



# **Draft SRF Project Application Priority Ranking Method**

**Agenda Item G**

**State Water Infrastructure Authority Meeting**

**February 2014**

# Summary

- Simplify
- Transition DWSRF from Ready-to-Proceed (RTP) model to prioritize-and-schedule model
- Make DWSRF more like CWSRF

# Details of Changes to DWSRF Priority Procedure

- Was: Months of iterative review
  - Need quicker turnaround
  - CWSRF = 30 day
  - Requires a simpler system
- Was: RTP before not-RTP
  - Desire priority order
    - Funding higher priority projects better serves public health goals

# Priority Rating System – Categories

Category I – Project Type

Category II – Public Health Benefits

Category III – System Management

Category IV – Financial Situation

# Category I – Project Type

- Consolidation
- Rehabilitation
- New and Expanding
- Other

# Category II – Public Health Benefits

- Analogous to CW environmental benefits
- Focused on Public Water Supply Systems
  - DWSRF created to assist in compliance with SDWA
  - Items 5 - 10
- Also recognize public health goals of SDWA
  - Item 11

# Category III – System Management

- Remove points for “compatible with State Water Supply Plan”
  - Effectively an eligibility requirement
  - Everyone got points
- Remove cross-connection control plan
  - Difficult to distinguish between state minimum plumbing code and exemplary cross-connection control program
- Remove incentives for low-flow devices
  - Very low incentives / not genuinely “offered”

# Category III – System Management

- Remove points for water reclamation or re-use
  - More a CW issue than DW
  - Water reclamation or re-use projects are eligible and prioritized for CWSRF
- Retain protection plan, planning, water loss, conservation rate structure
- Simplify DWSRF Priority



# Category IV – Financial Situation

- Two programs will have identical scoring for Financial Situation
- 5,000 gallons vs. 4,500 gallons
- Use poverty rate

## Action Item

Staff recommends that SWIA approve the presentation of the existing CWSRF Priority Rating System at the March 5th public meeting, and the presentation of the new DWSRF Priority Rating System at the March 5th public meeting.



# Questions