Funding Stormwater: The Next Great Challenge

Proposition 1 and Other State Grants

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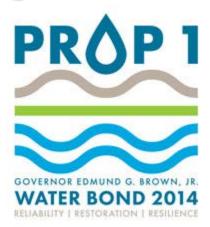
Storm Water Resource Plans

- Required for storm water and dry weather runoff capture projects to receive voter-approved bond funding (<u>State</u> <u>Water Board Guidelines - Senate Bill 985</u>)
- Can be "Stand-alone" plan or built from other plans
- Watershed based quantitatively prioritize projects
- Design projects to provide multiple benefits:
 - Water quality, water supply, flood control, habitat conservation, enhanced recreation/public use
- Consistent with recent regulatory approaches:
 - Viewing storm water as a resource
 - Encouraging multiple benefits
 - Supporting alternative MS4 permit compliance pathways



State Water Board Storm Water Grant Funding

- State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance
- Storm Water Grant Program Proposition 1
- \$200 million in matching grants
- Prop 1 Planning Grants
 - Storm Water Resource Plans
 - Project Specific Planning
- Prop 1 Implementation Grants
 - Multiple Benefit Storm Water
 - Construction Projects

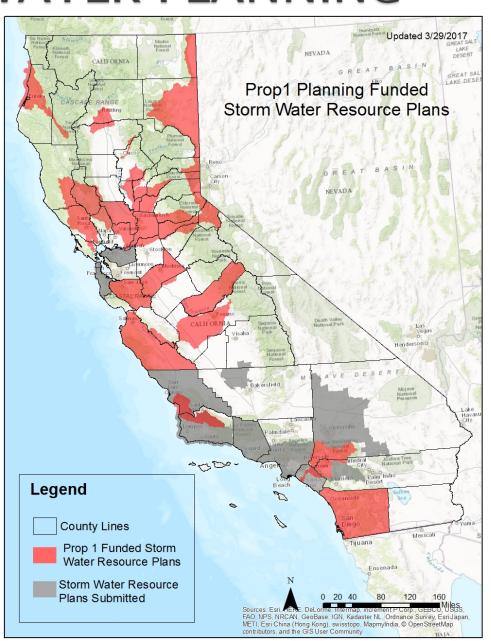




PROP 1 STORM WATER PLANNING

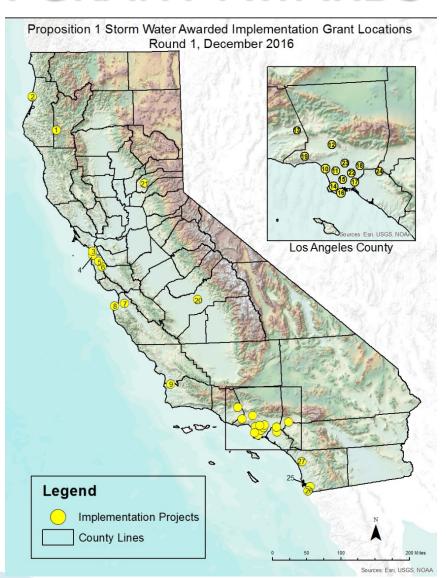
GRANT AWARDS

- Planning Grant Solicitation
- 28 Projects:
 - \$9.5 in Prop 1 funding
 - 22 Planning grants for Storm Water Resource Plans
 - 6 Planning grants for project specific planning
- Plans to be completed in 2018



PROP 1 STORM WATER IMPLEMENTATION GRANT AWARDS

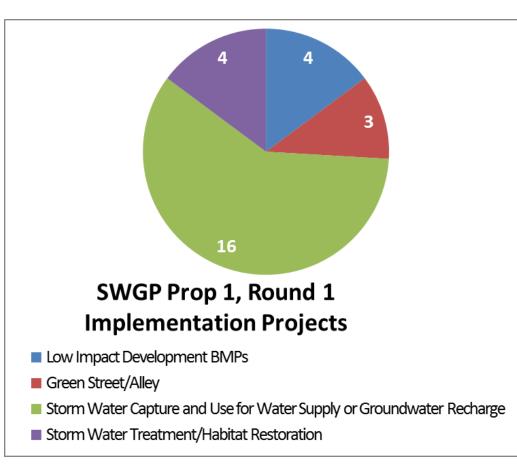
- Round 1 Solicitation awarded December 1, 2016; Over \$300M in requests
- 27 Projects:
 - \$80 million in Prop 1 funding
 - \$14.6 million in Clean Beaches Initiative funds
 - \$9.6 million in Areas of Special Biological Significance funds





PROP 1 STORM WATER IMPLEMENTATION GRANT AWARDS

- Projected 25,000 acre-feet storm water and dry weather runoff captured for use, treatment, or infiltrated
- Pollutant load reduction, habitat restoration, flood protection, community space
- Over 50% of implementation directly benefits Disadvantaged Communities



State Water Board Storm Water Funding Tips

- Ensure multi-benefit claims are accurate and well supported
- Provide sufficient budget detail to ensure costs are justified
- Provide all information needed to understand the project in the application (technical reviewers do not research your project)
- Take advantage of staff workshops/opportunities to get early feedback on project concepts





FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Prop 1 Technical Assistance for Small Disadvantaged Communities
- Prop 1 Round 2 Implementation
 - Approximately \$95 million of Prop 1 funding remains
 - Round 2 Solicitation opening anticipated Summer 2018
- Other State Agencies with Prop 1 Funding
 - Department of Water Resources (IRWM) 2018
 - State Conservancies
- Natural Resources Agency Urban Greening Program 2017
- <u>Senate Bill 5 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018</u> (pending legislation)