

advance of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to fund the construction of a non-potable water distribution system. The source of the non-potable water would come from four sources: (1) A mixture of advanced tertiary treated wastewater (recycled water) generated at the Henry N. Wochholz Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); (2) untreated surface water; (3) untreated imported water from the State Water Project; and (4) non-potable groundwater pumped from the Yucaipa Management Zone Groundwater basin to a lesser degree. Currently, the Yucaipa Valley Water District (District) discharges approximately 3.0 million gallons per day (mgd) of tertiary treated wastewater into San Timoteo Creek from the WWTP via an outfall located approximately 1.5 miles upstream of Redlands Boulevard. Some or all of the tertiary treated effluent would be withdrawn from San Timoteo Creek for use within the non-potable water distribution system.

Purpose: In accordance with Section 15082 of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the District is the lead agency in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Regional Non-Potable Water Distribution System Project. In accordance with Section 1501.7 and 1508.22 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. EPA is the lead agency in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The District and EPA are coordinating to prepare a joint EIR/EIS.

For Further Information, to Submit Comments, and To Be Placed on a Project Mailing List, Contact: Ms. Elizabeth Borowiec, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code WTR-4, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California, 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 972-3419 or FAX: (415) 947-3537 or E-mail at borowiec.elizabeth@epa.gov.

Summary: This Notice is to announce EPA and the District's intention to collect public comment in advance of preparing an EIS.

Need for Action: The Yucaipa Valley Water District is dependent on local groundwater sources, surface water and imported water to meet the potable water demands of its customers. Currently, these groundwater basins are experiencing an overdraft of 3,000 acre-feet per year. The proposed project would reduce the demand for potable water by up to 1,300 acre-feet per year under existing conditions.

Alternatives: The following proposed alternatives have been tentatively defined:

1. "Proposed Project"—A total of approximately 126,100 linear feet of pipeline, eight reservoirs and four pump stations would be constructed, maintained and operated to distribute non-potable water to markets identified in the Water Master Plan as Phase I and II customers. Approximately, 9,600 linear feet of pipeline would be constructed to discharge water to San Timoteo Creek at the Live Oak Road bridge crossing. Also, one existing reservoir (H-1) located near the proposed Casa Blanca golf course would be converted from potable to non-potable water storage, maintained and operated by the District as part of the non-potable water distribution system.

2. "A Reduced Distribution System Alternative"—A total of 39,900 linear feet of pipeline and two reservoirs would be constructed to distribute non-potable water to markets identified in the Water Master Plan as Phase I customers. Approximately, 9,600 linear feet of pipeline would be constructed to discharge water to San Timoteo Creek at the Live Oak Road bridge crossing. Also, one existing reservoir (H-1) located near the proposed Casa Blanca golf course would be converted from potable to non-potable water storage, maintained and operated by the District as part of the non-potable water distribution system.

3. "A No-Project Alternative"—Construction of a non-potable water distribution system would not occur.

Scoping: EPA is requesting written comments from federal, state, and local governments, industry, non-governmental organizations, and the general public on the need for action, the range of alternatives considered, and the potential impacts of the alternatives. Scoping comments will be accepted for 30 days, beginning with the date of this Notice. A public scoping meeting is scheduled for this proposed project on September 29, 2003 at 6:00 pm at the Yucaipa Valley Water District at 12770 Second Street in Yucaipa, California. Because of the time limits provided by State law, responses should be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than October 14, 2003.

Estimated Date of Draft EIS Release: Spring 2004.

Dated: September 8, 2003.

Janet Bearden,

*Environmental Protection Specialist,
Environmental Protection Agency.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Region III Urban Initiative Grants; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA Region III is announcing the availability of approximately \$60,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2003 grant/cooperative agreement funds under section 20 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended, for grants to non-profit groups, including commodity groups/associations and farmers' groups, State agencies, Tribal governments, cooperative extensions, universities, and institutes of higher learning for public education, training, monitoring, demonstration, and studies.

DATES: Proposals must be postmarked by October 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Proposals may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier to Fatima El Abdaoui at the address/e-mail listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fatima El Abdaoui, Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Mail code 3WC32, Waste & Chemicals Management Division, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029; telephone number: (215) 814-2129; fax number: (215) 814-3113; e-mail address: El-Abdaoui.Fatima@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to eligible applicants who primarily operate out of and will conduct the project in one of the following Region III States: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia or the District of Columbia. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0171. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgrstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

3. *By mail or in person.* Contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

II. Purpose of this Request

EPA's, Waste & Chemicals Management Division, Pesticides/Asbestos Programs & Enforcement Branch, Region III, is requesting proposals for its Urban Initiative Grant. The goals of the Urban Initiative Grant Program are to: (1) Detect any diversion of highly toxic pesticides from the agriculture sector into urban areas for illegal use indoors; (2) identify any ongoing misuse of agricultural pesticides in urban and residential communities; and (3) prevent future diversion and structural application of pesticide misuse through compliance assistance and education. This program is included in the Catalog of Federal

Domestic Assistance under number 66.716.

III. Grant Specifics

1. *Amount of funding available.* A total of approximately \$60,000 in Federal funds is available to award for projects in Region III. The number of awards will depend on individual proposal cost; the final aggregate amount of Federal funding for all proposals; and the total amount of Federal funding available. Should additional funding become available for award, the Agency may award additional grants based on this solicitation and in accordance with the final selection process, without further notice of competition.

2. *Funding type.* The funding for selected award projects is in the form of a grant awarded under FIFRA.

3. *Right to reject all initial proposals.* The Agency reserves the right to reject all proposals and make no awards.

4. *Matching/cost share requirements.* There are no cost share requirements for these projects. However, matching funds are encouraged.

5. *Project period time frame.* The project period time frame should not exceed 2 years.

6. *Eligible applicants.* Grant funds are available to non-profit groups, including commodity groups/associations and farmers' groups, State agencies, Tribal governments, cooperative extensions, universities, and institutes of higher learning. Ineligible groups are encouraged to work with an eligible organization to submit proposals. Implementation of all projects must occur within one of the following EPA Region III States: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia or the District of Columbia. EPA will consider only one proposal by an applicant.

7. *Proposal submittal.* All proposals should be mailed or hand delivered to: Fatima El Abdaoui, Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Waste & Chemicals Management Division, Mail code (3WC32), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.

8. *Due dates.* EPA will consider all proposals which are postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service, hand delivered, or electronically delivered to the Agency, or include official delivery service documentation indicating EPA acceptance from a delivery service, on or before the deadline published in the request for initial proposals. This due date is October 3, 2003. Proposals received after the due date will not be considered for funding.

9. *Statutory and regulatory authorities.* Urban Initiative Grants will

be awarded under the authority of section 20 of FIFRA, as amended, for public education, training, monitoring, demonstration and studies. The regulations governing the award and administration of these grants can be found at 40 CFR part 30 for institutions of higher education, colleges and universities, and non-profit organizations; and 40 CFR part 31 for States and local governments.

10. *Allowable costs.* EPA grant funds may only be used for the purposes set forth in the grant agreement, and must be consistent with the statutory authority for the award. Grant funds may not be used for matching funds for other Federal grants, lobbying, or intervention in Federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings. In addition, Federal funds may not be used to sue the Federal government or any other government entity. All costs identified in the budget must conform to applicable Federal Cost Principles contained in OMB Circular A-87; A-122; and A-21, as appropriate.

11. *Federal requirements.* An applicant whose proposal is selected for Federal funding must complete additional forms prior to award (see 40 CFR 30.12 and 31.10). In addition, successful applicants will be required to certify that they have not been debarred or suspended from participation in Federal assistance awards in accordance with 40 CFR part 32.

12. *Intergovernmental review.* Applicants must comply with the Intergovernmental Review Process and/or consultation provisions of Executive Order 12372 or section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act, if applicable, which are contained in 40 CFR part 29. Further information regarding this requirement will be provided if your proposal is selected for funding.

13. *Pre-application assistance.* None planned.

IV. Proposal Format and Contents

Proposals must be typewritten, double spaced in 12 point or larger print using 8.5 x 11 inch paper with minimum 1 inch horizontal and vertical margins. Pages must be numbered in order starting with the cover page and continuing through the appendices. One original and one electronic copy (e-mail or disk) is required. All proposals must include:

1. Completed Standard Form SF 424*, Application for Federal Assistance. Please include organization fax number and e-mail address.

2. Completed Section B--Budget Categories, on page 1 of Standard Form

SF 424A*, (See Unit III.10.--Allowable Cost).

*Blank forms may be located at <http://www.epa.gov/region03/grants/appforms.htm> or by contacting Fatima El Abdaoui at telephone number (215) 814-2129.

3. Detailed itemization of the amounts budgeted by individual Object Class Categories (See Unit III.10.--Allowable Cost).

4. Statement regarding whether this proposal is a continuation of a previously funded project. If so, please provide the assistance number and status of the current grant/cooperative agreement.

5. *Executive Summary.* The Executive Summary shall be a stand alone document, not to exceed one page, containing the specifics of what is proposed and what you expect to accomplish regarding measuring or movement toward achieving project goals. This summary should identify the measurable environmental results you expect including potential human health and ecological benefits.

6. *Table of contents.* A one page table listing the different parts of your proposal and the page number on which each part begins.

7. *Proposal narrative.* Includes Parts I-VI (Parts I through VI listed below are not to exceed 10 pages).

- *Part I--Project title.* Self explanatory.

- *Part II--Objectives.* A numbered list (1, 2, etc.) of concisely written project objectives, in most cases, each objective can be stated in a single sentence.

- *Part III--Justification.* For each objective listed in Part II, discuss the potential outcome in terms of environmental, human health, pesticide risk and/or use reduction or pollution prevention. If appropriate, the target pest(s) and use area(s) should be explicitly stated. This section should be numbered with a justification corresponding to each objective.

- *Part IV--Literature review.* Briefly, describe relevant information currently available. This should also include information on projects currently in progress that are relevant to or provide the basis for either the experimental design or the validation of a new approach to pest management.

- *Part V--Approach and methods.* Describe in detail how the program will be carried out. Describe how the system or approach will support the program goals.

- *Part VI--Impact assessment.* Please state how you will evaluate the success of the program in terms of measurable environmental results. How and with what measures will humans or

ecosystems be better protected as a result of the program.

8. *Proposal appendices.* These appendices must be included in the grant proposal. Additional appendices are not permitted.

- *Literature cited.* List cited key literature references alphabetically by author.

- *Timetable.* A timetable that includes what will be accomplished under each of the objectives during the project and when completion of each objective is anticipated.

- *Major participants.* This appendix should list all farmers, farm organizations, researchers, educators, and conservationists and others having a major role in the proposal. Provide name, organizational affiliation or occupation (such as farmer) and a description of the role each will play in the project. A brief resume (not to exceed two pages) should be submitted for each major researcher or other educator.

9. *Electronic copy.* The electronic copy should be e-mailed to El-Abdaoui.Fatima@epa.gov or submitted on a 3.5 disk, IBM compatible, readable in Word Perfect WP6/7/8 for Windows. The electronic copy should be consolidated into a single file. Original copy and disk should be sent to: Fatima El Abdaoui, Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Waste & Chemicals Management Division, 1650 Arch Street, Mail Code (3WC32), Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029. Disks will be checked for computer viruses. Proposals that are submitted with viruses will be disqualified. To be considered, both the paper and electronic copy must be received by the due date.

V. Preliminary Eligibility Screening Requirements

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must meet all of the following criteria. Failure to meet the following criteria will result in the automatic disqualification of the proposal for funding consideration:

1. Be a applicant who is eligible to receive funding under this announcement.
2. The proposal must meet all format and content requirements contained in this notice.
3. The proposal must comply with the directions for submittal contained in this notice.

VI. Proposed Evaluation Criteria

All proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria and weights (Total: 100 points) :

1. Qualification and experience of the applicant relative to the proposed project activity. (Weighting: 30 points)

2. Project proposal is consistent with the goals of the Urban Initiative Grants. (Weighting: 30 points)

3. Provisions for a quantitative or qualitative evaluation of the project success at achieving stated goals. (Weighting: 20 points)

4. Likelihood that the project can be replicated in other areas by other organizations to their benefit. (Weighting: 20 points)

VII. Processes

A. Evaluation Process

Applicants will be screened to ensure that they meet all eligibility criteria and will be disqualified if they do not meet the criteria. All proposals will be reviewed, evaluated, and ranked by a selected panel of EPA reviewers based on the evaluation criteria listed in Unit VI.

B. Selection Process

The funding decision will be made from the group of top rated proposals based on the following additional factors:

- Region III's environmental priorities which include preventing pollution from one media to another and to strive towards the reduction or elimination of environmental contamination.

- The extent of anticipated environmental impact of the project in Region III.

1. *Selection official.* The final selection of initial proposals will be made by the Region III, Director, Waste & Chemicals Management Division.

2. *Notification.* The Region III EPA Office will mail acknowledgments to applicants upon receipt of the proposal. Once proposals have been reviewed, evaluated, and ranked, applicants will be notified regarding the outcome of the competition. A listing of the successful proposals will be posted on the Region III website address (<http://epa.gov/region03>) at the conclusion of the competition. This website may also contain additional information about this announcement including information concerning deadline extensions or other modifications.

C. Dispute Resolution Process

The procedures for dispute resolution at 40 CFR 30.63 and 40 CFR 31.70 apply.

VIII. Confidential Business Information

Applicants should clearly mark information contained in their proposal which they consider confidential

business information. EPA reserves the right to make final confidentially decisions in accordance with Agency regulations at 40 CFR part 2, subpart B. If no such claim accompanies the proposal when it is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the applicant.

X. Congressional Review Act

Under the Agency's current interpretation of the definition of a "rule," grant solicitations such as this which are competitively awarded on the basis of selection criteria, are considered rules for the purpose of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). The CRA, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rules must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This rule is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Risk reduction.

Dated: August 25, 2003.

Thomas C. Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7557-6]

Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting (Teleconference)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency), Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a publicly-accessible

teleconference: for the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) to review, deliberate on, and approve the report of the CASAC National Ambient Air Monitoring Strategy (NAAMS) Subcommittee; and for the CASAC Particulate Matter (PM) Review Panel to discuss follow-on matters related to its review of the EPA Air Quality Criteria Document for Particulate Matter (Fourth External Review Draft).

DATES: The teleconference will take place on Friday, October 3, 2003, from 2 to 5 pm (Eastern Time). The CASAC will discuss the report of the CASAC NAAMS Subcommittee from 2 to 3 pm; and the CASAC PM Review Panel will discuss follow-on matters related to the draft PM Air Quality Criteria Document from 3 to 5 pm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public who wish to obtain the teleconference call-in numbers and access codes should contact Ms. Delores Darden, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff, at telephone/voice mail: (202) 564-2282, or e-mail: darden.delores@epa.gov, or Ms. Sandra Friedman, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff, at telephone/voice mail: (202) 564-2526, or e-mail: friedman.sandra@epa.gov.

Any member of the public who wants further information concerning this teleconference, or who wishes to submit written or brief oral comments (five minutes or less), must contact Mr. Fred Butterfield, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail: (202) 564-4561; fax: (202) 501-0582; or e-mail:

butterfield.fred@epa.gov. Requests to provide oral comments must be in *writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Mr. Butterfield no later than noon Eastern Time five business days prior to the teleconference in order to reserve time on the meeting agenda. Written comments (preferably via e-mail) should be sent to Mr. Butterfield by the same deadline so that these comments can be provided to the CASAC or the CASAC PM Review Panel, as applicable, prior to the teleconference. See additional instructions in the section below entitled, "Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings." General information concerning the CASAC or the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Summary:* The Clean Air Scientific Advisory

Committee, which comprises seven members appointed by the EPA Administrator, was established under section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7409) as an independent scientific advisory committee, in part to provide advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of issues related to air quality criteria and national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) under sections 108 and 109 of the Act. The CASAC, which is administratively located under the EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office, is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The CASAC and CASAC Particulate Matter Review Panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Background: The CASAC NAAMS Subcommittee is charged with providing advice, information and recommendations to the Agency on the technical bases and design aspects of the National Ambient Air Monitoring Strategy. The NAAMS Subcommittee held a public meeting in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, on July 8-9, 2003 (68 FR 34945, June 11, 2003) to review the NAAMS document. The Subcommittee will report to the Administrator of EPA through the CASAC.

The CASAC PM Review Panel is charged in part with providing advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of issues related to air quality criteria and NAAQS for particulate matter, under sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act. The PM Review Panel reports directly to the Administrator of EPA. This teleconference is a follow-on to the Panel's review of the EPA Air Quality Criteria Document for Particulate Matter (Fourth External Review Draft), which review took place in a public meeting held in Research Triangle Park on August 25-26, 2003 (68 FR 47060, August 7, 2003), and specifically to discuss the restructuring of Chapter 9 (Integrative Synthesis) of that document.

Availability of Additional Meeting Materials: The draft agenda for the CASAC and CASAC PM Review Panel teleconference will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> (under the "Agendas" subheading) in advance of the meeting. The draft report of the CASAC NAAMS Subcommittee, and any other materials that may be available, will also be posted on the SAB Web site during this time-frame.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings: It is the policy of the