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IRWM Draft Plan Review Process

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- Purpose – Establish a systematic and consistent evaluation procedure to assess whether a plan is consistent with the IRWM Planning Act/IRWM Plan Standards
- All “requirements” extracted from 2012 Guidelines – No new requirements
 - Condition of eligibility for future IRWM funding (Round 3)
 - Continuing Proposition 84 Implementation grant funding eligibility (2-year Update)
- Review schedule
 - Target 60 calendar days review by DWR
 - Open submittal period
 - Cut-off prior to Round 3 application due date

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- Now open for public comment
- Comments due October 18, 2013
- Two public meetings scheduled:
 - Oct. 7 – Sacramento (Webex available)
 - Oct. 9 – Ventura
- Plan review must be done prior to Round 3 Implementation Grant Application Due Date

IRWM Plan Standard: Governance

- How interim changes and formal changes to the IRWM Plan will be performed
- Updating or amending the IRWM Plan

Region Description

- If applicable, describe and explain how the plan will help *reduce dependence on the Delta supply regionally*
- Define maximum opportunities for integration of water management activities

Resource Management Strategies (RMS)

- Consider climate change effects on the IRWM region must be factored into RMS

Project Review Process

- Address project cost and financing
- Address economic feasibility through economic analysis
- Contribution of project in reducing GHGs compared to project alternatives
- Address how the projects will reduce dependence on Delta supply

Impact and Benefit

- State when a more detailed project-specific impact and benefit analyses will occur (prior to implementation activity)

Plan Performance and Monitoring

- Describe a method for evaluating and monitoring the RWMG's ability to meet the objectives and implement projects

Data Management

- Outline how data will be compatible with state systems

Finance

- Include a plan for implementation and financing of identified projects and programs
- List the funding mechanisms, including water enterprise funds, rate structures, and private financing options, for projects that implement the IRWM Plan
- An explanation of the certainty and longevity of known or potential funding for the IRWM Plan and projects that implement the Plan
- An explanation of how operation and maintenance (O&M) costs for projects that implement the IRWM Plan would be covered and the certainty of operation and maintenance funding

Coordination

- Identify areas where a state agency can assist in communication or cooperation

Climate Change

- Evaluate IRWM region's vulnerabilities to climate change and potential adaptation responses based on vulnerabilities assessment contain in the DWR Climate Change Handbook for Regional Water Planning
- Provide a process that considers GHG emissions when choosing between project alternatives
- Include a list of prioritized vulnerabilities based on the vulnerability assessment and the IRWM's decision making process
- Contain a plan, program, or methodology for further data gathering and analysis of the prioritized vulnerabilities
- Include climate change as part of the project review process