



Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Proposal Submittal Background and Instructions

Proponents should read through this entire document before proposing a project for possible inclusion in the Northern Sacramento Valley (NSV) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP).

Background

The six counties of the Northern Sacramento Valley (Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Shasta, Sutter, and Tehama) have been working together for over 10 years to lay the foundation for an integrated regional plan to address water-related issues such as water supply reliability; flood protection and planning; water quality protection and enhancement; and watershed protection and management. The counties have developed a valley-wide NSV IRWMP which was adopted on April 14, 2014.

The NSV IRWMP is a collaborative effort to enhance coordination of our regional water resources management activities. Through this effort, multiple agencies, tribes, individuals and groups are addressing water-related issues with solutions that provide multiple benefits to the region. Representatives of the six counties have been working with stakeholders and the public to identify the water-related needs of the region. The IRWMP provides a framework to guide the implementation of projects and programs to more effectively manage water resources available to the region and better position the region and local partners to receive funding for high-priority water projects.

The NSV IRWMP Project Proposal submittal application allows project proponents to submit proposal information for potential inclusion into the IRWMP projects database. Proposals adopted as part of the NSV IRWMP will be eligible for future IRWMP-specific funding opportunities as grant solicitations become available. Increasingly, other funding opportunities for project implementation require or give preference to projects that are included in an IRWMP. In addition to potential funding opportunities, the projects database will be used to better integrate and coordinate projects for improved water management.



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Proposal Process

The following process will be used to submit projects to the IRWMP.

1. Proponents complete preliminary project proposal application.
2. The NSV IRWMP Board Project Review Subcommittee reviews proposals for clarity, eligibility, and to determine whether proposals meet minimum eligibility requirements, and the Subcommittee follows up with proponents as warranted.
4. The NSV IRWMP Board's Project Review Subcommittee 'publishes' and summarizes a listing of eligible IRWMP projects for TAC and Board consideration and includes proposal summaries on the nsvwaterplan.org website
5. The NSV IRWMP Board's Project Review Subcommittee receives public comment on published projects.
6. The NSV IRWMP Board's Project Review Subcommittee reviews proposals, considers the potential for integration among submitted projects, and may evaluate/rank IRWMP projects, if directed by the Board. During the public comment period there will be opportunities to consider and discuss combining or integrating individual projects.
7. The NSV IRWMP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) creates a recommendation to the Board on projects to include in the NSV IRWMP.
8. The NSV IRWMP Board accepts public comments and selects projects for inclusion in the NSV IRWMP.
9. Additional proposal information will be required when specific grant opportunities become available. The NSV IRWMP will issue funding solicitations and calls for proposals. At that time, NSV IRWMP proposal proponents will be allowed to edit their preliminary proposal, and provide any new information in light of the specific grant requirements.



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Proposal Submittal Process

Terms of Agreement

To submit a new project proposal the project proponent should first read and determine if they agree with the New Proposal Submittal Agreement and Terms of Use. If you agree, sign the agreement and submit with your project proposal.

A Microsoft Word version of the NSV IRWMP Proposal Application and Submittal Agreement are available and can be downloaded at <http://www.nsvwaterplan.org> . Fill out the form with your project information. An asterisk denotes a required field.

Finalize and Submit Your Proposal

To be considered for inclusion in the NSV IRWMP, all proposals must be submitted by the deadline via email or regular mail, along with the signed New Proposal Submittal Agreement and Terms of Use.

Please submit your documents to the following email or mailing address:

bcwater@buttecounty.net (email) or;

Butte County Water and Resource Conservation, 308 Nelson Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965

Once you submit your proposal, the NSV IRWMP Board Project Review Subcommittee will review it. Once the review is complete, project summaries will be published on the nsvwaterplan.org website.

General Information to Complete the Application

- Provide the project Name
- The Project Description/Summary should include the purpose of the project; why the project is needed; project setting and background; a description of how the project will be implemented; and the expected outcomes.
- Select the current project phase.
- Provide anticipated project start date and duration. The start date should be considered the date anticipated for the next phase of the project to begin. For example, if a project is currently in the permitting phase, indicate the start date as the date when implementation could occur.

Funding

- If the project phase is complete, you do not need to enter a row for the phase - you may enter "N/A".
- For each project phase listed, provide the projected costs along with any expected sources, status and dates of funding. Sources of funding could be from local, federal or state programs. If you have more detailed information about the source or status of funds, please provide it in the notes column.



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- Calculate the total cost.
- Indicate the total funds already requested to fund the project.
- Indicate the total funds not yet secured that are needed for the project.
- Indicate whether the project requires real property acquisitions and if they have been acquired and funded.
- If you know when fund authorizations will expire, please indicate in the notes column.
- Multiple sources of funding are okay.

Permitting

- Indicate whether CEQA or NEPA is required for the project and provide the status of such reviews. If you are uncertain about whether NEPA or CEQA permits are required, select the ones that you think are most likely to be required or select “not known”.
- Indicate if there are additional permits that may be required to complete this project.
- Provide information on any required permits.

Collaborative Partnerships

- List and describe the collaborative partnerships and their support for this project.
- Describe if/how the project is integrated into existing plans and reports.
- Describe the political support for the project.

Location

- In the Location Description text box, provide information about the project location, including whether your project is located in a Disadvantaged Community. A Disadvantaged Community is defined by DWR as a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80% of the statewide annual median household income. To see a map of the economically disadvantaged communities in the NSV region, see the NSV IRWMP website: <http://nsvwaterplan.org/mdocuments-library/?mdocs-cat=mdocs-cat-6>
- Please indicate the city(ies), town(s), stream(s), and/or watersheds that the project encompasses.

Strategies and Benefits



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- Select all the IRWMP objectives that apply to your project and describe how your project addresses those objectives. If your proposal meets an objective that you think fits within a goal but is not listed, you may describe it in the space provided at the bottom of the list of goals and objectives.
- If applicable, describe how your project benefits the DACs identified in the Location information.
- Select the sensitive habitat types that your project benefits.
- Select the project Resource Management Strategies (RMS) that apply to your proposal. For more information about RMS, see page 45 in the IRWM Program Guidelines. The State's IRWM guidelines can be found on the NSV IRWMP website: <http://nsvwaterplan.org/mdocs-posts/irwmguidelines2010/>
Note that the Department of Water Resources requires the NSV IRWMP to consider the following RMS to encourage diversification of water management approaches. The Board has identified the RMS that are most applicable to the NSV region.
- Select the Project Elements and Statewide Priorities that apply to your project. For more information about Statewide Priorities, see page 13 in the IRWM Program Guidelines. The State's IRWM guidelines can be found on the NSV IRWMP website: <http://nsvwaterplan.org/mdocs-posts/irwmguidelines2010/>