DFA’S MISSION

Providing Financial Assistance for Projects that Serve the Water Boards’ Mission: Preserve, Enhance, and Restore California’s Water Resources

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

• Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program:
  – Wastewater & Water Recycling Projects (hard copy application)
  – Expanded Use (online application)

• Resources
CWSRF PROGRAM: APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant means “.... Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial waters, or other waste....”

(from CWSRF Policy, amended March 2009)
CWSRF PROGRAM: TRADITIONALLY ELIGIBLE PROJECTS (SECTION 212)

Construction of publicly-owned facilities with waste discharge requirements (WDR) or National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit:

- Wastewater treatment
- Local sewers
- Sewer interceptors
- Water reclamation facilities
- Stormwater treatment
CWSRF PROGRAM:
EXPANDED USE PROJECTS
(SECTIONS 319 & 320)

Expanded Use Projects include, but are not limited to:

- Nonpoint source (NPS) projects identified in NPS Plan
- Development and implementation of an estuary comprehensive conservation and management plan
- Other non-wastewater point sources, such as stormwater reduction and treatment facilities, concentrated animal feeding operations, etc.
CWSRF PROGRAM:
STANDARD FINANCING

• Interest Rate: ½ most recent General Obligation Bond Sale (currently ~2.6%) at time of preliminary funding commitment

• Financing Term: 20 Years (typically)

• Financing Amount: Maximum $50 million per agency, per year (may be waived)

• Repayment: Begins 1 year after completion of construction

• Amount Available: ~$200-300 million available annually (typically)
CWSRF PROGRAM: PRELIMINARY PROJECT LIST (PPL)

• First step in continuous application process

• Updated annually (currently)

• PPL questionnaire submitted electronically using State Water Board’s Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST):
  
  https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/

Follow up with applicable financial assistance application for traditional or expanded use project(s)
CWSRF PROGRAM: FUNDING APPROVAL PROCESS

- Project identified on PPL (FAAST questionnaire) – Proceed with application as PPL is unavailable
- Submit Application & Associated Documents:
  - Project Report
  - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Plus, including Cultural Resources
  - Legal
  - Credit Review
  - Water Conservation/Water Rights Requirement
- Kickoff Meeting
- Issue Facility Plan Approval Letter
CWSRF PROGRAM:
FUNDING APPROVAL PROCESS, CONTINUED

- Preliminary Funding Commitment
- Initial Financing Agreement
  - Access planning and design disbursements
- Amend Financing Agreement
  - Reflects final project costs based on selected bid
  - Establishes project performance standards
  - Details eligibility determinations
- Start Construction
- One-year Operational Evaluation Period
- Project Certification
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• Subscription form can be accessed at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml under “Financial Assistance (Grants & Loans)”

• Available for many programs, including:
  – “Clean Water State Revolving Fund”
  – “Tribal Wastewater Operators”