

Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Merced Region Drought Grant Proposal

Attachment 1: Authorization and Eligibility Requirements



Authorizing Documentation

Resolution 2014-28, adopted by the Merced Irrigation District (MID) Board of Directors on July 2, 2014, authorizes MID to submit this Merced IRWM Proposition 84 Drought Grant Proposal and execute an agreement with the State of California for IRWM implementation activities (see **Appendix 1-1**).

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Appendix 1-1

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**MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-28**

**MERCED INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
IMPLIMENTATION GRANT PREPARATION**

WHEREAS, the Merced Irrigation District (MID) is one of three agencies within the Merced Region enabled by law (SB 1672) to initiate an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP); and

WHEREAS, the three agencies, the Merced irrigation District, Merced County, and the City of Merced undertook the preparation of an IRWMP for the Merced Region which was adopted by all agencies, as well as others in the region; and

WHEREAS, the three agencies and others are in the process of developing the governance body for the implementation and overseeing of the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Region is the hydrologic area that includes the entire Merced Groundwater Basin area in addition to the Merced River watershed north and contiguous to the Merced Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, On January 17, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown proclaimed a Drought State of Emergency and on March 1, 2014, Governor Brown signed legislation to assist drought-affected communities and provide funding to better use local water supplies; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature have directed the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to expedite the solicitation and award of more than \$200 million of Prop. 84 Integrated Regional Water Management funding to help local communities more efficiently capture and manage water, and funding for securing emergency drinking water supplies for drought-impacted communities; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 19, 2013, Resolution No. 2013-03, the MID Board accepted the Merced Group nomination for MID to be the agency representing the region and authorized staff to enter into contract for facilitating the IRWM implementation grant for Round-2 of Prop. 84. As the Region leader, MID is proposed to represent the region for this grant application as well, and

WHEREAS, the Merced Irrigation District Board of Directors recognizes and supports the multi-benefits of the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Irrigation District Board of Directors supports such projects for local and statewide resource benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Region intends to submit a competitive implementation grant proposal for \$3.1 M for a project sponsored or coordinated by MID; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Region will compete with a number of regions for a total of \$12 M for this funding cycle; and

WHEREAS, MID grant application share will not exceed \$50,000, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors reaffirms its positions with respect to the IRWM planning processes and further finds it to be in the best interests of the District to continue to pursue grant funding for local projects associated with the IRWMP.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Merced Irrigation District that pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Grant Application and in accordance with the final DWR 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation Implementation Grant Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) and 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation Proposition 84 Guidelines and amendments hereto, the General Manager of the Merced Irrigation District, or his designee, is hereby authorized to prepare necessary documents to pursue an IRWM implementation grant on behalf of the Merced Region, is authorized to execute necessary agreements and documents with the California Department of Water Resources and to take such other actions that are necessary to prepare, submit, and manage funds for the implementation of the proposed projects if successful, and the Board authorizes and ratifies actions previously taken by staff in connection with applying for the grant funding considered herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of July 2014, by the Board of Directors of the Merced Irrigation District, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors:	Koehn, Long, Pellissier, Pimentel
Noes:	Directors:	None
Abstain:	Directors:	None
Absent:	Directors:	Gonzalves



Tim Pellissier
President
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Vice President/Secretary
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