

2012 Pajaro IRWMP Project Form

To Stakeholders in the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Region:

The Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Regional Water Management Group is now requesting that stakeholders submit projects for inclusion in the Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan Update. Projects need to meet the following criteria for inclusion in the IRWM Plan:

- Must be located within the geographic boundaries of the Pajaro River Watershed;
- Must address water resource management issues in the Pajaro River Watershed Region, including water supply, water quality, flood management, and/or environmental enhancement;
- Must be consistent with the Region's goals and objectives; and
- Must have a clear project proponent, i.e., a person or entity responsible for implementation of the project.

The project application deadline is October 31, 2012. If interested in participating in the IRWM planning process and your project meets the criteria listed above, please complete the attached project application submittal form by the deadline. [Project Application Submittal Form](#)

All projects will require the submittal of a new application form to be considered in the IRWM Plan Update even if the projects were included in the 2007 IRWM Plan. Additional project information is required to fully comply with new IRWM planning standards and, therefore, the RWMG is asking that all project information be resubmitted to receive adequate consideration in the plan.

About this project solicitation: We want to be clear that this project solicitation process is for the purpose of including projects into the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan; *it is not for the purpose of applying to the State for IRWM grant funds at this time.* Implementation projects included in the IRWM Plan will be potentially eligible for future IRWM grant solicitations, including the next IRWM Implementation Grant solicitation in 2013.

We also want to be clear that inclusion in the IRWM Plan *does not guarantee* that a project will get submitted to the State for IRWM grant funds. All implementation projects included in the IRWM Plan will get scored and ranked according to the region's project prioritization process. For any particular IRWM grant solicitation, the Regional Water Management Group will put together a package of projects that, when combined, offer the greatest benefits to the largest geographic area within the region and the most competitive proposal. More information on a potential IRWM grant application will be provided later this year. As always, we encourage you to apply for other sources of grant funds to support your projects, in addition to the IRWM grant program.

Thank you for your interest. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the application, the application process, the project ranking process, or anything else to do with the IRWM planning. Also, please contact me if you would like assistance with Spanish translation of the IRWM materials.

Please visit the San Benito County Water District website for additional IRWM documents at www.sbcwd.com