



Briefing on Proposition 50 Grants for Agricultural Water Conservation

Background

Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act, was passed by voters in 2002 to issue \$3.4 billion in general obligation bonds for water projects. DWR is one of several state agencies that administer parts of the bond for various specified activities including competitive grants for Integrated Regional Water Management programs, urban drought assistance, desalination, and planning grants.

DWR is preparing to announce a new Proposition 50 funding cycle of \$15 million for grants for Agricultural Water Use Efficiency projects. After the project solicitation package and application guidelines are released, DWR staff will hold several public workshops for interested parties and applicants.

Eligible projects include:

- Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Implementation Projects that result in water savings, increased in-stream flow, increased water quality, and increased energy efficiency
- Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Technical Assistance, Feasibility Studies, Research and Development, Training, Education, Public Outreach, and Pilot projects

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