

Cooperative Funding Initiative — FY 2013 Water Quality

The following is provided as guidance for cooperators wanting to participate in the District's Cooperative Funding Initiative in the area of **Water Quality**. The District seeks participation with cooperators in projects that treat stormwater runoff prior to entering State Waters through the implementation of best management practices (BMPs). Of priority are projects that discharge into Surface Water Improvement and Management priority water bodies and other regionally significant water features. The District's cooperative funding program seeks to leverage funds available at the District and local governments to address water quality issues on a watershed basis.

What types of projects are we looking to participate in?

1. Projects that capture and provide treatment of stormwater utilizing proven BMPs.
2. Projects that provide measurable reduction in nutrients and other stormwater pollutants at a reasonable cost.
3. Only those projects that provide water quality improvement beyond any regulatory requirement associated with an agency permit or enforcement action.
4. Projects that upon completion will be maintained perpetually by the cooperator.
5. Projects that can show readiness to proceed by having permits issued.
6. Projects that incorporate a treatment system design that is compatible with the existing natural surroundings or incorporate improvements so that the system is aesthetically appealing, thereby encouraging the public to recognize the value of water quality treatment.
7. Projects that provide additional benefits of water conservation, flood protection and natural system improvement.

All cooperative funding applications should include the following information:

- Project concept. Brief project narrative describing how the project will protect or improve water quality.
- Project area. Identify the receiving water body and the contributing area to the treatment system.
- Identify the BMPs to be incorporated, or potential BMPs, and quantify the expected pollution load reduction.
- Provide economic feasibility (cost per pound of pollutant removed) and permit feasibility.
- Identify any previous work completed (i.e., feasibility studies, conceptual designs, etc.); when, what and with whom.
- Schedule and budget. Develop a schedule and budget for the project, which will become more refined as the project steps are accomplished.

If there are any questions, contact your Community Affairs program manager.