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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
for Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Projects

CDPH Funding Criteria

Incorporating the

Intended Use Plan, Project Priority List, and Fundable Projects List

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17th, 2009. Among its provisions, ARRA provides approximately \$160 million to the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF) for infrastructure development for California's drinking water systems. From February 1 to 27, 2009, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) held an open pre-application period for the ARRA funding. Over 2,200 pre-applications were received, with the funds requested exceeding \$6.8 billion. Because the funds requested far exceed the funds available, the selection of projects is highly competitive.

CDPH prioritized projects in accordance with existing SDWSRF procedures, based on the health risk to be addressed by the project, median household income, population, and water system type. From the prioritized list of projects, CDPH identified the projects that were most ready to proceed to assure compliance with ARRA requirements. Based on dates identified in the pre-applications for completed plans and specifications, as well as environmental documentation, CDPH determined those projects that could be under construction by the end of August 2009. In the draft fundable projects list, CDPH has also identified sufficient projects to meet the 20% reserve requirement for "Green Projects" specified in the ARRA.

A public comment period was held from May 4 to May 26, 2009. A Public Hearing was held on May 26, 2009. Upon evaluation of comments received, CDPH made revisions to the Fundable Projects List and the Project Priority List. No revisions were made to the Funding Criteria. The final Funding Criteria, Fundable Projects List, Project Priority List, and Intended Use Plan are posted on the CDPH website at:

<http://ww2.cdph.ca.gov/services/funding/Pages/SRF.aspx>