

Project Information Form (PIF)

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project Title:	Oceano Water Resource Reliability Program Waterline Replacement Projects
2. Project Sponsor(s):	
3. Eligible Applicant Type:	Public Agency ▼
4. IRWM Project Region(s):	San Luis Obispo County

- 5. Does the project provide benefits directly to a Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) and/or Economically Distressed Areas (EDA) (minimum 75% by population or geography)?
 Yes No If yes, please complete D.8 and/or D.9. Show on map if applicable.
- 6. Is the Project Sponsor a Tribe, or does the project provide benefits to a Tribe (minimum 75% by population or geography) as defined by Proposition 1?
 Yes No If yes, please complete D.10. Show on map if applicable.
- 7. Provide project map. Include location of project, project benefit and/or service area, and other applicable information.
- 8. Funding Category:
 DAC Implementation Project
 General Implementation Project
- 9. Project Type: ▼ Other:

Select most applicable project type. See Section II.C. of the 2019 Guidelines for full description of eligible project types. If "Other" is selected, please write in the space provided the proposed project type.

B. SELECTED ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Will the project be included in the IRWM Plan, that will be adopted prior to anticipated Agreement Execution?
 Yes No
- 2. Does the project address a critical need(s) and/or priority(ies) of the IRWM Region as identified in the IRWM Plan?
 Yes No If yes, complete part a:
a. What IRWM Plan goal(s)/objective(s) does the project address? Identify and explain.

Complete additional worksheet, titled "Objectives and Climate Change Worksheet"

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3. Does the project have an expected useful life consistent with Government Code §16727 (generally 15 years)? If not, explain why this requirement is not applicable.

The useful life of the projects exceed 15 years.

4. Does the project address and/or adapt to the effects of climate change? Does the project address the climate change vulnerabilities assessed in the IRWM Plan?
 Yes No If yes, please explain below.

Complete additional worksheet, titled "Objectives and Climate Change Worksheet"

5. Does the project contribute to regional water self-reliance?
 Yes No If yes, please explain below.

The improvements in Oceano's water use efficiency promotes regional self-reliance because improvements in self-reliance of individual communities promotes regional self-reliance. Oceano CSD is part of the Northern Cities Management Area (NCMA) of the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin - an adjudicated basin. Multiple agencies within NCMA are pursuing implementation of Central Coast Blue, a recycled water project. As a disadvantaged community, however, costs of Central Coast Blue are very expensive. Implementing efficiency projects and reducing water leaks is more cost effective for Oceano and provides greater regional reliability because neighboring communities have a greater ability to rely on Central Coast Blue.

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6. Does the project provide a benefit that meets at least one of the Statewide Priorities as defined in the 2019 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines?

Yes No If yes, please identify below.

5. Manage and Prepare for Dry Periods 

7. Will CEQA be completed within 12 months of Final Award?

- Yes
- NA, project is exempt under CEQA
- NA, not a project under CEQA
- NA, project benefits DAC/EDA/Tribe (minimum 75%), or a Tribe is a local project sponsor
- No

8. Will all permits necessary to begin construction be acquired within 12 months of Final Award?

- Yes
- NA, project benefits DAC/EDA/Tribe (minimum 75%), or a Tribe is a local project sponsor
- No

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C. WORK PLAN, BUDGET, and SCHEDULE SUMMARY

1. Project Description: Provide a brief project description summarizing major components, objectives, goals, and intended outcomes/benefits (quantitative and qualitative).

The work plan is to implement as many of the highest priority Water Resource Reliability Program Waterline Replacement Projects as funding allows. The only projects requested for funding are those projects that currently have design 100% completed, are shovel ready, and can be constructed within one year of funding allocation. A total of seven projects are included in this request, ranging from a minimum award of \$245,000 to a maximum award of \$1,160,530. Concurrently, the District is applying for Federal Community Project Funding through the Office of Congressman Salud Carbajal in the form of EPA STAG funding which requires a 20% State/Local match. Therefore any Prop 1 funding allocation can be used to leverage the Federal funding. In total, the preliminary engineering cost estimates of approximately \$5.4 million of Water Resource Reliability Projects for Oceano remain to be constructed. All projects include replacement of existing 3-6" lines with 8-10" PVC.

2. Budget: Provide cost estimates for each Budget Category listed in the table below. (Required for Pre-Application Material Submittal; not required for Final Application Submittal)

Table 1 - Project Budget					
Category		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
		Cost Share: Non-State Fund Source	Requested Grant Amount	Other Cost Share (including other State Sources)	Total Cost
(a)	Project Administration	\$250,000	0	0	\$250,000
(b)	Land Purchase/Easement	0	0	0	0
(c)	Planning/Design/Engineering/Environmental Documentation	\$885,681	0	\$376,147	\$1,261,828
(d)	Construction/Implementation	\$3,490,625	\$245,000-\$1,160,530	\$274,750	\$4,925,905
(e)	Grand Total (Sum rows (a) through (d) for each)	\$4,626,306	\$245,000-\$1,160,530	\$650,897	\$6,437,733

Note: Provide information or other documentation to support the cost estimate in a separate attachment. Identify the source of all cost share and other funds. If other funds are not used, describe efforts to obtain other funding and/or why other funding sources were not used.

The requested grant amount is for a minimum of one and maximum of seven projects in the WRRP Waterline Replacement list that are shovel ready. Total costs reflect all 31 projects included in the draft WRRP. Other funds include Prior Prop 84/1 and Local funding, future State Water Board/CDBG/STAG and USDA grant/loan funding.

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3. Cost Share Waiver Requested (DAC or EDA)? Yes No If yes, continue below:

Cost Share Waiver Justification: Describe what percentage of the proposed project area encompasses a DAC/EDA, how the community meets the definition of a DAC/EDA, and the need of the DAC/EDA that the project addresses. In order to receive a cost share waiver, the applicant must demonstrate that the project will provide benefits (minimum 25% by population or geography) that address a need of a DAC and/or EDA.

The State Water Board funded and the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) completed an income survey for Oceano, CA demonstrating that it is a (severely) disadvantaged community. Funding was provided through the Prop. 1 Technical Assistance Program (TA # 5011-A). The final report is dated October 2017, complied with state and federal requirements, and is valid for a five year period. The cover sheet is attached. The full Income Survey is available upon request. A new Technical Assistance Request was just approved by the State Water Board to have RCAC complete another income survey for Oceano, CA.

The results of the Income Survey determined that the median household income for Oceano is \$39,000, which places the community in the severely disadvantaged category (less than 60% of the state's median household income).

All of the Water Resource Reliability Projects create system-wide benefits associated with water use efficiency, reductions in leaks, and by

4. Schedule: Include reasonable estimates of the start and end dates for each Budget Category listed in Table 1 - Project Budget. (Required for Pre-Application Material Submittal; not required for Final Application Submittal)

Table 2 - Project Schedule		
Category	(a) Start Date	(b) End Date
(a) Direct Project Administration	5/1/2023	12/31/2023
(b) Land Purchase/Easement	N/A	N/A
(c) Planning/Design/Engineering/Environmental Documentation	N/A	N/A
(d) Construction/Implementation	5/1/2023	12/31/2023

D. OTHER PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Provide a narrative for project justification. If applicable, include references to supporting documentation such as models, studies, engineering reports, etc. Include any other information that supports the justification for this

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project, including how the project can achieve the claimed level of benefits.

The attached system map illustrates the location of the projects that have been identified in the District's Water Resource Reliability Program (WRRP) that reflect "deferred infrastructure projects." Overall, the WRRP includes 1) leak detection to reduce system losses and improve operational efficiency, 2) groundwater recharge of recycled water associated with a regional recycled water proposal (Central Coast Blue) and 3) low-impact development to promote stormwater recharge. Preliminary efforts on WRRP have been funded through a Proposition 84 Planning grant. An additional \$177,000 was awarded for design efforts from the Department of Water Resources DAC involvement grant and funded the design of this project request. In addition to the water use efficiency objectives identified in the IRWM plan, the projects will also improve system pressures and fire flows by replacing existing undersized pipes with 8-10" PVC pipes. Overall, this funding request is for construction of 1-7 of approximately 30 projects identified in the WRRP to reduce system leaks and improve operational efficiencies. Prioritization of waterline replacement projects included a leak detection report prepared by California Rural Water Association through a Technical Assistance program funded by the State Water Board. The projects identified in this application are priorities based on criteria that includes the age of pipe, materials, and location. The projects will also improve system water quality by progressing with efforts that allow us to loop waterlines and eliminate dead-ends, and operator knowledge of past failures and risks of future failures. In addition, as an agency participating in the State Water Project through our State Water Contractor (the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District), the efforts of Oceano Community Services District, including replacing aged and obsolete leaking pipes, promotes reducing our reliance on State Water.

2. Project Benefits Table:

Table 3 - Project Benefits	
Anticipated Useful Life of Project (years):	40+
Primary (Required)	
Type of Benefit Claimed: Water Supply Reliability	Benefit Units*: AFY
Secondary (Optional)	
Type of Benefit Claimed: Operational Efficiency	Benefit Units*: Other

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Physical Benefits (At project completion or lifetime, as appropriate)		
(a)	(b)	(c)
Benefit	Added Physical Benefit Description	Quantitative Benefit
Primary	Improves water supply reliability by reducing system leaks	
Secondary	Improves the resiliency of water supply infrastructure	
Qualitative Benefits (For Decision Support Tools, please describe non-physical benefits.)		
<p>The quantified benefit of replacing non-standard obsolete/aged waterlines that are leaking has not been specifically quantified. Water infrastructure is known to be leaking and physical observation of leaks existing pipes at other locations with similar materials. As a disadvantaged community, the Oceano CSD lacks resources to quantify specific leaks. Nevertheless, the Oceano CSD recently prepared a Water Leak Detection Plan pursuant to AWWA standards which recommended the replacement of outdated and undersized waterlines although the District is not an Urban Water Supplier and is not required to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan.</p>		
Comments: [Include narrative on additional benefits, as warranted.]		

- * DWR may require applicant to convert or modify Benefit Claimed and/or Benefit Units. Where applicable, select one of the following units that corresponds to the benefit claimed:
- For water supply produced, saved, or recycled, enter acre-feet per year (AFY)
 - For water quality, enter constituent concentration reduced in mg/L
 - For flood damage reduction, enter inundated acres reduced in acres
 - For habitat improved, restored or protected, enter habitat restored in acres
 - For fishery benefits, enter increased fishery flow rate in cubic feet per second (cfs)
 - For species protection, enter number of species benefited

3. Does the proposed project provide benefits to multiple IRWM regions [or funding areas]? If the project is located in another funding area, please provide the information requested in the 2019 Guidelines, Section 1.A.

Yes No If yes, provide a description of the benefits to the various regions.

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4. Provide a narrative on cost considerations. For example, were other alternatives to achieve the same types and amounts of physical benefits as the proposed project evaluated? Provide a justification as to why the project was selected (e.g., if the proposed project is not the lowest cost alternative, why is it the preferred alternative? Are there any other advantages that the proposed project provides from a cost perspective?)

Cost estimates are straightforward due to the nature of project needs and the Oceano CSD is pursuing the lowest cost alternative.

5. a. Does the project address a contaminant listed in AB 1249?

Yes No If yes, complete parts b and c:

- b. Describe how the project helps address the contamination.

<Nitrate, Arsenic, Perchlorate, or Hexvalent Chromium>

- c. Does the project provide safe drinking water to a small disadvantaged community?

Yes No If yes, provide an explanation on how the project benefits a small disadvantaged community as defined in the 2019 IRWM Guidelines.

The water related need of Oceano is to improve supply and infrastructure reliability and resiliency.

Oceano meets the definition of a (severely) DAC, and determined by the State Water Board funded Income Survey completed in October 2017 (TA # 5011-A). Oceano has a population of 7,183 according to the 2020 US Census.

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6. Does the project provide safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes (consistent with AB 685) to meet a specific need(s) of a community?

Yes No If yes, please describe.

Yes, with improved system pressures, and flows, including for fire and other emergencies.

7. Does the project employ new or innovative technologies or practices, including decision support tools that support the integration of multiple jurisdictions, including, but not limited to, water supply, flood control, land use, and sanitation?

Yes No If yes, please describe.

8. If the project provides benefits (75% by population or geography) to a DAC, explain the need of the DAC and how the project will address the described need. Explain how the area/community meets the definition of a DAC.

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9. If the project provides benefits (75% by population or geography) to an EDA, explain the need of the EDA and how the project will address the described need. Explain how the area/community meets the definition of an EDA.

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10. If the project provides benefits (75% by population or geography) to a Tribe or a Tribe is the sponsor of the project, explain the need of the Tribe and how the project will address the described need.

N/A

11. Does the project sponsor have legal access rights, easements, or other access capabilities to the property to implement the project?

- Yes If yes, please describe.
- NA If NA, please describe why physical access to a property is not needed.
- No If no, please provide a clear and concise narrative with a schedule to obtain necessary access.

Projects are located within the County Road Right of Way and Encroachment Permits are routine.

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E. ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Please fill out the CEQA Timeline Table below, if applicable:

Table 4 - CEQA Timeline		
CEQA STEP	COMPLETE? (y/n)	ESTIMATED DATE TO COMPLETE
Initial Study		
Notice of Preparation		
Draft EIR/MND/ND		
Public Review		
Final EIR/MND/ND		
Adoption of Final EIR/MND/ND		
Notice of Determination		

a. If additional explanation or justification of the timeline is needed, please describe below (optional).

N/A Projects are Categorically Exempt.

2. Permit Acquisition Plan:

List all permits needed to complete the project. If the project does not provide benefits to a DAC, EDA, or Tribe (min 75%), all permits needed to begin construction must be acquired within 12 months of Final Award.

No.	Type of Permit	Permitting Agency	Date Acquired or Anticipated
1.	Encroachment Permit	County of San Luis Obispo	Fall 2022
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
n.			

For each permit not yet acquired, describe the following:

No.	a. Actions taken to date (include dates of any key meetings, consultations, submittals, etc.)	b. Any issues or obstacles that may delay acquisition of permit
1.	Routinely obtain permits for projects	No issues or obstacles
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
n.		

3. Permitting Checklist: This checklist is provided as a courtesy for documentation purposes. Not all permits which may apply are listed. (Required for Pre-Application Material Submittal; not required for Final Application Submittal)

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a. Does the project involve any activities that may affect federally or state listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat that are known, or have a potential, to occur on-site, in the surrounding area, or in the service area? (i.e. Federal Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation and Incidental Take Authorization and Section 10 Incidental Take Permit, California Endangered Species Act Permit, and/or ESA & CESA Consistency Determination)

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

b. Would the proposed project work in, over, or under navigable waters of the US or discharge dredged or fill material in waters of the US? (i.e. Rivers & Harbors Act Section 10 Permit and/or Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit)

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

c. Will the proposed project have the potential to affect historical, archaeological, or cultural resources? (i.e. National Historic Preservation Act and/or State Historic Preservation Officer Consultation)

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

d. Will the proposed project discharge into a water of the US? (i.e. Clean Water Act Section 401 and/or 404 Permit)

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

e. Will the proposed project divert the natural flow of a river, stream, or lake? (i.e. Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement)

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

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f. Will the proposed project change the bed, channel, or bank of a river, stream, or lake? (i.e. Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement)

Yes No If yes, please explain:

g. Will the proposed project use any material from the bed, channel, or bank of a river, stream, or lake? (i.e. Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement)

Yes No If yes, please explain:

h. Will the proposed project deposit or dispose of debris, waste, or other material containing crumbled, flaked, or ground pavement where it can pass into a river, stream, or lake? (i.e. Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement)

Yes No If yes, please explain:

i. For water supply projects, do you need to obtain a water right? (Water Rights Permit)

Yes No If yes, please explain:

j. Is the proposed project within the defined coastal zone? (Coastal Development Permit)

Yes No If yes, please explain:

Projects are in Coastal Zone but may be exempt from needing CDP. Previous project in same area was exempted by County Planning Dept. If needed, Routine CDP through County of SLO Planning Dept.