**Project Solicitation Overview**

**Project/Applicant Eligibility:** Although the Bay Area Regional IRWM group has put together an ‘Eligibility Checklist’ as part of the Solicitation Materials to help applicants determine eligibility quickly, **and submitting this filled out tool is required for all project applications**, it is important to understand that **DWR’s Proposition 1 Round 2 Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) are the governing documents for eligibility.**

**Solicitation Materials:** These materials are available for download on the Bay Area IRWM website (<http://bayareairwmp.org/>) and represent the complete range of documents needed by applicants. Some are documents that are required to be filled out and submitted as part of each project application (such as the PIF, Eligibility Checklist, DWR’s Workplan, Schedule, and Budget templates [and the Disadvantaged Community (DAC)/Economically Distressed Area (EDA) Justification IF the applicant is seeking DAC/EDA project benefits under DWR’s criteria). Other documents are for informational purposes only, such as DWR’s Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP), DWR’s Proposition 1 Round 2 Guidelines, the Project Submission Checklist, the PSC Decision Criteria Memo, the PSC Proposition 1 Round 2 Scoring Criteria, this Project Solicitation Overview, and EXAMPLES of DWR’s Workplan, Schedule, and Budget and Budget Justification from projects submitted under Proposition 1 Round 1.

**Project Scoring Methodology: IMPORTANT** For Round 2, the Bay Area IRWM Coordinating Committee voted to expand the Project Scoring methodology to include Regional Scoring Criteria in addition to DWR’s project-level scoring criteria included in the PSP. Accordingly, for each project, up to 12 points can be awarded under DWR’s scoring criteria and up to 12 points can be awarded under the Bay Area IRWM Coordinating Committee’s Regional Scoring Criteria. The complete approach and methodology to project scoring can be found in the PSC Decision Criteria Memo available for download under Solicitation Materials. Similarly, the specific scoring criteria to be used by the Project Screening Committee (PSC) to assign scores to project applications can be found in the PSC Proposition 1 Round 2 Scoring Criteria under Solicitation Materials.

**Project Application Submission Instructions:** Project applications must be submitted through the Bay Area IRWM website (<http://bayareairwmp.org/>) by the deadline discussed below. The submission dropbox is located on the Bay Area IRWM website and uses the software application Box, which allows for file uploads. Please use this dropbox location to submit the PIF and all additional required and optional attachments. For all submission documents, please use only Microsoft Word or pdf file types. **IMPORTANT:** **Add your organization’s name to the beginning of each separate file name; i.e., if your organization was named ‘Alameda County Water District’, your submitted file names would read:** ACWD\_PIF, ACWD\_Attachment2\_Workplan\_Template\_final, ACWD\_Proof of Response and Endorsement from Tribe for Impact to Cultural Resources, etc.

**Project Application Submission Deadline:** Completed applications with all attachments (as outlined in the Checklist Tool) are due no later than October 10, 2022. Any incomplete submissions or submissions not submitted by 11:59 pm on October 10, 2022, will not be eligible, regardless of any extenuating circumstances. If you are having issues with Box, you can (as a very last resort) email your files to Devon Becker at [devon.becker@acwd.com](mailto:devon.becker@acwd.com) and Natasha Dunn at [natasha.dunn@sfestuary.org](mailto:natasha.dunn@sfestuary.org). Lastly, applicants that submit application materials to Box before 11:59 pm on October 7, 2022, may, if they wish, email Natasha Dunn at [natasha.dunn@sfestuary.org](mailto:natasha.dunn@sfestuary.org) to confirm the number of items uploaded to Box.

**Informational Project Solicitation Workshops:** Representatives from the Bay Area IRWM’s Planning and Process Committee (PPC) as well as from the Project Screening Committee (PSC) will be hosting 2 Project Solicitation Workshops to address any questions from applicants during the application preparation period.

Project Solicitation Workshops #1 and #2 will be virtual Zoom meetings, with time, date and invite links posted on the Bay Area IRWM website at least 1 week in advance of the meetings. In addition, information on these Zoom meeting will also be emailed out to the Bay Area IRWM listserv. Project Solicitation Workshop #2 will (DWR schedule permitting) include a DWR representative familiar with the Proposition 1 Round 2 Grant solicitation process, to further clarify any questions.

**Proposition 1 Round 2 General Schedule:**

**August 12, 2022** – Send out project solicitation notification and information about Solicitation Materials to Bay Area IRWM listserv members and DACTIP members

**August 2022 (time and date TBD)**– Project solicitation Workshop #1

**September 2022 (time and date TBD)**– Project solicitation Workshop #2, including a DWR representative (DWR schedule permitting)

**October 10, 2022 (by 11:59 pm)** – Receive all project applications, close application window, and close down Box site for uploads

**November 21, 2022** – Project screening committee finalizes rankings

**December 5, 2022** – Bay Area coordinating committee approval of project list for single application to DWR

**February 1, 2023** – Deadline for regional proposal application to DWR