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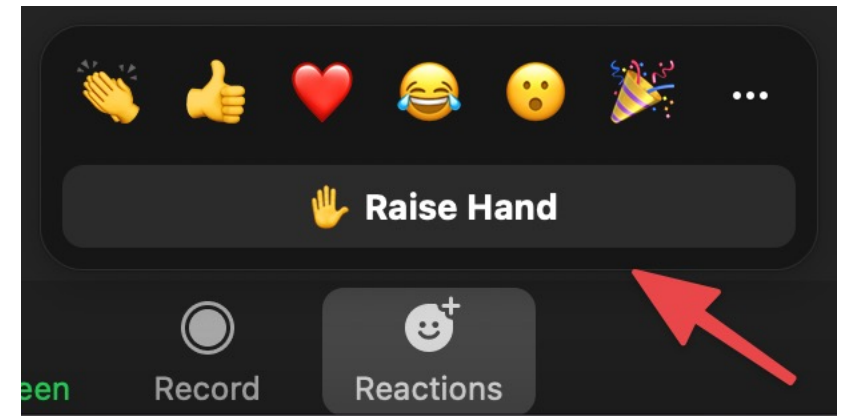
Project Review Committee Process

JANUARY 21, 2022 | 2:30 – 3:30 PM



Zoom Guidance

- Meetings of PRC open to the public
- **Mute** when not speaking
- Use “**raise hand**” feature
- Use **chat box** judiciously



Participation Guidance

- Choose to remain mentally and physically present
- Employ common conversational courtesy
 - One person speaking at a time
 - Share the air
 - Have one conversation at a time
- Address issues, not people. Assume positive intent.
- Listen actively. Remain open minded.

Participation Assumptions

- Arrive on time, stay for the whole thing
- If you can't make it, your alternate can!
- Primaries and alternates have “done their homework” and are well prepared to engage in discussions
 - Be familiar with the SGMA Legislation, the Borrego Springs Groundwater Management Plan, review and be familiar with DWR's SGM Grant Program SGMA Implementation Guidelines (Guidelines)

AGENDA

- a. Framing
- b. PRC Composition and Process
- c. Scoring Criteria
- d. Timeline and Next Steps
- e. Public Comment Period [1 minute per]

SHARED GOAL:

Secure \$10M+ in grant funding for the Borrego Subbasin for SMGA Implementation

- Proposal development is a hugely collaborative process, with significant involvement by all Interested Parties.
- Decisions informed by **DWR guidance** and information **articulated in the PSP**.
- **DWR is the authority on ineligible components & expenses.**
 - **Eligibility criteria is spelled out in PSP.** Follow-up questions on eligibility have been directed to Chris Martinez.
- Spending Plan must be **defensible** and must be **accurate**.
 - All components must be realistic and justifiable
- The PRC and BWD Board must **exercise due diligence** in ensuring all project components and associated costs are eligible
- Ultimately BWD is accountable as the applicant on behalf of the Basin.



PRC Composition

Eleven (11) or Twelve (12) Members:

- BWD: **Diane Johnson**
- BWD: **Tammy Baker**
- WM: **Jim Bennett**
- WM: **Mike Seley**
- WM: **Shannon Smith**
- *ABDNHA: **Mike McElhatton - TBD***
- BVEF: **David Garmon**
- BSUSD: **Mark Stevens**
- Christmas Circle Community Park: **Jim Wilson**
- *de Anza Desert Club: **TBD***
- TCDC: **Robert Staehle**
- Stewardship Council: **Atley Keller**

*FINAL PRC Member List is subject to change due to further project refinement and potential consolidation.

PRC Process

Step 1: Distribution and Receipt of Submitted Projects

- All projects for consideration for scoring, ranking and inclusion in the Application were submitted yesterday, **January 20, 2022**.
- On **Friday, January 21, 2022**, the BWD (after collating all the received Projects into one document) will distribute:
 - Copy of DWR's PSP
 - Summary packet of all proposed projects,
 - Table 7 Scoring Criteria and
 - Goals of the GMP to each member of the PRC

*These will all be placed on the BWD and BSWM websites as well.

Step 2: Orientation to the PRC Process and Responsibilities Distribution

On Friday, **January 21st from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM**, the PRC will attend a Zoom meeting for the purposes of orienting them to:

- PRC Guidelines
- the PSP
- the DWR Guidelines
- the Scoring Criteria

*This will be recorded and shared via email and on the respective websites of the BWD and the BSWM.

Step 3: Questions and Answers from the PRC

On Wednesday, **January 26th from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM**, the PRC will have an opportunity to ask and answer any questions via a Zoom meeting on:

- PRC Process
- Scoring Criteria
- Specific Projects

Additionally, any questions on projects and process that have been received from the public will be discussed and answered.

Step 4: PRC Review Process, Preliminary Scoring and Submittal of Preliminary Scores

Between **January 21, 2022 and Monday, January 31**, each member of the PRC shall review all materials provided to them and issue preliminary scores for each project *except their own* using **Table 7 template provided**.

- Preliminary scores are due to BWD **no later than 5:00 PM** on Monday, January 31st

*All members of the PRC will be scoring all projects both during the individual preliminary stage and at the PRC meetings, with the exception of projects where they are the Interested Party, i.e. no person may score and rank their own project.

Step 4: PRC Review Process, Preliminary Scoring and Submittal of Preliminary Scores

- BWD support staff will collate all scoring sheets and preliminary scores, to tabulate one averaged project score per project.
- BWD support staff will distribute the summary packet including all scoring sheets submitted and the summary scoring sheet to PRC members by **5:00 PM on Tuesday, February 1st, 2022.**

*These materials will also be posted on the BWD and BSWM websites.

Step 5: PRC Meetings Convened Via Zoom and Open to the Public

On Wednesday, **February 2nd, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**, the PRC will convene via Zoom to review and conduct group scoring for each project in a formal manner, using the tabulated preliminarily scoring sheets as a foundation for discussion:

- Provide high level summary of all projects
- Move through each project individually and provide opportunities for PRC members to ask and answers questions and revise preliminary scoring

Should the PRC not be completed on February 2nd, the PRC must convene on **February 3rd from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.**

Step 5: PRC Meetings Convened Via Zoom and Open to the Public

Process for Feb 2nd + 3rd PRC Meetings:

1. The facilitator will request that each member of the PRC share any and all questions they have on the project being reviewed.
2. If there are questions on a project or projects, the IP representing the project will have an opportunity to provide any additional information.
3. The facilitator will give the PRC members the opportunity to change their preliminary score.
4. BWD support staff will make changes to the preliminary tabulation using any revised scores resulting from the process outlined above.

Step 5: PRC Meetings Convened Via Zoom and Open to the Public

- Based on draft project scoring, a **draft ranking + Draft Project List** is generated.
- Once the Draft project list has been generated, the PRC will have one more opportunity to review the ranked projects. Any PRC member will have an opportunity to raise a re-ranking of a project pursuant to the following language in the PSP:
 - 1) available funding;
 - 2) accessibility to the site;
 - 3) already completed environmental/permitting/design.
- The PRC must be responsible for **fully documenting and justifying** why a lower scoring project was included within the Spending Plan.
- Any changes in the ranking need to be justified and consensus on a re-ranking must occur by a majority vote of the PRC.
- IPs cannot vote on their own projects; they must recuse themselves from voting.

Step 6: Generation of the Spending Plan and Final Project List

- At the close of the PRC process, the PRC will have generated a Draft Project List. The Draft project list will be posted on the BWD and Watermaster websites. **The Draft project list only becomes final after it is adopted by the BWD Board**, which is the Applicant for the Grant Application.
- The Draft Project List will be the basis upon which the Spending Plan is generated. Per the PSP, the Spending Plan can be submitted to DWR prior to application submittal, and it is encouraged to be submitted on the requisite template. **It is the intent of the BWD to submit the Spending Plan to DWR no later than February 4, 2022***

* Possible adjustment due to BWD Board approval of Spending Plan on Feb. 8th

**All of this outlined in the PRC Process Memo
and Guidance Document**

PRC Preliminary Scoring

PROJECT SUBMISSION OVERVIEW

1	Borrego Water District	Advanced Metering Infrastructure
2	Borrego Water District	Solar Project
3	Borrego Water District	WWTP Monitoring Wells
4	Borrego Springs Watermaster	Biological Restoration of Fallowed Lands
5	Borrego Springs Watermaster	GDE Monitoring Program
6	Borrego Springs Watermaster	Monitoring, Reporting and GMP Update
7	Borrego Springs Watermaster	Water Supply Augmentation
8	Borrego Springs Watermaster	Eval of GW Augmentation Import
9	Borrego Unified School District or ABDNHA?	Education Project
10	Borrego Unified School District	Turf Conversion Project
11	Borrego Valley Endowment Fund	Air Quality Monitoring
12	Borrego Valley Stewardship Council	Resiliency Strategy
13	Christmas Circle	Water Reduction Program
14	De Anza Desert Club	Water Conservation Plan
15	Tubb Canyon Desert Conservancy	GDE Identification, Assessment & Monitoring

PRELIMINARY SCORING TEMPLATE

Table 7 from PSP

Project / Component Evaluation Criteria					
Section Name	Q#	Questions	Possible Points	Scoring Guidance	Actual Points
General	1	Was a description of the proposed Project or Component provided? Did it explain why this Project or Component was chosen over all others identified in the Plan in terms of benefits provided, communities served, measurable objectives, minimum thresholds, plan implementation timeline, and feasibility? If you feel a question component does not apply to your proposed project, please explain why it is not applicable. (Example "Measurable objective not applicable because project is planning only".) * No funds will be awarded without clear justification for the proposed tasks/subtasks.	4	4 - Fully addressed 3 - Mostly addressed, with minor details not included or unclear 2 - Mostly addressed, with significant details missing or unclear 1 - Marginally addressed 0 - Not addressed	
General - Imp Only	2- Imp	Does the Project or Component provide a description of quantifiable benefits? Was an explanation of the benefits that are expected to be realized from the Project or Component provided, along with how those benefits will be evaluated and quantified? * To obtain full points, 3 or more quantifiable benefits must be identified and fully supported with backup documentation.	4	4 - At least 3 quantifiable benefits with explanations and supporting documents 3 - Two quantifiable benefits with explanations and supporting documents 2 - Two quantifiable benefits lacking explanations and supporting documents 1 - One quantifiable benefit with explanations and supporting documents 0 - Not addressed	
General - Planning Only	2- Plan	Does the Project Description describe a well-coordinated proposal including a GSP(s) that encompasses the entire basin or describes why a portion of the basin is not covered in the proposal? Does it describe how well the multiple GSA(s) surrounding and within the basin are working together?	4	4 - Fully addressed 3 - Mostly addressed, with minor details not included or unclear 2 - Mostly addressed, with significant details missing or unclear 1 - Marginally addressed 0 - Not addressed	
General	3	Does the Project or Component fully describe their plan for outreaching and engaging interested parties (e.g., residents, local leaders, non-profit representing Underserved Communities, etc.) located within Underserved Communities? Does the outreach and engagement include interested parties during all phases of the Project or Component (e.g., planning, design, and implementation)? Can interested parties provide input and be involved in the decision-making processes? * To obtain full points, a minimum of three comment letters are required from the Underserved Communities.	3	3 - Interested parties included on decision-making committees and fully engaged/involved in all aspects of the Project/Component 2 - Interested parties engaged/involved, but not included on decision-making committees 1 - Marginally addressed 0 - Not addressed	
General	4	Was there a regional and Project map(s) depicting the site location, current conditions, and benefiting areas? * The information should be clear and easy to read. If not, the point will not be given.	2	2 - Provided and all necessary information provided 1 - Provided but missing some information 0 - Not provided	
General	5	Does the project benefit an Underserved Community (-ies)? Was there a map(s) depicting the Underserved Community (-ies) that the project will benefit? Does the project benefit an SDAC? Was there a map(s) depicting the SDAC(s) that the project will benefit? Please provide the amount of funding that will benefit both the Underserved Community and SDAC. * No points will be given if a map(s) is not provided.	3	3 - Projects benefits an SDAC(s) 2 - Project benefits Underserved Community 1 - Project partially benefits either 0 - Project does not benefit either	
General	6	Will the Project or Component positively impact issues associated with small water systems or private shallow domestic wells (e.g., groundwater contamination vulnerability, drawdown, etc.)? Was justification such as domestic well census results, water system maps, service area maps, etc. provided? Does the Project or Component help address the needs of the State Water Board's SAFER Program?	3	3 - Fully addressed 2 - Mostly addressed, with minor details not included or unclear 1 - Marginally addressed 0 - Not addressed	
General	7	How does the proposed Project or Component address the Human Right to Water (AB 685 Section 106.3)? How will the Project or Component support the established policy of the State that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes?	4	4 - Fully addressed 3 - Mostly addressed, with minor details not included or unclear 2 - Mostly addressed, with significant details missing or unclear 1 - Marginally addressed 0 - Not addressed	
Scope of Work	8	Did the proposal provide a description of the tasks/subtasks that will be completed as part of this grant Project? * No funds will be awarded without clear justification for the proposed tasks/subtasks.	3	3 - Fully addressed 2 - Mostly addressed, with minor details not included or unclear 1 - Marginally addressed 0 - Not addressed	
Budget	9	Is a budget summary table provided? Is the budget reasonable for the project? Is the budget table tasks/subtasks provided in the scope of work coincide with the tasks/subtasks in the budget and schedule tables? Is local cost share included (minimum of 5%)? Local cost share may include costs expended on projects before grant agreement date. * Local cost share is not required but necessary to obtain full points.	3	3 - Local cost share is provided, and budget is consistent and feasible 2 - Budget is consistent and feasible 1 - Budget is consistent but not feasible 0 - Not consistent and feasible	
Schedule	10	Is the tasks/subtask in the schedule table consistent with those listed in the budget table and within the description in the application? Is the schedule feasible?	1	1 - Consistent and feasible 0 - Not consistent and feasible	
Total Range of Possible Points			30		0
TOTAL FUNDING RECOMMENDED (rounded to nearest hundredth):				\$	-

Coming up Next

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
16	17	18 BWD Board confirms PRC + Process: 9:00 AM	19	20 Project Descriptions DUE to BWD: 5:00 PM	21 PRC Orientation Meeting 2:30 - 3:30 PM 5:00 PM: Package of Project Descriptions to PRC Members	22
23	24	25	26 PRC Question + Answer Session 3:00 - 5:30 PM	27	28	29
30	31 PRC Member Prelim Scores DUE to BWD 5:00 PM	1 Tabulated Prelim Scores prepared + shared with PRC	2 PRC Group Scoring: 9:00 -12:00	3 PRC Group Scoring + Draft Ranking: 9:00 - 12:00	4 Generate Spending Plan and Submit to DWR	5