
American River Basin

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Authorizing Documentation

The Regional Water Authority (RWA) Board of Directors, acting as the formal governing body for the American River Basin IRWM Plan per the approved 2009 Region Acceptance Process, will convene on January 13, 2011 to adopt Resolution No. 2011-01, authorizing the Executive Director of the Regional Water Authority to prepare and submit this Proposition (Prop) 84 Grant Application and to subsequently execute an agreement with the State of California for an Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant. The text of the draft resolution is included below:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION AND ENTERING INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Authority (“Authority”) was formed to serve and represent regional water supply interests and to assist in protecting and enhancing the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has committed to preparing and implementing an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (“IRWMP”) to ensure maintaining water supplies for all uses in a sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, the Authority adopted the American River Basin IRWMP in May 2006 and is completing a comprehensive update to ensure compliance with revised IRWMP guidelines released by the California Department of Water Resources in July 2010;

WHEREAS, the Authority is a public agency that serves as the Regional Water Management Group representing numerous stakeholders and interests throughout the region; and

WHEREAS the Authority has conducted extensive stakeholder outreach to identify priority IRWMP projects that provide multiple, integrated benefits throughout the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Authority as follows:

1. The Executive Director of RWA is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, make investigations, execute and file an application with the California Department of Water Resources to obtain an Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resources Code Section 75001 *et seq.*).
2. The Executive Director of RWA is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to accept the grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Authority held on January 13, 2011.

Eligible Applicant Documentation

1. **Is the applicant a local agency as defined in the Appendix B of the Guidelines? Please explain.**

RWA is a joint powers authority and is therefore a local agency as defined in Appendix B of the *Proposition 84 and 1E IRWM Guidelines*.

2. **What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?**

RWA was formed and is authorized to operate under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, California Government Code sections 6500 through 6599.3 (the “JPA Act”). RWA’s powers and purposes under the JPA Act are more fully described in the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, Regional Water Authority, dated July 1, 2001 (the “RWA JPA”).

3. **Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?**

RWA is authorized under section 6053 of the JPA Act and section 7(a)(7) of the RWA JPA to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California.

4. **Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.**

The RWA JPA binds the member agencies that choose to participate in the Proposition 84 grant funding proposal to perform the proposal, if accepted, and for RWA staff to track the funds disbursed in accordance with any accepted proposal. In accordance with the provisions of the RWA JPA, all RWA members that choose to participate in the plan implementation activities funded by the proposal also will enter into a “Project Agreement” that more fully describes the participating members’ obligations to carry out the proposal and to authorize RWA staff to track any funds disbursed for their benefits in accordance with any accepted grant proposal. Additionally, the RWA JPA authorizes RWA to enter into an agreement with a non-RWA member for the purposes of completing a project. These project agreements will be used to ensure that all participants are aware of, and will comply with, the awarding agency funding agreement to ensure performance of the Proposal.

GWMP Compliance

Table 1 identifies all projects included in this Proposal and identifies which projects have a potential impact, either positive or negative, to groundwater.

Table 1: Proposed Projects Indicating Potential Groundwater Impacts

Project No.	ARB Proposed Projects	Implementing Agency	Groundwater Impacts?	
			Yes	No
1	City of Roseville ASR Program – Phase 2	City of Roseville	✓	
2	Secret Ravine Fish Passage Improvement Project	City of Roseville		✓
3	E.A. Fairbairn Groundwater Well Project	City of Sacramento	✓	
4	Shasta Park Reservoir and Well Project	City of Sacramento	✓	
5	Antelope Creek Water Efficiency and Flood Control Improvement Project	Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District & Placer County Water Agency	✓	
6	Regional Water Meter Retrofit Acceleration Project	Regional Water Authority		✓
7	Regional Indoor and Outdoor Water Efficiency Project	Regional Water Authority		✓
8	Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District/Sacramento Power Authority Recycled Water Project	Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District		✓
9	North Antelope Booster Pump Station Project	Sacramento Suburban Water District	✓	
10	Coyle Avenue & Roseview Park Pump Stations and Treatment Systems Project	Sacramento Suburban Water District	✓	
11	Willow Hill Pipeline Rehabilitation Project	City of Folsom		✓
12	Lower American River Mile 0.5 Aquatic Riparian Habitat Enhancement Project	Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency		✓
13	Lower Cosumnes River Floodplain Restoration Project	Ducks Unlimited		✓
14	OHWD/Rancho Murieta Groundwater Recharge Project	Omochumne-Hartnell Water District & Rancho Murieta Community Services District	✓	
15	Sleepy Hollow Detention Basin Retrofit Project	City of Elk Grove	✓	

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The projects identified as having potential groundwater impacts are all covered by four GWMPs covering the American River Basin. Each plan listed is compliant with CWC § 10753.7:

- *Sacramento Groundwater Authority GWMP* (Sacramento Groundwater Authority, December 2008)
- *Central Sacramento County GWMP* (MWH, February 2006)
- *City of Lincoln GWMP* (Saracino, Kirby, Snow, November 2003)
- *Western Placer County GWMP* (MWH, November 2007)

Copies of these GWMPs are included as part of this attachment (Att1_IG1_ARB_Eligible_3of3). Table 2 below identifies those projects with a potential groundwater impact and indicates which GWMP the project implementing agencies are consenting to be subject to depending on the project location.

Table 2: Implementing Agency Relation to Applicable GWMP

Project No.	ARB Proposed Projects	Implementing Agency	GWMP Compliance
1	City of Roseville ASR Program – Phase 2	City of Roseville	The City of Roseville has adopted the <i>West Placer County GWMP</i> .
3	E.A. Fairbairn Groundwater Well Project	City of Sacramento	The City of Sacramento consents to be subject to the <i>Central Sacramento County GWMP</i> . The City is signatory to the agency formed subsequent to the GWMP.
4	Shasta Park Reservoir and Well Project	City of Sacramento	The City of Sacramento consents to be subject to the <i>Central Sacramento County GWMP</i> . The City is signatory to the agency formed subsequent to the GWMP.
5	Antelope Creek Water Efficiency and Flood Control Improvement Project	Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and Placer County Water Agency	PCFCWCD consents to be subject to the <i>West Placer County GWMP</i> and PCWA has adopted the <i>West Placer County GWMP</i> .
9	North Antelope Booster Pump Station Project	Sacramento Suburban Water District	SSWD consents to be subject to the <i>Sacramento Groundwater Authority GWMP</i> (SSWD is a member of SGA).
10	Coyle Avenue & Roseview Park Pump Stations and Treatment Systems Project	Sacramento Suburban Water District	SSWD consents to be subject to the <i>Sacramento Groundwater Authority GWMP</i> (SSWD is a member of SGA).
14	OHWD/Rancho Murieta Groundwater Recharge Project	Omochumne-Hartnell Water District & Rancho Murieta Community Services District	OHWD and RMCS D consent to be subject to the <i>Central Sacramento County GWMP</i> . Both are members of the agency formed subsequent to the GWMP.
15	Sleepy Hollow Detention Basin Retrofit Project	City of Elk Grove	The City of Elk Grove consents to be subject to the <i>Central Sacramento County GWMP</i> . The City is signatory to the agency formed subsequent to the GWMP.

Compliance with CWC §83002.(b)(3)(B)

The American River Basin (ARB) IRWM Region was accepted through the 2009 Regional Acceptance Process (RAP) as shown in Table 1 of the *Proposition 84 IRWM Grant Program – Proposal Solicitation Package for Implementation Grants*. The ARB IRWM Plan was adopted in May 2006 (adopting resolutions are included as part of Attachment 2 of this Proposal). The Regional Water Authority, the regional agency authorized to develop and implement the ARB IRWM Plan, formally adopted the Plan on May 18, 2006. Because the Plan was adopted prior to September 30, 2008, it is not being submitted as part of Attachment 1.

Consistency with an Adopted IRWM Plan

Table 3 lists the projects included in this Proposal and identifies whether they were included in the adopted ARB IRWM Plan. Only a few of the projects identified in this application were included in the 2006 IRWMP. This reflects that plans necessarily modify to respond to changing conditions, and that there has been new thinking in planning resulting from the IRWM effort (i.e., progress is continually being made in integrated planning). At the time of adoption, the ARB IRWM Plan was silent on the process for adding projects to the Plan because it was assumed that the IRWM should always be a living document. Since no process was identified, a description of how the current projects were identified is included in the following section. For the projects included in this Proposal that were not included in the 2006 IRWM Plan, a description of how the project was vetted through a public process is included.

Table 3: Projects' Consistency with Adopted IRWM Plan

Project No.	ARB Proposed Projects	Implementing Agency	Included in 2006 IRWMP?	
			Yes	No
1	City of Roseville ASR Program – Phase 2	City of Roseville	✓	
2	Secret Ravine Fish Passage Improvement Project	City of Roseville		✓
3	E.A. Fairbairn Groundwater Well Project	City of Sacramento		✓
4	Shasta Park Reservoir and Well Project	City of Sacramento		✓
5	Antelope Creek Water Efficiency and Flood Control Improvement Project	Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District & Placer County Water Agency		✓
6	Regional Water Meter Retrofit Acceleration Project	Regional Water Authority		✓
7	Regional Indoor and Outdoor Water Efficiency Project	Regional Water Authority	✓	
8	Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District/Sacramento Power Authority Recycled Water Project	Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District		✓
9	North Antelope Booster Pump Station Project	Sacramento Suburban Water District		✓
10	Coyle Avenue & Roseview Park Pump Stations and Treatment Systems Project	Sacramento Suburban Water District		✓
11	Willow Hill Pipeline Rehabilitation Project	City of Folsom		✓
12	Lower American River Mile 0.5 Aquatic Riparian Habitat Enhancement Project	Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency		✓
13	Lower Cosumnes River Floodplain Restoration Project	Ducks Unlimited		✓
14	OHWD/Rancho Murieta Groundwater Recharge Project	Omochumne-Hartnell Water District & Rancho Murieta Community Services District		✓
15	Sleepy Hollow Detention Basin Retrofit Project	City of Elk Grove		✓

Process for Identifying the Projects in the Current Funding Application

On August 24, 2010, RWA released an open call for projects to a list of all known stakeholders at that time involved in the ARB IRWM Plan update. This list included 145 individuals representing more than 100 distinct local and state government agencies, non-governmental organizations, volunteer groups, and others. The e-mail and distribution list and a table showing those organizations that received this announcement are included with the supporting documentation in with this application (Att1_IG1_ARB_Eligible_2of3). This was followed by a public meeting on September 1, 2010 to explain how the planned update of the ARB IRWM Plan would continue while developing an implementation grant application and how to submit a project for the application. This meeting was attended by over 30 stakeholders. A list of attendees, the presentation, and the project input form are included in this application (Att1_IG1_ARB_Eligible_2of3).

In response to our August call for projects, we received 51 project descriptions. Staff developed a list of primary and other considerations based on criteria in the application to evaluate each of the projects. The list of considerations is included in this application (Att1_IG1_ARB_Eligible_2of3). Staff met with the ARB IRWM Advisory Committee to review project submittals on October 20th. Eight projects were pulled from consideration at the request of the project proponents prior to the meeting, so a total of 43 projects were considered. The Advisory Committee suggested that we divide the projects into Tiers from 1 (those most highly recommended) to 4 (those not recommended to proceed with the current application). The Advisory Committee concurred on the Tier 1 projects. The committee recognized the merit of Tier 2 projects and advised staff to work with project proponents to determine which of these should move forward with the current effort. Tier 3 projects were seen as very unlikely to be included for this round of funding, but the committee advised staff to look at these projects again to determine if we were missing some potential benefit of the project. A listing of the projects and their initial tiers is included in this application (Att1_IG1_ARB_Eligible_2of3). Following the Advisory Committee meeting, staff worked with the projects in the highest tiers to identify a suite of projects to include in the implementation grant submittal. It is worth noting that two projects in Tier 1 withdrew during development of the application. On December 10th, the project proponent for a fish screen on Auburn Ravine at Pleasant Grove Canal requested to withdraw its project. That project is pursuing a different source of funding. On December 15th, the project proponent for a recycled water project in the Sunset Industrial area of Placer County requested to withdraw its project, citing policy issues that were unresolved.

On December 20th, RWA staff released the final list of recommended projects for this application to all known stakeholders in the IRWM process. The e-mail is included in this application (Att1_IG1_ARB_Eligible_2of3). Staff requested that any comments, concerns, or questions on the list of projects be submitted by Monday, January 3rd. Additionally, a public meeting was held on Monday, January 3rd to ensure that the projects were fully vetted with stakeholders. Fifteen stakeholders attended the meeting. No comments on the projects were received. A summary of that meeting is included in this application (Att1_IG1_ARB_Eligible_2of3).