

	Organization or Entity	Summary of Comments	Date Received
1	JS Pomeroy, Jr.	1. <u>Additional Considerations</u> – Mandate living soils, monitor tillage, incentivize the use of compost tea.	5/17/2021
2	Devin M. Jarvis	1. <u>Technology</u> – Allow for farming operations to adopt subsurface textile irrigation.  2. <u>Increasing Opportunities for Surface Water Users</u> – Set up desalination plants that are powered by green energy. Pipe water into areas with heavy groundwater use.	5/17/2021
3	Kalin Farms	1. <u>Program Buckets</u> – Create a water focused project category.	5/28/2021
4	California Climate & Agriculture Network	1. <u>Ease Language Barriers</u> – “CDFA should provide outreach, educational materials and, to the degree possible, the application in multiple languages, prioritizing Spanish. Additionally, technical assistance in various languages should also be provided and prioritized.”  2. <u>Increase Opportunities for Surface Water Users</u> – “CDFA should allow for water supply to have the inclusion of a storage and compensation reservoir so that the farmer can capture the water on the intervals that water is delivered or diverted...” and “CDFA should divide funding into two categories: ‘Water-focused’ or ‘Water-and GHG-focused’ potentially setting aside specific funding amount for each category of project.”	6/15/2021

		<p>3. <u>Additional Considerations for Prioritizing Applicants for Award</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “CDFA should give some priority to lower income brackets.”</li> </ul> <p>4. <u>Streamline Application Process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “CDFA should Increase the pre-application outreach period to six months and the application window to 90 days to accommodate farmers' harvest and work schedules. CDFA should hold the application period in early winter when most farmers are not in harvest or planting season, but ensure it is long enough so that technical assistance providers are not impacted during holiday season.”</li> </ul> <p>5. <u>Distribution of Grant Funds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “CDFA should allow farmers to apply for 25% advance payment more than once, so that they can request an additional payment after they have used up their first 25%.”</li> </ul>	
5	California Walnut Board & Commission	<p>1. <u>Availability of Technical Assistance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve involvement and transparency and use electronic communication such as webinars, workshops, and learning sessions.</li> <li>- Provide pump testing for small farmers.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide a sample budget to demonstrate to farmers how to categorize their submission.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>2. <u>Technology Requirements and Restrictions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allow for the expense of soil mapping and aerial imagery to be reimbursable.</li> </ul> <p>3. <u>State Level Strategy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dams and other means to increase surface storage and ground water</li> </ul>	6/15/2021

		recharge need to be improved and optimized.	
<b>6</b>	Imperial Valley Water	<p>1. <u>Program Buckets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support the recommendation to divide funding into two project categories, "Water-focused" and "Water and Energy-focused" and setting aside a specific funding amount for each category.</li> </ul>	6/14/2021
<b>7</b>	Imperial County Farm Bureau	<p>1. <u>Increase Opportunities of Surface Water Users</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Imperial Valley uses surface water that uses gravity flow to irrigate and does not require energy in many cases. Regional differences in agricultural production should be recognized.</li> <li>- Support project funding being divided into two project categories, "water focused" and "water and energy focused".</li> </ul>	6/16/2021
<b>8</b>	North San Joaquin Water Conservation District	<p>1. <u>Considerations Around the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There should be an additional focus on critically over-drafted groundwater basins and coordination with the implementation of SGMA.</li> </ul> <p>2. <u>Program Buckets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Divide funding into two categories, one being water focused and the other GHG and water focused.</li> <li>- Define two cost categories for small (\$50k) and medium (\$75k - \$200K) size farms and allow for small farms to have a simplified application.</li> <li>- Divide funding into three categories, one being water focused, one being GHG focused, and one being both water and GHG focused.</li> </ul>	6/16/2021

		<p>3. <u>Increase opportunities for Surface Water Users</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Support funding the installation of surface water reservoirs and to allow for the pressurization of that water for irrigation. Additionally, allow for these projects to be joint projects between farmers.</li><li>- Allow for farmers that are supplied pressurized water from an irrigation district a pathway to apply. Additionally, allow for farmers that go from ground water only to surface and ground water to receive priority.</li></ul> <p>4. <u>Application Process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Increase the pre-application outreach to 6 months and application window to 90 days.</li><li>- Allow for a three-tiered approach for funding projects.</li><li>- Pump tests and energy records should not be required when a farmer wants to apply but can be obtained after they are awarded.</li><li>- Provide case studies in training materials and provide examples of successful applications.</li></ul> <p>5. <u>Additional Considerations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Give priority to small famer beyond SDAC and SDFR qualifications and base this off a statement of need.</li><li>- Prioritize regions that are critically over-drafted.</li></ul> <p>6. <u>Sustainable Groundwater Management Act</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-CDFA should coordinate with Farm Bureaus and GSAs.</li><li>- Coordinate with GSAs to avoid incentivizing project on land that will be fallowed due to SGMA.</li></ul>	
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9	Sustainable Conservation	<p>1. <u>Program Buckets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase the maximum grant award amount from \$100,000 to \$400,000.</li> </ul> <p>2. <u>Additional Considerations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Add significant points for dairy subsurface drip irrigation (SDI) project into the technical review scoring guidance for upcoming funding rounds.</li> </ul>	6/16/2021
10	Almond Alliance of California	<p>1. <u>Technology Support for Applicants and Awardees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SWEEP should adopt a process to propose and vet new practices for inclusion into the program.</li> </ul> <p>2. <u>Program Buckets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a water focused project category.</li> </ul> <p>3. <u>Increase Opportunities for Surface Water Users</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support funding the installation of surface water reservoirs and to allow for the pressurization of that water for irrigation.</li> </ul> <p>4. <u>Additional Considerations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide farmers with support with projects located on critically over drafted groundwater basins.</li> </ul> <p>5. <u>Collaborative Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support creating an avenue for applications by irrigation districts that incorporate groups of growers.</li> </ul> <p>6. <u>Technology Requirement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Growers should identify a reason why on-farm weather systems may provide better decision-making capabilities than CIMIS.</li> </ul>	6/16/2021