Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Conceptual Project Prioritization Framework for the Greater Los Angeles County IRWMP Update

April 11, 2007

Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watersheds Steering Committee

Summary of Feedback from Steering Committees*

- 1. Quantitative benefits are an appropriate first-screen tool
- 2. Don't focus on just projects for next grant--best projects should be identified first
- 3. Sub-regions should be in control of their own destiny
- 4. LC should provide some oversight/input to produce a "balanced" program
- 5. Factors beyond short form field should be used to rank projects
- 6. Projects/database should be updated prior to initial screening and ranking to start May 1.
- 7. SC members should participate with consultant to create preliminary ranking and look for project integration opportunities early in process.

* See compiled list of all comments from steering committees.

Comments have identified desire for 3 distinct pieces of information

Regional Contributions

- Addresses multiple
 IRWMP objectives
- Contribute toward regional targets
- Encompass more than 1 sub-region
- Incorporate more than 1 entity

Best Project for the <u>Region.</u>

Helps with:

- Regional Solutions
- State Lobbying
- Regional Political Support

Subregional Priorities

- Local preference for IRWMP objectives
- Critical Needs
- Disadvantaged Communities
- Other Factors

Best Project for the <u>Sub-region.</u>

Helps with:

- Local Political Support
- Local Decision-Making
- Local Funding Priority

Best Project for <u>Present Funding</u>

Readiness to

Proceed

Cost and Cost-Share

Documentation

Local Support

Site Ownership

Technical

CEQA

Schedule

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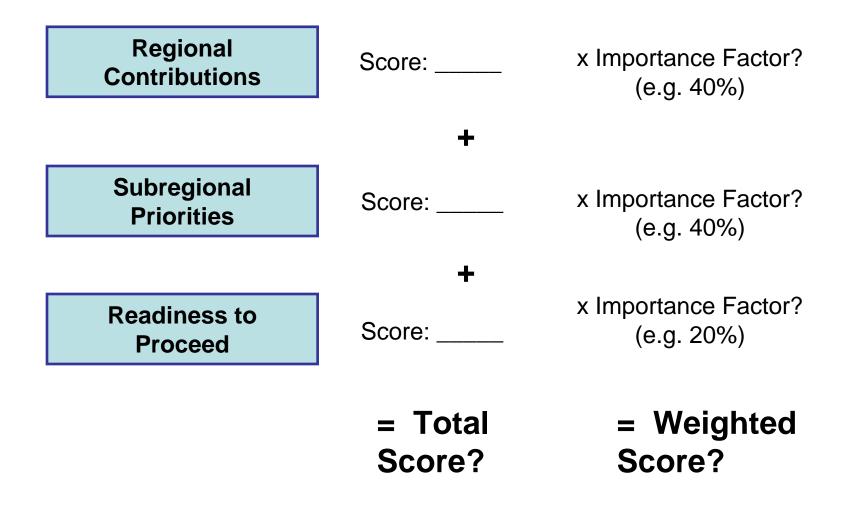
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Helps with:

- Increase Funding Opportunities
- Meet State Priorities

How do we utilize this information?

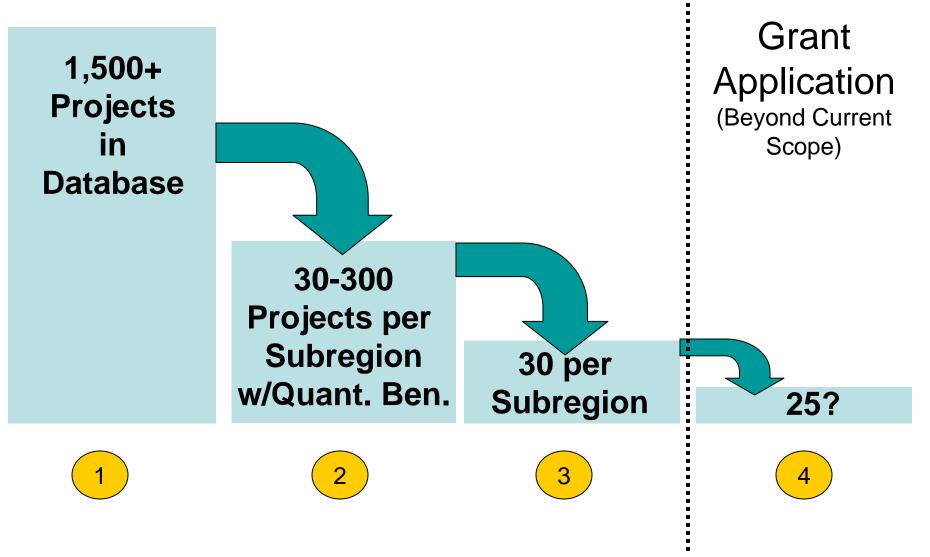


Benefits and Drawbacks

- Projects can be examined and prioritized in multiple ways:
 - Regional contribution
 - Sub-regional priorities
 - Readiness to proceed
 - Combination of all three
- Parallels some of Statewide scoring criteria but is also unique to LA region.
- However, only as effective as the information in the database

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How do we deal with reality of existing project information?



Current Next Steps

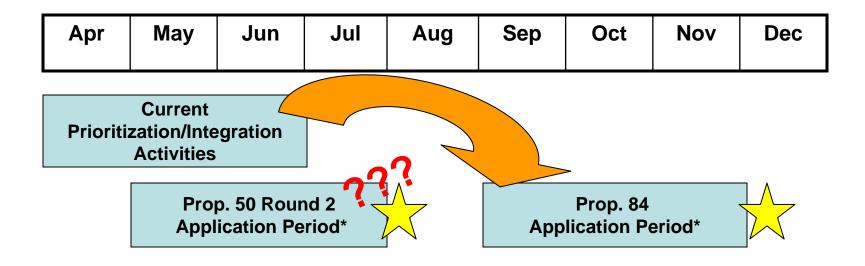
- Steering Committees
 - Confirm framework and importance factors
 - Rank IRWMP objectives
 - Identify other sub-regional priorities/factors to be considered
 - Review project lists to start identifying opportunities and conflicts
- Draft Technical Memo
 - Specific Recommendations based on Steering Committee input and availability of information in database
- Consideration by Leadership Committee
- Update Project Information
 - Update / Add Quantified Benefits & Location Information
 - Deadline: 5pm on April 30th
- Begin Prioritizing in Early May

Current Schedule of Activities*

April	 Finalize draft framework Proponents update project information (by April 30)
Мау	 LC adopts prioritization framework Consultants screen projects for quantifiable benefits Steering committees identify top 30 projects per sub-region Consultant produces initial rank of top 30 projects Steering committees identify 10 projects for integration exercise
June	 Consultant team produces recommendations to enhance 10 project identified for integration exercise. Consultant team re-ranks top 30 projects Steering committees review and adopt prioritized project list.

*Schedule initially established by consultant contract and initial Prop. 84 application schedule.

Current Look Ahead for 2007





* Application period begins with draft PSP release.

? LA Region may not be able to pursue