



The DWR Proposition 68 Implementation Grants Proposal Solicitation Package ([PSP](#)), dated October 2020, states on page 10: “*eligible projects include those activities associated with the implementation of an adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) or approved Alternative to a GSP (Alternative) and must also be listed within an adopted GSP or approved Alternative.*” If a project is not currently listed in an adopted GSP or an Approved Alternative, does the GSP or Alternative need to be amended to add the project to the project list for it to be eligible for DWR grant funding?

Response:

When and how an adopted GSP or approved Alternative is updated/amended is a local decision for the local agencies to determine. If a GSA wants to pursue DWR grant funding for one or more projects not currently listed in an adopted GSP or approved Alternative and the GSA cannot update/amend the document prior to applying for funding, DWR may deem the project(s) eligible if certain conditions are met; for example..

- Describe the project(s) in the Annual Report and explain in the grant application (provide documentation) that the GSA approves using the annual report process for including projects into the GSP or Alternative. (Note: The Annual Report is required to include a description of progress towards implementing the GSP or Alternative, including achieving interim milestones, and implementation of projects or management actions ([GSP Regulations §356.2](#)).)
- Describe the project(s) in a dynamic project list approved by the GSA that is located outside of the GSP or Alternative, but publicly available (e.g., on a public web site), and explain in the grant application (provide documentation) that the GSA approves using the separate public project list method for including projects into the GSP or Alternative. (Note: the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) regions in the State have employed this process with their IRWM plans, whereby dynamic project lists are updated as needed and approved by the IRWM governance bodies via a public meeting without requiring an update or readoption of the plans.)

Please consult with your legal team before pursuing either of the above options to verify this would be consistent with your GSP or Alternative governance practices. Any questions regarding this process should be address to your basin’s DWR Point of Contact.

Thank you,

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