

Yuba IRWM/RWVG Meeting, May 19, 2021

(Thank you for joining us! Please ensure your phone is muted until directed for Q&A)

Agenda:

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Announcements**
- 3. Reminders**
 - Yuba Water Grant Program**
 - Yuba IRWM Project Development Circuit Ride Calls**
- 4. Consideration of letters regarding IRWM inclusion in new legislation**
- 5. NRCS Funding Overview**
- 6. New Initiatives**
- 7. Contacts and Next Meeting**

Announcements

- Wildlife Conservation Board awards **three grants to Yuba IRWM Plan projects** via the Streamflow Enhancement Program
 - Grant to **SYRCL** for \$865,456 “Upper Long Bar Restoration Project. Phase I Planning and Permitting”
 - Grant to **Yuba Water Agency** for \$1,985,000 for “Hallwood Floodplain Restoration Phases 3 and 4 Implementation
 - Grant to **National Forest Foundation (and Blue Forest)** for \$3,626,560 “Trapper Forest Health Restoration Project Implementation” (Project is in the North Yuba Forest Partnership)
- DWR Round 1 Prop 1 IRWM Implementation projects about to kick off

| Project | Sponsor | Grant Amount |
|---|---------------------------|----------------|
| Pump Station Upgrades | RD 784 | \$360,593.00 |
| Water Treatment Plant Improvements | LCWD | \$1,400,000.00 |
| Drinking Water System Improvements | Wheatland | \$682,347.00 |
| Water Distribution Improvement | OPUD | \$1,510,432.00 |
| Water Meter Installation | OPUD | \$333,700.00 |
| Fire & Drinking Water Storage Improvement | North Yuba Water District | \$692,116.00 |
| | | \$4,979,188.00 |

- Public announcements



Reminder: Community Impact Grant and Loan Program

| Grant Type | Application Period | Funding Maximum | Must be in the Yuba IRWMP | Notes |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Technical Assistance | March 1-April 1; Sept 1-Oct 1 | \$10,000 | Not for grant; but as a deliverable | Expert Technical Support to develop a project, for submittal to the IRWMP |
| Planning | March 1-April 1; Sept 1-Oct 1 | Based on Budget | Yes | Design, engineering, and/or permitting of an IRWMP Project |
| Application | 6 weeks prior to funding deadline | \$20,000 | Yes | Consulting support for Application process and submittal (Capacity Building Grant) |
| Cost Share | 6 weeks prior to funding deadline | Based on Budget/Need | Yes | Local cost share to support eligibility/competitiveness for IRWMP Project Application |
| Administration and Management | 6 weeks prior to funding deadline | \$25,000/yr of Grant Term | Yes | Consulting team to support the Grant Admin and Management (Capacity Building Grant) |
| Implementation | March 1-April 1; Sept 1-Oct 1 | Based on Budget/Need | Yes | For Project with no external grant sources |
| Bill Shaw | March 1-April 1; Sept 1-Oct 1 | \$10,000/grant | No | Emergency rescue equipment and training for Yuba County First Responders (10 grants available per year) |
| Small Community | March 1-April 1; Sept 1-Oct 1 | \$50,000 | No | Small, one-off Grants for projects also aligned with the Agency's Mission and Programs (may not warrant the IRWMP integration) |

- April Open period decisions will be announced at upcoming BOD meeting
- Next Open Period is Sept 1-Oct 1 2021
- New Grant scoring criteria being developed as well as updated application form



Reminder: Yuba IRWM Project Circuit Ride

- Katie Burdick and Keri Rinne continue to offer project development calls or video meetings
- Please feel free to email Keri (keri.rinne@gmail.com) to request a call from her or Katie for Project Development
- Please **send all project short forms to Keri Rinne**
 - provide as much detail on project tasks, especially planning vs. implementation detail, schedule and budgets
- Funding evaluation memos will be sent back to you to help develop a funding strategy (*use these memos prior to applying to Yuba Water for funding support*)

Discussion of Yuba IRWM Support for letters regarding IRWM funding (letters in meeting materials)

1. The Legislature is currently working on 2 competing climate resilience bonds. They include AB 1500 and SB 45. They may be merged by a joint committee into a single water bond for the June 2022 ballot. At present, direct funding for IRWM is absent missing from both bills
 - AB1500
 - SB45
 - RTOR created template letters for IRWMs to consider sending on each bill requesting language for direct IRWM funding allocations
 2. Drought Package
 - Summary: The Senate and Assembly Budget Committees are meeting to discuss their 2021-22 budget proposals. It **includes \$5.1 billion for water infrastructure, drought response and climate resilience in the budget.**
 - **The letter recommends a one-time appropriation of \$510 million from the General Fund for IRWM**
- Please read all three letters and send any questions or comments to Katie by next week Wednesday May 26, 2021 COB **(we will submit a letter on behalf of the Yuba IRWM after the 26th if there are no objections)**



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Yuba IRWM: New Initiatives

- **IRWM Racial Equity Initiative (Katie Burdick)**
 - **OPUD, LCWD and Marysville**

- **Next Meeting-August 18, 2021 9:00-11:00 Please Save the Date** (*unless something arises that we need to meet on*)
- **Contact**
 - Joanna Lessard (jllessard@yubawater.org) or Katie Burdick (katie@burdico.net) with any general questions or concerns
 - Keri Rinne (keri.rinne@gmail.com) with any questions about the project development process, Circuit Ride meetings, or to submit new or updated IRWM projects short forms.
 - Questions on your funding memo analysis can be directed to Susan Robinson (srobinsons@frontier.com)

Thank you for attending!