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## State Water Resources Control Board

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### PROPOSITION 1 STORM WATER GRANT PROGRAM ROUND 2 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT SOLICITATION, NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

Congratulations! The State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) Division of Financial Assistance (Division) Deputy Director approved the Funding List for the Storm Water Grant Program's (SWGP) Proposition 1 (Prop 1) Round 2 Implementation Grant solicitation. The Salinas Project to Enhance Stormwater Supply (SPERSS) project has been approved for funding with a grant award of \$6,263,327.

With this project, you are demonstrating that your community is at the forefront of a major shift in California in how we think about storm water. Rather than viewing storm water only as a nuisance due to threats posed by flooding or pollutants in storm water, communities throughout the state are looking for ways to turn storm water into a resource to combat droughts and the effects of climate change. We look forward to our new partnership and leveraging state resources to obtain your project's key benefits.

The SWGP Unit will soon be assigning grant managers and program analysts to initiate the agreement process. You will receive introductory emails from your assigned grant manager and program analyst with further information about roles and responsibilities, grant agreement development, invoicing, deliverables, performance measures, and reporting requirements. We encourage your prompt response to any requests from our staff by specified deadlines; delays or failure to respond could result in withdrawal of this grant award.

The agreement process will begin with the finalization of a scope of work, budget, and schedule that is acceptable to the Division's Deputy Director. The scope of work will be based on the proposal submitted with the application, but improvements to the scope of work, budget, and schedule may be required as part of the grant agreement negotiation process. The Division may have questions or additional clarifications regarding your proposal that will need to be addressed during agreement negotiation.

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Your grant award is conditioned on the successful negotiation of an agreement and the following:

1. Applicants selected for funding have sixty (60) days after this award to submit all applicable supplemental documentation. If all required documentation is not submitted within this timeframe, the funding award may be withdrawn;
2. The detailed budget will be submitted as part of the supplemental documentation. It is possible that staff may determine portions of the project costs ineligible for grant reimbursement based on the review of these more detailed cost estimates;
3. Storm Water Resource Plan requirements must be completed within 90-days after this award, including showing proof that the local Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) group has received the plan(s) to incorporate into the IRWM Plan;
4. Should the Division determine that this project can be funded in whole or part by unused or re-appropriated funds from older propositions, you may be required submit information to satisfy the legal requirements of those propositions;
5. During agreement negotiation, if complexities are noted regarding the ownership and/or operation of the project, you may be required to submit a legal opinion upon execution of the financing agreement. A sample template for this legal opinion is available on the [SWGP webpage](#). In some cases where ownership and/or operation of the project will be shared by more than one entity, multiple signatories to the funding agreement may be required;
6. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation and all permits or other approvals, such as for water diversion, land acquisition and easements, or match funding, as necessary for project implementation should be complete no later than twelve (12) months after this award. Failure to comply with this timeline may result in withdrawal of the funding award; and
7. Eligible costs will not be reimbursed until the deliverables in Condition No. 6 are submitted. Exceptions may be approved on a case-by-case basis for disadvantaged communities. Such exceptions must be requested prior to agreement execution.

We look forward to working with you on this project.

Please contact the SWGP Program Manager, Daman Badyal, with any urgent questions at [Damanvir.Badyal@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Damanvir.Badyal@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 319-9436.

Sincerely,



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