

San Diego River Area IMPROVEMENTS  
Deborah Jayne, San Diego River Conservancy

**Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)  
Project Proposal Form**

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Detailed guidance on the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's Prop 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant program web page at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/irwmgp/index.html>. Please familiarize yourself with the general requirements of this program before preparing and submitting a project proposal.

Completed forms should be submitted no later than December 1, 2004, either via email to [jon.vanrhyn@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:jon.vanrhyn@sdcounty.ca.gov) or mailed to the following location:

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**SECTION A – PROJECT INFORMATION**

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| <b>1. Project Title</b>   | <b>San Diego River Area IMPROVEMENTS</b>  |
| <b>2. Contact Information</b>   |   |
| ⊖ Agency/organization   | <b>San Diego River Conservancy</b>  |
| ⊖ Address   | <b>9174 Sky Park Court, Ste. 100<br/>San Diego, CA 92123</b>  |
| ⊖ Phone   | <b>858-467-2972</b>   |
| ⊖ E-mail  | <b><a href="mailto:djayne@waterboards.ca.gov">djayne@waterboards.ca.gov</a></b>   |
| ⊖ Submitted by (name & title)   | <b>Deborah Jayne<br/>Executive Officer</b>  |
| <b>3. Project Location<br/>(City/Community)</b>                                 | <b>San Diego River Area*</b><br>*(.5 miles on either side of River's 52-mile center-line )  |
| <b>4. Watershed (if multiple or regional, please indicate)</b>                  | <b>San Diego River Watershed</b>  |
| <b>5. Amount Requested</b>  | <b>\$10 Million</b>   |
| <b>6. Match Information (a minimum 10% match is required for all projects):</b> |   |
| ⊖ Estimated match amount  | <b>\$6 Million</b>  |
| ⊖ Has a match been identified (y/n)?  | <b>No. I will seek a cumulative 60% match from multiple federal, state, and local sources e.g., USFS; USFWS; USDOJ (Nat'l Parks); USEPA; USACOE; Bureau of Rec; Land and Water Conservation Fund; tribes; Resources Agency, Wildlife Conservation Board/DFG; Dept Parks and Rec; Caltrans, SCC, SDRWQCB, Helix Water District, SANDAG, UCSD, etc.</b> |

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| <p>⊖ If so, please identify the source(s)</p>  | <p>See above</p>         |
| <p><b>7. Status of Project (conceptual, designed &amp; ready to build, CEQA completed, etc.)</b></p>   | <p><b>Conceptual</b></p> |
| <p><b>8. Project Description (less than 100 words)</b><br/> <b>Undertake <u>site improvement</u> projects within 52-mile San Diego River Area* for the purpose of protecting, providing, or enhancing: surface and groundwater quality, wetlands, aquatic and wildlife habitat, aquatic and wildlife species, natural flood conveyance, open space, public access, recreational opportunities, educational experiences, aesthetic improvement, and the enjoyment of present and future generations. Improvements may include the construction of new or upgrade of deteriorating facilities as needed for outdoor recreation, nature appreciation and interpretation, and natural resource protection. Highest priority will be given to projects which <u>connect existing resources</u> (parks) <u>or amenities</u> (pedestrian trails/bike paths) together, thereby filling missing links.</b></p>  |                          |
| <p><b>9. Additional information (include photo, regional map, text as needed. Please limit entire document to 3 pages or less):</b></p> <p><b>This project will include a prioritized list of individual site improvement projects (projects to be identified and prioritized during the Conservancy’s upcoming Strategic Planning effort).</b></p> <p><b>Like the ACQUISITIONS and RESTORATIONS projects, this IMPROVEMENTS project directly implements the stated purposes of the San Diego River Conservancy Act and the Conservancy’s upcoming Strategic Plan (which will be based on the Act). It is also fully consistent with the IRWMP (presumably) and numerous other important state and local planning documents.</b></p> <p><b>The underlying purpose and benefit of all three projects, the San Diego River Area ACQUISITIONS, RESTORATIONS, AND IMPROVEMENTS is to protect and improve water quality in the San Diego River Area. The River’s value is intrinsically dependent on its water quality since it is the water quality that allows the River to support all of the beneficial uses that we wish to protect, provide, or enhance, such as municipal drinking supply, wildlife habitat, and recreation. Water quality in turn is directly linked to man’s uses of land. Land use decisions have profound and long-term consequences on water quality. These three projects are about increasing open space for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Ultimately these projects are about improving the “quality of life” for San Diego residents and tourists.</b></p> |                          |

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**SECTION B – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**1. CWC section 79561 states that eligible projects must include one or more of the water management elements listed below (see Guidance Section III.C.). Please check all that apply to your proposed project.**

- Programs for water supply reliability, water conservation, and water use efficiency
- Storm water capture, storage, treatment, and management
- Removal of invasive non-native plants, the creation and enhancement of wetlands, and the acquisition, protection, and restoration of open space and watershed lands
- Non-point source pollution reduction, management and monitoring
- Groundwater recharge and management projects
- Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation, desalting and other treatment technologies
- Water banking, water exchange, water reclamation and improvement of water quality
- Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood control programs that protect property; and improve water quality, storm water capture and percolation; and protect or improve wildlife habitat
- Watershed management planning and implementation
- Demonstration projects to develop new drinking water treatment and distribution methods

**2. The Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) have established the statewide priorities listed below for guiding the selection of projects for funding (see Guidance Section II.E.). Please check all that apply to your proposed project.**

- Reduce conflict between water users or resolve water rights disputes, including interregional water rights issues
- Implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads that are established or under development
- Implementation of Regional Water Quality Control Board Watershed Management Initiative Chapters, plans, and policies
- Meet Delta Water Quality Objectives
- Implementation of recommendations of the floodplain management task force, desalination task force, or recycling task force;
- Address environmental justice concerns
- Assist in achieving one or more goals of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program

**NOTE: The eligibility requirements and statewide priorities listed above should be considered minimum screening criteria for project selection. Additional prioritization criteria will be identified once regional goals have been established for the draft IRWM Plan. In general, applicants should assume that preference will be given to projects that are regional, multi-functional, and able to demonstrate multiple benefits.**

**NOTE: Proposals that include on-stream or off stream surface water storage facilities are not eligible.**