

Moving Forward with Proposition 68

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Where we stood at the end of last meeting...



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- Support for EKI developing Prop. 68 proposal
- Emerging grant focus
- SAFCA providing \$25k to cover proposal development costs
- OH as contract administrator (assuming no bid requirements)
- Contractual language needed that emphasizes Working Group as decision-making entity (similar to Prop. 1 agreement)

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- Water Forum and SAFCA \$\$\$ provide match
- SAFCA covers cash match requirement (*to be confirmed*)
- SAFCA provides upfront funding to cover likely lag in DWR reimbursement time (*to be confirmed*)
- No decision on contract administrator - SSCAWA, County, SRCD names put forward
- Contractual language needed that emphasizes Working Group as decision-making entity (similar to Prop. 1 agreement)

Other issues that surfaced between meetings....

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- Concern that GSAs could be “on the hook” if contract administrator unable to cover funding obligations
- Concern that any contract administrator needs to be financially strong

What we know now....



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- Prop. 68 deadlines have shifted - RFP now expected to hit the street September 9, with responses due November 1
- OH confirmed it can contract directly with EKI without bid; OH board has authorized entering into contract (post-WG action)
- SAFCA prepared to provide \$25k upfront; SAFCA board authorized
- OH using existing MOU with SAFCA (IRWM project)

What we know now....



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- Match of up to \$300k available from WF, SAFCA to support Prop. 68 request
- SAFCA confirmed willingness to cover lag in DWR reimbursement by front-loading local cost share; willing to provide up to \$150k; this is not a loan
- County willing to serve as administrator, but cash flow is still an issue

What we need to do today....



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- Move forward with EKI contract for proposal development
- ID approach to Prop. 68 contract administration (assuming award)
 - Cost-share (cash and in-kind)
 - Funding gap coverage
 - Contract administrator
 - Contract language between GSAs and contract administrator
- Identify any outstanding questions so GSAs in position to make final decision at September meeting
- Discuss information from Workshop on geophysical studies