



**State Water Resources Control Board
Drinking Water Funding and
Technical Assistance**

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Presentation Topics

- Office of Sustainable Water Solutions (OSWS)
- Drinking Water Funding
 - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Proposition 1 (Prop 1)
 - Prop 1 Groundwater Grant Program
 - Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA)
- Technical Assistance (TA)
- Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) Coordination with
 - Division of Drinking Water (DDW)
 - Local Primacy Agencies (LPA)
- Links and Resources

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Office of Sustainable Water Solutions

- Within DFA
- Established March 2015 to serve the drinking water and wastewater needs of disadvantaged and underrepresented communities
- Three key functions:
 - Project Funding – \$1 billion in pending and active drinking water and wastewater projects
 - Fostering Partnerships – co-funding with other agencies, newsletters, outreach, etc.
 - Technical Assistance – DWSRF Capacity Development Contracts and New Prop 1 TA Program

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OSWS Contact Information

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DWSRF/Prop 1

- Examples of eligible project types:
 - Consolidation
 - Groundwater wells
 - Treatment systems
 - Water meters
 - Replacement of aged water transmission or distribution mains, groundwater wells, or other infrastructure

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DWSRF/Prop 1

- Single application for both funding sources
- Administered consistent with:
 - DWSRF Policy:
 - http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/documents/srf/dwsrf_policy/dwsrf_policy_final.pdf
 - DWSRF Intended Use Plan (IUP):
 - http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/DWSRFIUP.shtml#Current

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State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016/17 DWSRF IUP

- DWSRF IUP is updated annually – includes guidelines for administering \$260 million available from Prop 1
- Draft for SFY 2016/17 posted for public comment:
 - http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/public_notices/comments/index.shtml
- Public comments due to Board Clerk by noon 6/16/16
- Due for State Water Board consideration 6/21/16

*** Some of the information outlined today is pending Board approval of the IUP, and subject to change ***

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Loan Terms

- Interest Rates
 - 2016 Interest Rate is 1.6%
 - Reduced interest rates possible for small DACs
- Repayment Terms
 - Planning
 - Five-year term
 - Can rollover into construction agreement
 - Construction
 - Standard financing term of 20 years
 - Possibility to extend to 30 years, for some
 - Planning costs eligible for retroactive reimbursement

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Principal Forgiveness (PF)/Grants

- Small Community Water Systems (SCWS), and limited Non-Transient Non-Community Systems, Serving Disadvantaged Communities (DAC)
 - Planning
 - 100% PF/grant up to max of \$500,000
 - Requirement for feasibility analysis and evaluation of consolidation before other feasibility, planning, or design activities can commence
 - Construction
 - For small severely DAC, OR small DAC with rates >1.5% of Median Household Income
 - 100% PF/grant up to maximum \$5 million
 - \$30,000 max per connection

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Applying for DWSRF/Prop 1

- No pre-application or invitation process
- Continuously accepting applications
- Application Instructions and Forms:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/SRFForms.shtml
- Apply online via Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST):
<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>

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Continuously Accepting Applications!



Username: Password:

Note: The username and password are case-sensitive.

WELCOME TO FAAST

The Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) allows potential funding recipients to apply for grant and loan funding offered by various State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Financial Assistance (Division) is responsible for administering the FAAST system. The Division administers programs for planning, design, and construction of municipal sewage and water recycling facilities, drinking water facilities, stormwater runoff source pollution control projects.

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DWSRF/Prop 1 Funding Process

- System submits application in FAAST
 - Select appropriate Request for Proposals:
 - DWSRF Planning
 - DWSRF Construction
 - General Package is minimum requirement to submit
- Senior assigns Project Manager (PM)
- PM schedules kick-off meeting
 - System
 - DDW/LPA
 - SRF Environmental Review Staff
 - SRF Financial Review Staff

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DWSRF/Prop 1 Funding Process

- With guidance from PM, applicant submits additional attachments to complete 4 packages:
 - General Information
 - Technical Application
 - Environmental
 - Financial Security
- Execute funding agreement after DFA approves all 4 packages
- For construction, Final Budget Approval to amend to final costs after bids
- Repayment starts 1 year after completion

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Prop 1 Groundwater

- Pre-Application (in FAAST)
 - Allows groundwater grant program staff to review project and provide additional guidance on funding eligibility prior to full application
- Project types:
 - Wellhead treatment, extraction and treatment, source removal, etc.
 - Can also be used for DAC drinking water treatment projects to address groundwater contamination
- Groundwater Grant Program Website:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/gw_funding/

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Prop 1 Groundwater for DAC Drinking Water Treatment Projects

- Follow DWSRF application process
 - If already working on DWSRF application, don't have to submit Groundwater Pre-Application
 - Any Prop 1 groundwater funds will be incorporated into the DWSRF funding approval process
- Up to \$5 million grant per project for any size DAC

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CAA - Interim Emergency Drinking Water

- \$20 million for interim emergency drinking water
 - \$4 million - contaminated water supply (DACs only)
 - \$15 million - drought-related drinking water emergencies or threatened emergencies
- Encumber funding (into agreements) by June 2016
- Funding has to be spent by June 2018
- Proposed SFY 2016/17 budget includes funding for drought-related emergencies

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CAA- Interim Emergency Drinking Water

- Eligible Entities
 - Public Agencies
 - *Not-for-Profit Organizations*
 - *Tribal Governments*
 - *Community Water Systems*
 } *servicing a DAC*
- Eligible Project Examples
 - Bottled, Hauled Water
 - Well Repair/Rehabilitation, Well Replacement
 - Emergency Interties, Consolidation
 - Vending Machines
 - Treatment Systems

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Technical Assistance- Existing Capacity Development Contracts

- Approximately \$3 million per year for TA and Training
 - Free online and classroom trainings:
 - <http://www.events.rcac.org/rcac/Calendar.asp>
 - Help with:
 - Funding applications
 - Board and operator training
 - Technical, Managerial, and Financial Assessments
 - Income Surveys
 - Developing budgets, rate increases
 - TA and Capacity Development Forms and Instructions:
 - http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/tacd/index.shtm

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Prop 1 Technical Assistance

- Up to \$74 million to help small DACs successfully implement drinking water and wastewater projects
- Expanded scope of TA available
 - Project Coordination and Development
 - Engineering
 - Environmental Documents
 - Legal Services
 - Leak Detection/Water Audits

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Prop 1 Technical Assistance

- OSWS staff working on solicitation for providers
- Should begin executing agreements with providers summer 2016
- In the meantime, developing a list of TA needs
- New Universal TA Request Form for all new TA requests (don't need to resubmit the new request form for systems already in the queue for TA)
- OSWS staff review new requests and determine whether to assign to existing Capacity Development contracts or to Prop 1 TA

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Requesting Technical Assistance

- Assistance Requests Accepted on a Continuous Basis
- Who Can Request TA? Anyone!
 - Water Systems
 - Communities
 - Public Agencies
 - Not-For-Profit Organizations
 - Individuals on behalf of those in need
- How to Apply?
 - Universal Form Available Online
 - http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition/docs/ta_request_form.pdf
 - Email form to DFA-TARequest@waterboards.ca.gov

Universal TA Request Form

www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/docs/ta_request_form.pdf

The screenshot shows a web form with the following sections:

- Community or System Name:** A text input field.
- Public Water System:** A checkbox labeled "Yes (if applicable)".
- Service Area Population:** A text input field.
- County:** A dropdown menu.
- Number of Service Connections:** A text input field.
- Estimated Median Household Income (MHI) of Service Area:** A text input field.
- MHI Source:** A dropdown menu.
- Check the box that best describes the type of organization in need of TA:** Radio buttons for "Municipal entity", "Municipal Water Company", "Private entity, nonprofit", "Private entity, for profit", and "Other".
- Type of TA Request:** Radio buttons for "Cleaning Water", "Wastewater", "Storm Water", and "Groundwater".
- Problem/Request:** A large text area for describing the problem or need for technical assistance.
- Possible Best Steps or Solutions (if known):** A text area for providing additional information.
- Contact Information:** Fields for Name, Title, Mailing Address, City/State, Zip Code, Phone Number, and E-mail Address.

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DDW/LPA Coordination with DFA

- Kick off meeting
 - PM will invite DE and LPA staff
 - DE and LPA staff can forward to others as desired
- Email approval of technical checklist prior to funding
 - For both planning and construction
 - PM will email to DE, requesting approval via email
 - If LPA regulated, same will occur for LPA staff as well

DDW/LPA Coordination with DFA (cont.)

- PM includes DE and LPA staff on the following:
 - Site visits
 - Other key meetings or email decisions, especially involving changes to the scope or schedule
 - Review of Plans and Specifications
- If project is stalling, or applicant non-responsive
 - PM will notify DE
 - DE will notify LPA staff for LPA regulated systems
- DFA will also notify DEs of any projects being removed from DWSRF Comprehensive List, due to non-responsiveness

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Application Status Report

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/SRF.shtml#



Common Co-funders

- United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development – Water and Waste Disposal Program
 - <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program>
- Department of Water Resources - Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
 - <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/propindex.cfm>
- Housing and Community Development – Community Development (CDBG) Block Grant Program:
 - <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/financial-assistance/community-development-block-grant-program/>

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California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC)

- Seven funding agencies, state and federal
- Free funding fairs at several locations throughout the state each year:
 - Morning: presentations from funders
 - Afterward: 1-on-1 discussion about specific projects
- Fairs coming up this summer/fall in Palm Desert, Redding, Alhambra, Fresno
- Inquiry form on the CFCC website to help systems identify additional funding sources:
<http://www.cfcc.ca.gov/>

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SIGN UP TO RECEIVE PROGRAM UPDATES VIA EMAIL

- Email subscription form can be accessed at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml
- Available for many programs, including:
 - Clean Water State Revolving Fund
 - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
 - Water Recycling Funding Program
 - Groundwater Quality Funding Assistance
 - Storm Water Grant Program

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