



**Update on DWR's 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management  
Drought Grant Solicitation**

**Background**

Emergency drought response legislation signed by Governor Brown in March 2014 directed the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to expedite \$200 million in drought response funding through the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) program. DWR received 39 grant applications for these funds, requesting a total of \$339 million. The draft funding recommendations were released for a public comment period that ended on October 8, 2014.

The final awards are expected to be released by early November and the funding agreements will be executed in early 2015.

Tracie Billington, Chief of DWR's Financial Assistance Branch, will provide the Commission with an update on these drought awards and related DWR activities that have taken place since the Commission was previously briefed on the grant program at its April 2014 meeting.

**Attachment**

[Press release announcing DWR recommendations for proposed projects to alleviate drought impacts](#)

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