

Proposition 84 Storm Water Grant Program (SWGPP) Concept Proposal Applicant Assistance Workshop Agenda

- Introduction and Workshop Overview– Leslie Laudon
- Proposition 84 SWGP Concept Proposal PowerPoint Presentation – Laura McLean
- General Application and Guideline Questions – DFA/DWQ Staff
- Please ask questions that will enlighten all, save your project specific type questions for breakout groups
- Send Questions/Comments during or after the Presentation to:
DFA_Grants@waterboards.ca.gov
- Breakout Groups:
 - Specific Questions regarding project eligibility – RWQCB/DWQ /DFA staff will be available to answer project specific questions
 - FFAST Demonstration/questions
- HANDOUTS: Agenda, Presentation

**Prop 84 Stormwater
Grant Program (SWGPP)
Implementation
Concept Proposal
Applicant Assistance Workshop**



Implementation Workshop Objectives

- Prop 84 SWGP Overview
 - Background and Funding
 - General Eligibility
 - Eligible Project Types
 - Timeline
- Concept Proposal Application and Review Process
 - Overview of Grant Application Process
 - Concept Proposal (Round I)
- Question and Answer Session and Breakout Groups

Storm Water Advisory Task Force (SWATF)

- Assembly Bill 739 (Stats. 2007, Ch. 610, Laird)
- Appointed at February 19, 2008 Board meeting
 - Resolution 2008-0012
- Expertise in water quality and storm water management
- 15 Members, with representatives from:
 - Public Agencies;
 - Regulated Community;
 - Nonprofit Organizations; and
 - Industry
- Task Force concluded June 30, 2009

SWATF - Scope

- SWATF members helped develop the following documents:
 - Proposition 84 Storm Water Grant Program Guidelines, with specific emphasis on the project selection and evaluation criteria, and funding priorities
 - Comprehensive Guidance Document for evaluating and measuring effectiveness of municipal storm water management programs undertaken and permits issued in accordance with Section 402(p) of the Clean Water Act

Proposition 84 SWGP Funding

How much funding did Prop 84 allocate to the Stormwater Grant Program?

- ~ **\$82 million** available after deducting administration costs)
 - Implementation Total - ~\$74M
- ~ \$42 million available in Round 1 for Implementation

Proposition 84 SWGP Funding Allocations

- TMDL Projects – No minimum
Maximum \$10M
- DACs – No minimum
Maximum (5%) or ~\$4M

Proposition 84 SWGP Funding Match

- Match requirement is 20% of total project cost
 - Disadvantaged communities may apply for reduced funding match
- Project Minimum - \$250,000
- Project Maximum - \$3 Million

General Eligibility

- Applicant must be a **Local Public Agency**
 - Non-profits are NOT eligible for Implementation
- Project must reduce and prevent stormwater contamination of **rivers, lakes, and streams**
 - Discharges directly to the ocean, estuaries, or bays are NOT eligible

Eligible Project Types

- **Project Type 1 (PT1)** – Implementing **Low Impact Development (LID)**
- **Project Type 2 (PT2)** – Complying with **Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)** requirements not addressed by LID

PT1. Low Impact Development

- Seek to maintain predevelopment hydrology for existing, new, redevelopment projects
- Projects shall be designed to infiltrate, filter, store, evaporate, or retain runoff in close proximity to the source of water

Low Impact Development (LID)

Definition

- Is a stormwater management strategy
 - Aims at maintaining or restoring the natural hydrologic functions

- Employs a variety of natural and built features
 - Reduces the rate of runoff, filters pollutants out of runoff, and facilitates the infiltration of water into the ground and/or on-site storage of water for reuse.

PT2. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

Complying with TMDL... where pollutant loads have been allocated to storm water, including,... metals, pathogens, and trash pollutants.

- Up to \$10 million, total from Round 1 and Round 2
- Preference given to TMDLs that cannot be addressed through LID

PT2. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

- Describes how an impaired water body will meet water quality standards.
- Adopted by Regional Water Board and State Water Board, approved by the Office of Administrative Law
- Shall consider TMDLs developed and adopted by the USEPA
- Contains: (1) a measurable feature, (2) description of actions, (3) an allocation of responsibility

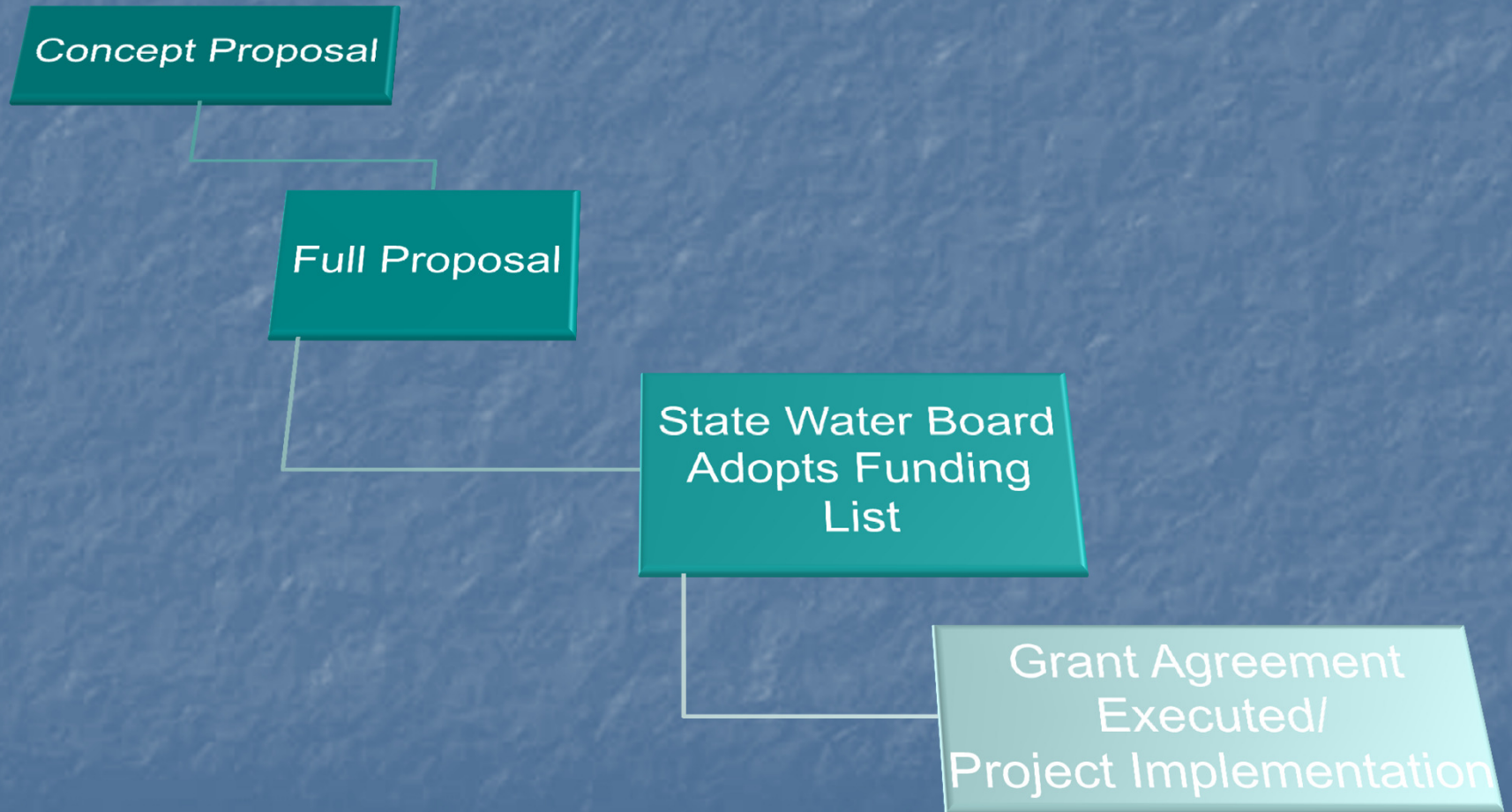
Timeline – Round 1**

Concept Proposals Due	January 31, 2012
Full Proposal Invitations	<i>Summer 2012*</i>
Full Proposals Due	<i>Fall 2012*</i>
Recommended Project List presented to State Water Board	<i>Early 2013*</i>

** Dates subject to change*

*** Round 2 will follow a similar timeline starting in early 2013*

Grant Process



Concept Proposal

- **Overview**
- Content
- Logistics
- Tips
- Evaluation Process

Concept Proposal: Overview

- Applicants must receive a score of at least **65 points** to be invited back
- Applicants who submit the most competitive Concept Proposals will be invited to submit Full Proposals
 - Up to a level of at least 125% of available grant funds

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Concept Proposal: Content

- Focus on program priorities identified in *Guidelines*
- Complete all requested information
 - General Information
 - Concept Proposal Application Questions
 - Attachments

Concept Proposal: Content

1. **Applicant Type**
2. **Project Type (PT)**
3. **Project Background & Timing**
4. **Problem & Source Identification**
5. **Proposed Solution & Potential for Success**
6. **Project Effectiveness**
7. **Program Preferences**
8. **Multiple Benefits**
9. **Readiness to Proceed**
10. **Applicant Information**
11. **Bonus Points**

Pages 29-32 of Guidelines

1. Applicant Type

- City, County, City and County, or District
 - If Urban Water Supplier, what is the status of their urban water management plan submitted to DWR?
 - AB 1420 Compliance?

2. Project Type (PT)

- Describe how the project meets the eligible project types outlined in Section VI.C of the *Guidelines*:
 - **PT1.** Implementing **LID**
 - **PT2.** Complying with a **TMDL** requirement

3. Project Background & Timeline

- Brief project description
- Project location – map/diagrams
 - Attachment 1
- Schedule with estimated Start and End dates

4. Problem & Source Identification

- Known sources of contamination
 - Supporting studies or data
- Water quality problems to be solved
- Describe the impaired waters and their beneficial uses

5. Proposed Solution & Potential for Success

- Identify solution(s) to the problem(s)
- Explain the expected benefits to water quality and beneficial uses
- Describe approach
- Identify any risks to water quality

6. Project Effectiveness

- How do you propose to measure and document your project's benefits to water quality and beneficial uses?
 - Monitoring Plan
 - Water quality monitoring and data submittal to SWMP will require a QAPP

7. Program Preferences

Does the project address one or both of the following Program Preferences?

- Supports sustained, long term water quality improvement; or
- Coordinated or consistent with any applicable Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan.

8. Multiple Benefits

- For LID Projects: Does the project address one or more TMDL?
- For TMDL Projects: Does the project implement LID?

8. Multiple Benefits

- Ahwahnee Principles for Resource Efficient Land Use
- Local funding
- Use of urban greening / green infrastructure principles
- Reduce green house gas emissions and/or address climate change

9. Readiness to Proceed

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) status
 - Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report status
- Required permits, approvals, or design standards needed
- Match status
- Planning & Design status
- Property acquisition status

10. Applicant Information

- Discuss similar projects successfully completed
- Receipt of previous funds from a State Water Board or Regional Water Board
- Terminated contracts, funds withheld, or audit with findings
- Current or pending legal challenges
- Grant agreement general terms and conditions

11. Bonus Points!

- Describe how the project will **directly** benefit a disadvantaged community or address environmental justice issues
 - Strong justification is required

Concept Proposal

- Overview
- Content
- **Tips**
- Logistics
- Evaluation Process

Concept Proposal: Tips

- Review FFAST Manual and FAQs
- Print out hard copy of entire application
- Remove formatting before cut & paste
- Review application prior to submission
- Save often
- Apply early to allow for any needed assistance

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Concept Proposal: Logistics

- Submitted via Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST)
<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>
- Due by 5:00 PM on January 31, 2012

Concept Proposal

- Overview
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- Tips
- Logistics
- **Evaluation Process**

Concept Proposal: Evaluation Process

- Completeness & Eligibility Determination (Pass/Fail)
- Content Review (Scored and Ranked)
- Invitation Lists Developed
- Invitations for Full Proposals

Completeness & Eligibility Determination (Pass/Fail)

- General FFAST Information
- Eligibility
- Readiness to Proceed
- Applicant Information

Content Review

- Address problem(s) & pollutant(s)
- Reduce & prevent contamination of surface waters
- Technically feasible
- Address Program Preferences
- Provide multiple benefits
- Readiness to proceed
- Project effectiveness
- Track record
- Bonus: Benefit disadvantaged or environmental justice community

Invitation Lists Developed

- State Water Board staff will group the Concept Proposals (CPs) into three categories:
 - Applicant Invited to Submit FP;
 - Minimum CP score of 65 points
 - Sorted from high scores to low
 - Applicant Not Invited to Submit FP; and
 - Ineligible CPs
- The list will be posted on-line
- Notification emails will be sent out

Invitations for Full Proposals

- The most competitive eligible Concept Proposals will be invited to submit Full Proposals
- Minimum score of 65 points
- If possible, invited applicants' funding requests will total at least 125% of available grant funds for that Round

Sources of Information

- **Proposition 84 SWGP Website**

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/prop84/index.shtml

- **Guidelines**

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/prop84/docs/prop84_swgp_guidelines_adopted.pdf

- **Electronic Mailing List**

Select "Storm Water Grant Program (Proposition 84)" on the mailing list subscription form, located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscbe.shtml

Contact Information

- E-mail questions or comments to:

DFA_Grants@waterboards.ca.gov

- Project-specific questions should be directed to appropriate staff listed on Concept Proposal Solicitation Notice

Planning Grant Information

- ~\$9 million available for Planning
 - Planning – Minimum \$2.7 M (3%)
 - 1 Funding Round
- Planning Grant Workshop
 - December 14th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM
 - Cal/EPA Building, Byron Sher Auditorium, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
 - <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>

Successful Applicant Reminders

- Grant Agreement Template
- Invoicing and Reporting
- Performance Measurement
- Final Project Reports

Questions?



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Thank you!