

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD WORKSHOP SESSION – DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
OCTOBER 6, 2015**

ITEM 8

SUBJECT

PROPOSITION 1 STORM WATER GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING GUIDELINES WORKSHOP

DISCUSSION

The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Assembly Bill, 1471) (Prop 1) was approved by California voters on November 4, 2014. Chapter 7 of Prop 1 (California Water Code (Water Code) § 79747) authorized \$200 million for grants for multi-benefit storm water management projects. After bond and program administration costs, approximately \$186 million will be available for storm water planning and implementation projects. \$100 million of the funding has been appropriated for fiscal years 2015-16, of which \$20 million is allocated for Storm Water Resource Planning and \$80 million for project implementation. Eligible applicants include public agencies, nonprofit organizations, public utilities, state and federally recognized Indian tribes, and mutual water companies.

Prop 1 requires agencies administering funds to develop project solicitation and evaluation guidelines and conduct three (3) public workshops to consider public comments prior to finalizing the guidelines.

Prior to the passage of Prop 1, the storm water resource planning sections of the Water Code were amended by Senate Bill (SB) 985. Public agencies are required to develop a Storm Water Resource Plan (Plan) to receive grants for storm water and dry weather runoff capture projects from a bond act approved after January 1, 2014. These Water Code requirements apply to Prop 1. Plans must comply with the Water Code and storm water resource plan guidelines developed by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The Plans will include prioritized lists of projects to address storm water and dry weather runoff capture and use on a regional watershed basis. Each developed Plan must be submitted to the appropriate integrated regional water management group for incorporation into their integrated regional water management plans.

The Prop 1 Storm Water Grant Program Guidelines and Plan Guidelines are being developed and considered by the State Water Board concurrently. The Public Notice announcing the availability of both guidelines for public review and comment can be found here:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/comments/index.shtml. The draft funding guidelines are available here:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/swgp/prop1/

The guidelines were released for public comment on Friday, August 28, 2015. Comments are due on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. Public workshops to receive comments on the draft guidelines are scheduled for September 29, 2015 in Fresno, September 30, 2015 in Santa Anna, and October 1, 2015 in Oakland.

POLICY ISSUE

What is the appropriate scope and content of the Prop 1 Storm Water Grant Program Guidelines that will support funding of multi-benefit storm water management projects?

FISCAL IMPACT

None, the State Water Board will not be taking any action.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None, the State Water Board will not be taking any action.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None. This is a workshop item.

No action is required. This item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to comprehensively address water quality protection and restoration, and the relationship between water supply and water quality, and describe the connections between water quality, water quantity, and climate change, throughout California's water planning processes.
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