Lecture Series: Part III Guidelines

Water Management Technical Feedback
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Outline

• Settlement Act Part III, Sec.10202
• Guidelines
• Example Projects
• Workshops
• Next Steps
Authorization

- Construction of facilities to bank, recharge, recover groundwater
- Reduce, avoid, offset expected water supply impacts to Friant Division caused by SJRRP
- 50% financial assistance for planning, design, environmental compliance, construction

Funding

- $50 million
- Appropriations
- $5 million requested for FY2013
Criteria

- Appropriate planning, design, compliance complete
- Secretary offered opportunity to participate
- Local financial capability
- Acceptable method for quantifying benefits
- Cost-sharing agreement

Ownership

- Title remains with non-Federal local agencies.
- Operations, maintenance, replacement, and rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the local agency
Guidelines

- For application of criteria
- Develop in consultation with Friant Division long-term contractors
- Public draft within 1 year
- Broadest benefit
- Equitable allocation

Evaluation Criteria

- Broadest benefit
- RWA reduction
- Cost Effectiveness
- Environmental Impacts
- Legal, Institutional, Regulatory Constraints
- Federal Participation
- Management and Financial Capability
**Example #1: “New Bank”**

- **District**
  - New or expanded groundwater bank

**Example #2: “Participation”**

- **Surface storage**
- Districts A & B have limited groundwater banking opportunity, and join District C’s project.
- **District “C”**
  - New groundwater bank
Example #3: “In-lieu”

Before

After

• Same rules as direct recharge.

Workshops

• All contractors were invited to workshops, representatives for 22 contractors have participated.

• Partnerships

• Project phasing

• RWA reduction
Next Steps

- The President's FY13 budget included $5 million for Part III.

- The FY13 budget has not been approved.

- FOA anticipated in the second half of FY13, following an appropriation.
  - Posted on www.grants.gov.
  - Competitive process and requirements for award
  - Total funding and limit per project