

## State Water Resources Control Board

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### PROP 1 SWGP PLANNING GRANT SOLICITATION FUNDING DECISION

Congratulations! The State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Financial Assistance's (Division's) Deputy Director approved the Recommended Funding List for the Storm Water Grant Program's (SWGP) Proposition 1 Planning Grant solicitation. The SWRP for the Santa Clara Basin in Santa Clara County project has been approved for funding with a grant award of \$471,708.

With this project, you are demonstrating that your community is at the forefront of a major shift in California in how we think about storm water. Rather than viewing storm water only as a nuisance due to threats posed by flooding or pollutants in storm water, communities throughout the state are looking for ways to turn storm water into a resource to combat drought and the effects of climate change.

These storm water plans are important for identifying opportunities to utilize storm water and dry weather runoff and create benefits such as increased water supply, improved water quality and reduced flood risk. The careful planning you are doing through this project may not lead to future State Water Board funding. However, we anticipate that this planning effort will support your community in constructing cost effective storm water capture projects that will provide water quality and water supply benefits for years to come.

We plan to have a second round of implementation funding available in early 2018. To compete for those grant funds, it will be critical for you to complete your planning project in a timely manner. Our staff is here to help you have a successful project that meets your goals and is completed on time and within budget.

The SWGP Unit will be assigning grant managers and program analysts to initiate the agreement process. You will receive an introductory email in the coming weeks from your assigned grant manager or program analyst with further information discussing: roles and responsibilities, grant agreement development, invoicing, deliverables, performance measures, and reporting requirements.

The grant agreement process will begin with the finalization of a scope of work and budget that is acceptable to the Division's Deputy Director. The scope of work will be based on the proposal submitted with the application, but improvements to the scope of work and budget may be required as part of the grant agreement negotiation process.

We look forward to working with you on this project.  
Please contact Sean Maguire with any urgent questions at [sean.maguire@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sean.maguire@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Leslie Laudon". The signature is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Leslie" and last name "Laudon" clearly distinguishable.

Leslie Laudon, Assistant Deputy Director  
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