Proposed Guidelines
Maximum	\$10 million	\$10 million
APPLICABILITY	Per Project	Per Agency
	Round 1	Round 1 & Round 2 (Combined)

- Proposed Guidelines do allow some flexibility to revert back to applying the Grant Maximum on a per Project basis if we do not receive enough high-ranking proposals.

Solicitation Process

- ♦ The proposed guidelines outline a 2-step process for the Round 2 solicitation

Step 1 - Proposal Submittal (All eligible applicants)

- ♦ Online Funding Application
- ♦ Attachments (Appendix B)

Step 2 - Supplemental Documentation Submittal (By Invite Only)

- ♦ Attachments needed prior to Executing the Funding Agreement (Appendix C)
- ♦ Subject to a 60-day deadline (starting with the date of the funding award) to submit all required documents

New Requirements for Funded Projects



Match Funding

- Demonstrate that grant Recipients have or will be able to secure match funds necessary to implement the Project in the near future.

Readiness to Proceed

- CEQA documents, permits, land acquisitions, easements etc. must be completed within six (6) months of the funding award.

Water Quality Monitoring Data

- Data from any lab tested water quality samples must be generated by an accredited state certified laboratory (Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program).

Operation and Maintenance

- Reporting on long-term operation and maintenance of the project may be required (i.e. semi-annual reports for three years after the work completion date in the Funding Agreement).

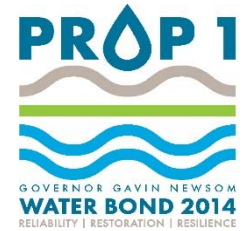
Legal Opinion (If applicable)

- Provides assurance that any legal representations that the funding recipients have made are true (i.e. regarding property rights) and that there is no pending litigation or financial constraints that could impact the project implementation.

Proposal Questions/Attachments

- Project Map – with very specific information (i.e. project location, capture area, BMP locations, relevant utilities, water bodies, service area boundary, etc.)
- “Project Description” has replaced the “Work Plan”
 - Generally very similar to Work Plan
 - Reorganized with more focused requests for information
 - More details requested on the proposed construction components (i.e. sizing)

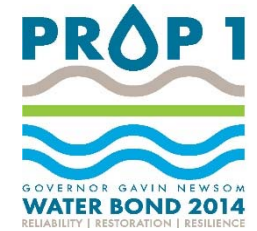
Scoring Criteria



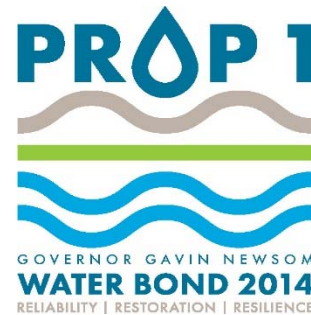
Now includes points for:

- Readiness to proceed
- Nature – Based Projects
- Projects that propose multiple uses of the captured runoff
 - Ex. Ground Water Recharge, Park irrigation
- Projects that propose to use the captured runoff at multiple locations
 - Ex. Street Median, City Park, School playground etc.
- Projects benefiting severely Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
- Proposals demonstrating public outreach and support
- Cost-effectiveness (\$/AF) - *Attachment 7*

Next Steps



Milestone	Estimated Date
Draft Amended Guidelines Posted Online	08/16/19 (Completed)
Public Notice of upcoming Meetings, Webinars, Comment Deadlines	08/16/19 (Completed)
Informational Webinar	09/16/19
Written Comment Period Ends	09/20/19 by Noon
State Water Board Meeting (Consideration of Adoption of Draft Guidelines)	10/15/2019
Open Round 2 Funding Solicitation	End of 2019



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