

Project Submission Form Guidance - 2018 USCR IRWM Plan Amendment

In order to submit your project to the IRWM Plan for consideration you must fill out the Project Submission Form. Project sponsors and/or proponents should complete the form and provide as much of the project information requested in the form as possible. The information will be reviewed by the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG). To qualify for inclusion in the IRWM Project List, projects must, at a minimum, have information provided in sections A, D, E, G, H, J, K. Projects with information provided only in sections A, D, J will be included in the IRWM Concept Project List.

The current, comprehensive, USCR IRWM Project List is located here:

<http://www.ladpw.org/wmd/scr/docs/070715/ProjectList2015.pdf>

Project proponents are asked to review the existing project list and update, add new, or withdraw projects through this process. Project proponents **MUST** complete a new Project Submission Form for any project, existing or proposed, to be included on the updated project lists. Any projects identified in the Stormwater Resources Plan (EWMP, CIMP, IRWMP), must also complete the Project Submission Form if the project is to be considered for inclusion in the IRWMP or future IRWM funding opportunities.

For assistance with completing the form please refer to the following resources:

- 2016 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines, Volumes 1 and 2, available at:
http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/p1_guidelines.cfm
- 2014 USCR IRWM Plan, available at:
<http://www.ladpw.org/wmd/scr/docs/2014/1.%20USCR%20IRWMP%20Final%20February%202014.pdf>

Project Submission Form Instructions

A. General Information

Provide the name of the project, the project proponent (if identified), whether the project is jointly sponsored, website (if applicable), and contact information.

B. Project Type

Check all boxes for the project type that is applicable to your project. If other, please describe.

C. Disadvantaged Community/Native American Tribal Community/Environmental Justice

Identify if the project benefits a disadvantaged community (DAC). A DAC community is defined as having an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the Statewide annual median household income (\$61,818 per 2015 US Census).

Identify if the project supports or addresses the concerns of a Native American Tribal Community.

Identify if the project supports or addresses an environmental justice concern. An environmental justice concern relates to the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

Refer to the IRWM Guidelines Pgs. 53 and 54 for more information. For mapping assistance use:

<https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>.

D. Project Description

Provide several sentences describing the proposed project.

E. Project Support Documents

Identify if the project is included/supported by a planning document (e.g., Technical/Economic Feasibility Plans, Master Plan, Preliminary Design Report, etc.). If unknown, leave blank.

F. Project Location

Identify the location of the project. If available, maps can also be provided.

G. Project Financials and Implementation Status

Enter the total project cost if known. If unknown, enter an estimate. Enter the funding source for the project (i.e., water rates, grant, loan, etc.). Enter the status of the project; conceptual (idea), currently being designed or studied for feasibility, if CEQA is done, and if the project is ready for construction (i.e., CEQA done, permits received, etc.).

H. Quantifiable Project Benefits

IRWM Plans are implemented through projects, relevant to measuring objectives. Objectives can be measured quantitatively (e.g., AFY of water saved, # acres restored, etc.) or qualitatively. To the extent possible, please identify anticipated project benefits.

See the IRWM Plan, Section 6, for a discussion on the USCR IRWM Regional objectives.

I. Stormwater Resources Plan

CA Water Code § 10562 (b) (7) (i.e. SB 985) requires the development of a stormwater resource plan. In the Santa Clarita Valley the stormwater resource plan is comprised of three documents. The first is the Enhanced Watershed Management Plan (EWMP) for the Upper Santa Clara River. The second is the Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) for the Upper Santa Clara River. The third document is the IRWMP itself. As such, projects included in the EWMP are eligible to apply for and receive grant funding for projects that infiltrate stormwater and polluted dry weather flows. The EWMP and CIMP were accepted (as required) into the IRWMP. For stormwater projects to also be eligible for IRWM funding, a new Project Submission Form must be completed.

J. IRWMP Objectives Met

IRWM Plan objectives address the major water-related issues and conflicts of the region. Projects submitted to the IRWM Plan must identify how a project contributes to meeting the plan objectives. Refer to Sections 5 and 6 of the 2014 IRWM Plan for details on Climate Change and IRWM Plan objectives.

K. Resource Management Strategies

IRWM Plan Resource Management Strategies (RMS) are ways to meet the IRWM objectives. Projects submitted to the IRWM Plan must identify what RMSs are employed by the project in order to contribute to a plan objective. Refer to Chapter 7 of the 2014 IRWM Plan for details on the RMSs used in the USCR IRWM Region.

Please note that all submitted projects are not guaranteed to be included in the IRWM Plan. The Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) will follow the Department of Water Resources (DWR) procedures for review of projects considered for inclusion into the IRWM Plan.