

IRWM Plan 2018 Call for Projects

- Projects and programs must meet at least one IRWM Plan Goals and should be consistent with the Santa Clara River Watershed goals and vision
- Projects and programs may be concepts, but at minimum should have 5 elements requested in the guidelines for plan inclusion filled out (elements A, C, D, E, H and J)
- Project input forms should be saved and maintained by project sponsors
- WCVC's intent is to update the Project List as an addendum with new projects and updates to existing projects on a semi regular basis. The timing of Project List updates has not yet been determined.



IRWM Plan 2018 Project Submittals

- ~~28~~ 29 project forms submitted with Santa Clara River Watershed listed as the primary watershed
- ~~9~~ 10 different entities submitted projects for the Santa Clara River Watershed



Tentative Schedule for lower Santa Clara River Watershed Committee

(as of 12/3/2018)

- Between now and December 13th
 - Release of all project input forms for stakeholder review
- December 13th SCRWC Meeting
 - Discussion on all projects submitted for the IRWM Plan Amendment. All project and program sponsors asked to attend. Approval of project list for IRWM Plan Amendment.
 - Identify the projects and programs that wish to be considered for Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Round 1 and 2. Review of Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant application requirements, and preliminary guidance from Steering Committee members on project selection.
- ~~January 24th~~ February 28th or March 28th* – SCRWC Meeting
 - Discussion of projects to be considered for Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Round 1 and 2. Project selection for Round 1 application to be carried forward by our Steering Committee members.
- ~~February~~ March* – WCVS Steering Committee meeting to select final suite of projects
- ~~March~~ April* – WCVS General Membership meeting to approve final suite of projects
- April-July* – Grant application preparation
- June-August* – Pre-proposal meeting with DWR

*Subject to change



IRWM Plan Goals:

1. *Protect, conserve, and augment local water supply portfolio to increase local water resilience*
2. *Protect and improve water quality*
3. *Protect people, property and the environment from adverse flooding impacts*
4. *Protect and restore habitat and ecosystems in watersheds*
5. *Provide water-related recreational, public access, stewardship, engagement and educational opportunities*
6. *Prepare for and adapt to climate change*



Santa Clara River Watershed

Summary of Greatest Needs Discussion for 2018 IRWM Plan Update

1. Recharge groundwater basins **for habitat and human use*
2. GSP development and better understanding the SCR water budget to achieve groundwater sustainability and provide water multiple uses (ag, urban, and instream flow) now and under future climate
3. Coordinate and work with the upper watershed
4. Stormwater capture
5. Monitoring for sustainability planning, integration of monitoring efforts and trends
6. Public education and public access
7. **Flood control with multi-benefits*
8. **manage watershed for natural disasters and climate resiliency*



**additions and edits based off of 1.25.18 watershed committee meeting discussion*

We envision a Santa Clara River system that:

- Allows for **natural river processes**, to the maximum extent feasible, including permitting the river to freely meander within its floodplain and to accommodate flows within the natural range of variation.
- Allows for the preservation and **protection of existing and future sustainable uses** in the watershed including cultural, agricultural, and educational activities, low impact recreation, scientific studies, and aesthetic and spiritual enjoyment.
- Emphasizes environmentally sensitive **flood management** that allows for a functional floodplain while minimizing damage to life and property.
- Maintains **biodiversity** through matrix of native aquatic, riparian, and upland habitat with minimal habitat fragmentation and barriers, with emphasis on enhancing recovery of species of conservation concern.
- Is **unimpaired by pollution** or **invasive non-native species**.
- Is managed by cooperating public entities, private landowners, and organizations working toward the **common vision**.
- **Supplies water** for agriculture, groundwater recharge, and habitat maintenance.



