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Award Notification for Round 1 Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant, San Joaquin River Funding Area

Dear Mr. Padway:

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that the proposal, Merced Region Prop 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Proposal, filed by Merced Irrigation District has been awarded **\$2,333,535** by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the Round 1 Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Solicitation. Costs incurred after June 26, 2020 will be eligible for grant reimbursement and costs incurred after January 1, 2015 can be used as required local cost share. This award is conditioned upon the execution of a Grant Agreement between DWR and your agency. Please see the Agreement Template for your reference.

Your timely attention is directed to the following requirements:

Within 14 calendar days of the date of this award letter:

Award Acceptance - Please submit a letter or e-mail signed by the authorized representative (agreement signatory) confirming your agency as the Grantee to accept the grant award in the amount of \$2,333,535 and your commitment to provide the required non-State cost share of 50% of the total project costs, excluding projects receiving a cost share waiver or reduction.

Electronic Signatures - DWR uses DocuSign to process signatures electronically to expedite all grant-related documents requiring a signature. In order for DWR to send documents to you via DocuSign, we need your permission and consent. If you consent to the use of DocuSign, please send DWR a letter on official letterhead signed by the authorized representative, consenting to the use of DocuSign for all transactions related to this award. Please contact the DWR Project Manager if you would like sample language. If you prefer not to use electronic signatures, DWR can send documents for original (wet) signatures via email or mail, but this can delay the process significantly, especially during situations such as the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Within 60 calendar days of the date of this award letter, or as otherwise specified in the attachment:

Eligibility Requirements - Attachment 1 (Eligibility Criteria Self Certification Form) outlines the conditions that must be met before the grant agreement can be executed and additional requirements that must be addressed to maintain continuing eligibility and receive grant funds. Please complete, sign (electronically if possible) and submit the form and any required additional documentation to the DWR Project Manager according to the specified time periods.

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Changes to Work Plan, Budget, and/or Schedule: Please submit a list of projects to be included in the Grant Agreement and any changes to the work plan, budget, and/or schedule since the proposal was submitted. Any proposed changes should be submitted as a Word document in track changes to the original document (work plan, budget and/or schedule), and an explanation of the changes provided. Changes will only be considered acceptable by DWR if the project maintains or increases the level of quality and benefits as compared to the original proposal, unless the grant award amount is less than what was requested in the proposal.

Following receipt of all required information, the DWR Project Manager will work with you to complete the grant agreement for execution and schedule a kick-off meeting.

Your timely attention to these requirements is critical to execute the Grant Agreement; failure to do so may result in DWR revoking the grant award. Please submit the required information in the time periods specified to the DWR Project Manager Desiree Ramirez at Desiree.Ramirez@water.ca.gov.

Please contact Maria Lorenzo-Lee at Maria.Lorenzo-Lee@water.ca.gov or (916) 657-4893 or Ashley Gilreath at Ashley.Gilreath@water.ca.gov or (916) 653-9190 for any questions regarding the required materials.

Again, congratulations to you and your Local Project Sponsors on this well-deserved grant award. Our team appreciates the time and effort you contributed to this new and improved grant solicitation process and we will be reaching out in coming months to get your feedback for use in developing the process for Round 2 starting in 2021. We look forward to working with you to complete these IRWM projects to build water resilience in your communities.

Sincerely,

Carmel Brown

Carmel Brown P.E.
Chief, Financial Assistance Branch
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Attachment 1 – Eligibility Criteria Self-Certification Form