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(2/5/19) Board Meeting
DWSRF Policy Amendment
Deadline: 12/21/18 by 12 noon



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State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**SUBJECT: Comments Regarding Draft Policy for Implementing the
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**

Dear Board;

Below are several comments/considerations related to the proposed policy update:

1. Addition of SGMA – Critically High and Medium High Risk Defined Basin Criteria Prioritization for funding and placement on the Comprehensive /Fundable Listings.

As additional incentive to achieve compliance with SGMA requirements for Critically High and Medium High Defined Basins - consideration may be given with revised verbiage to the SWRCB IUP, and Section VI.B.2(b) of the current proposed policy. This action would result in acceleration, mitigation and recovery, to a balanced water resources condition for those groundwater basins that have been most severely impacted.

2. Addition of a specific tab within the SWRCB website defining necessary federal documents for inclusion in construction specifications.

DWSRF/CWSRF Construction Funding Agreements require inclusion of Davis-Bacon, MBE/WBE, and Buy America documents within the project construction specifications.

At the end of the Design Phase and prior to construction, the SWRCB Project Manager (PM) typically performs an overview of project plans and specifications to determine if all appropriate federal requirements are in order.

In preparation of such construction specifications, extensive research is required in efforts to remain compliant with ever-changing regulations regarding SRF funding related to Davis-Bacon, MBE/WBE and Buy America requirements that must be included in the specifications.

In streamlining this process, the proposed action would be to include a “Tab” on the SWRCB Clean Water/Drinking Water SRF Funding website – and/or - FFAST SRF Application Website that would contain information regarding “current” Davis-Bacon, MBE/WBE, and Buy America federal requirements for construction specifications. This action would ensure compliance and ensure only a ‘once-through’ review by the SWRCB PM.

This "Tab" would be a single link to the three above noted categories - i.e.:

"Tab" name would be:

"SWRCB SRF Construction Specification Requirements"

(clicking on this tab would present a summary of what is contained therein with tabs to access any one of the 3 following categories)

1. Davis-Bacon Requirements

- a. Explanation of the current requirements for inclusion in construction specifications
- b. Link to the Department of Labor Website (wdol.gov)
- c. Contact Person

2. MBE/WBE

- a. Explanation of current requirements for inclusion in construction specifications
- b. DBE Compliance Guidelines
- c. Current Documents and Formwork for inclusion in construction specifications
- d. Contact Person

3. Buy America

- a. Explanation of current requirements for inclusion in construction specifications
- b. Documents and Formwork for inclusion in construction specifications
- c. Contact Person

This site would be continually updated with the most current and applicable formwork and result in significant reduction of effort related to the development and review/approval of federally funded construction specifications.



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