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# Call to Order

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Board of Directors Workshop- Engineering  
Tuesday, August 10, 2021

*Chairperson – Director Harrison*  
*Vice-Chair – Director Hayes*



# NOTICE REGARDING (COVID-19)

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Before we begin, the record will reflect that pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 19, 2020, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference only.

# Introductions

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*Following the introduction of Directors and District staff, participants may use this time to state their name and agency/affiliation in order to be included in the formal record of attendees.*

# Public Comment

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# Summary of Previous Meeting (Pg. 3)

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Board of Directors Workshop – Engineering  
July 13, 2021

# Discussion Item 4.1 (Pg. 13)

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**Heather Dyer, MS, MBA** – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

SAWPA Presentation on a Proposed Technical Assistance Application to Proposition 1, Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program

## **Staff Recommendation**

This is an informational item only.

# Grant Support for Small Community Water/Wastewater Systems Serving Disadvantaged Communities in the Santa Ana River Watershed



**Mark Norton**

**Water Resources & Planning Manager**

**Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority**



SAWPA



# Assistance Fund for Small Systems that serve DACs

- **Purpose:** Provide support for small systems with chronic issues that lack the staffing and technical expertise to apply for grants
- **Scope of Assistance:**
  - Assemble project information
  - Prepare OWOW and DWR grant applications
- **Outcome:**
  - Prepare Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM grant applications for up to ten small systems serving DACs

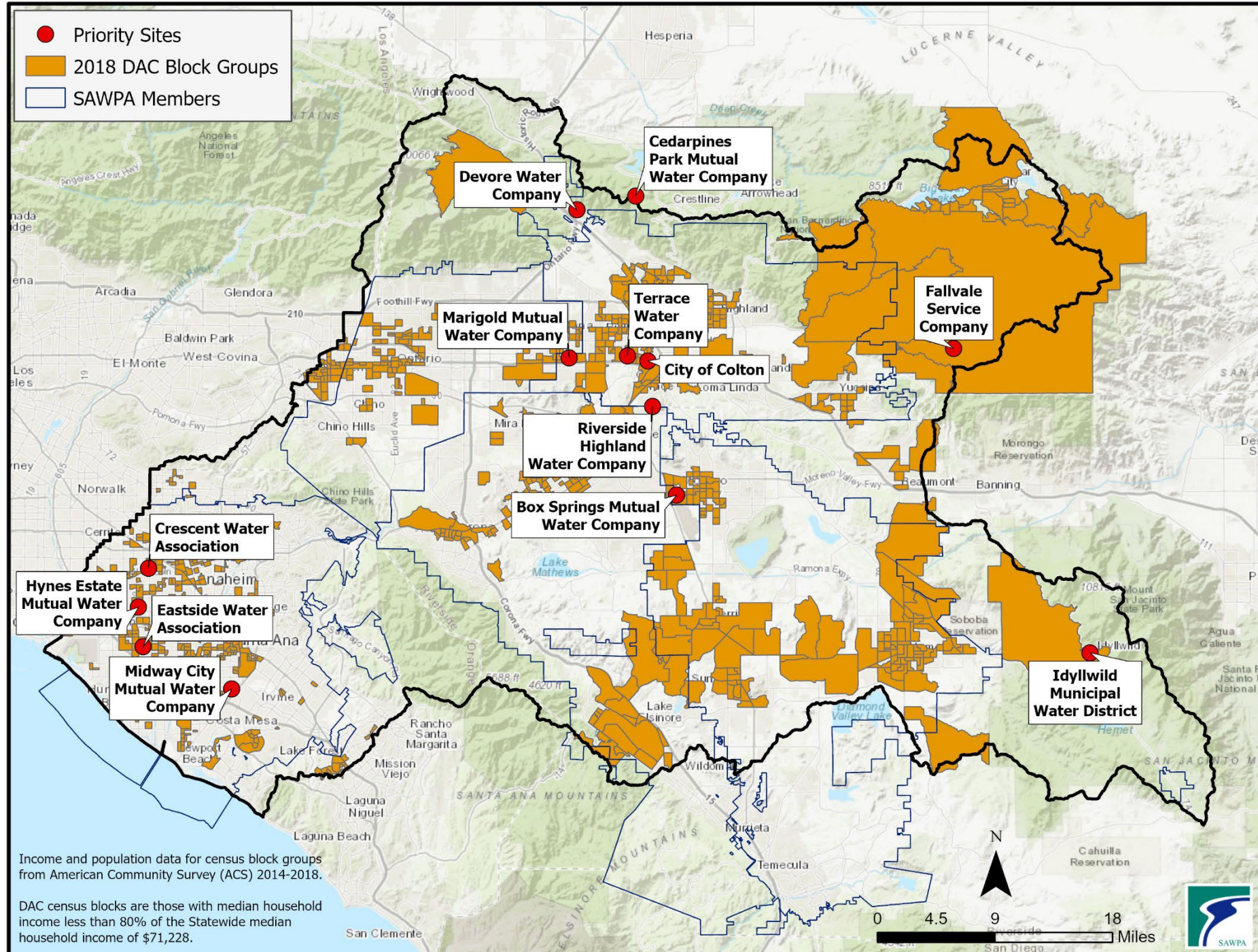


# Assistance Fund – Proposal Overview

- Build on information from SAWPA's recently completed Disadvantaged Communities Initiative (DCI)
- Partner with Cal Rural Water Association (CRWA)
  - CRWA would assist in preparing grant applications
- Prepare applications for 5-10 small systems (with DACs) for OWOW Prop 1 Round 2



# High Need Small Systems supporting DACs in watershed



# High Need Small Community Systems in or near SBVMWD Service Area

Marygold Mutual Water Company

City of Colton

Terrace Mutual Water Company

Devore Water Company

Cedarpines Park Mutual Water Company

Falvale Service Company




# Proposal Schedule - Draft\* Round 2 (R2) Schedule




**Steering Committee approves Prop 1 Policy**

Nov 2018



**DWR Releases Draft R2 Grant Guidelines**

Aug 2021



**Scoring Criteria Adopted by Steering Committee**

Sep 2021



**OWOW R2 Call for Projects**

Oct 2021 - Jan 2022



**DWR Releases Final R2 Grant Guidelines**

Dec 2021



Small System Grant applications due



**SAWPA finalizes R2 grant agreement**

Feb 2023



**R2 Application Submittal to DWR**

Sep 2022



**Steering Committee Approves R2 Projects**

Mar 2022



**Staff Review & Participatory Budgeting**

Jan 2022



# Proposed Grant Application Support

- Budget estimate:
  - Up to \$150,000 for 10 applications
- CRWA has worked with 6 communities through SAWPA's DCI Technical Assistance program
  - The 6 communities are within or near three SAWPA member agency service areas
- Additional small communities in the watershed also may be ready to apply for grant funding



# Proposal Services, Costs and Timing

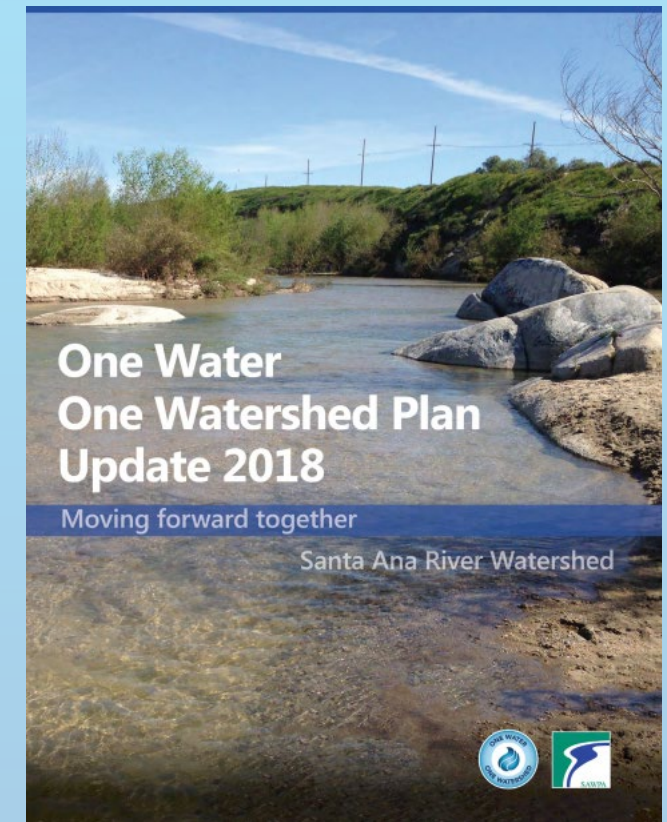
Activity	Cost Estimate	SAWPA Member Agency Cost	Timing
Grant Application	\$150,000	\$30,000*	Thru Sept. 2022

\* Funding support doesn't necessarily need to be equally shared and could be provided based on number of small communities to be funded in or near a SAWPA member agency service area.



# Assistance Fund - Benefits

- Builds on outcomes of the SAWPA's Prop 1 IRWM DCI program
- Supports small systems serving DACs in our watershed
- Creates working relationships with communities most in need
- Supports DWRs initiatives for DAC assistance in IRWM regions
- Supports OWOW Plan Update 2018 implementation
- Continues SAWPA's OWOW leadership role in the region on compelling issues





# Funding and Next Steps

- Funding options for SAWPA Member Agencies:
  - Equal share, or
  - Proportionate share based on location of small system
- Next Steps:
  - Commission provides feedback on proposal concept
  - If approved, develop contract between SAWPA and CRWA for Commission consideration



# Questions?



# Director Comments and Discussion

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## Staff Recommendation

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# Discussion Item 4.2 (Pg. 15)

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**Kristeen Farlow, MPA** – Strategic Communications Manager

Discuss State and Federal Legislative Update

**Staff Recommendation**

Receive and file.

# State Legislative Update

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- State Board approved emergency regulation to curtail pumping from the Bay-Delta
- AB 148 signed by Governor Newsom
  - Funding for COVID-19 water and wastewater arrearages
- Legislature currently on recess

# Bills of Interest

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- AB 361: Open meetings, teleconferences (during emergencies)
- SB 222 (Dodd): Water Affordability Assistance Program
- SB 559 (Hurtado): Canal Capacity Restoration Fund



# Federal Legislative Update: Infrastructure

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- Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation (INVEST) in America Act
  - Replace lead pipes
  - Help low-income people pay water bills
  - Amendments to improve water access and affordability

# Federal Legislative Update: Infrastructure (cont.)

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- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:  
\$1.2 trillion
  - \$110 billion for roads, bridges, and major infrastructure projects
  - \$55 billion for clean drinking water
  - \$8.3 billion for Bureau of Reclamation western water infrastructure



# Federal Legislative Update: Appropriations

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- Nine of twelve annual appropriations bills cleared the House floor
- Expect a temporary spending patch to avoid a government shutdown on Oct. 1
- Senate is a month behind the House in the markup of its own bills

# Federal Legislative Highlights

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- **Water Tax Rebate**
  - Amend federal tax law so homeowners won't pay income tax on water conservation rebates
- **PFAS Legislation**
  - The amended bill would authorize a five-year \$100 million grant program to allow schools to test for and remediate PFAS.

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## Staff Recommendation

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# Discussion Item 4.3 (Pg. 94)

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**Heather Dyer, MS, MBA** – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

Consider Staffing Alternatives to meet District Human Resources/Risk Management/Safety Needs

## **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Board consider the options available regarding how to best meet the District's needs in Human Resources, Risk Management and Safety into the future. Staff also recommends the Board consider authorizing a full-time employee internal position on the organizational chart and direct staff to begin the recruitment process

# Key HR Initiatives and Projects

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Developing a human resources role that effectively supports the District requires a multitude of key initiatives that align with organization values. The following list illustrates key initiatives and projects to be assigned to the human resources role:

- Risk Management & Safety
- Recruitment and Selection
- Succession Planning
- Policies, Handbooks, Personnel Records,  
File Management, HR Software
- Benefits Administration
- Classification and Compensation administration
- Performance Appraisal Program
- Employee Relations
- Training and professional development
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Development of workplace analytics

# Cost Analysis

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	Direct Hire (Full Time)	Consulting Firm (Full Time)	Consulting Firm (Part Time)
Annual Salary	\$135,540	\$270,400	\$135,200
Annual Benefits	\$51,250	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$186,790</b>	<b>\$270,400</b>	<b>\$135,200</b>

# Director Comments and Discussion

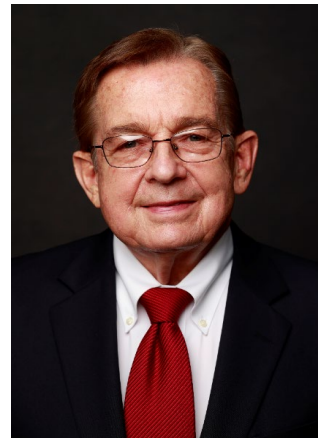
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# Future Business

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# Adjournment

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