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**Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)  
 Project Proposal Form**

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Detailed guidance on the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board’s Prop 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant program web page at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/irwmgp/index.html>. Please familiarize yourself with the general requirements of this program before preparing and submitting a project proposal.

Completed forms should be submitted no later than December 1, 2004, either via email to [jon.vanrhyn@sdcountry.ca.gov](mailto:jon.vanrhyn@sdcountry.ca.gov) or mailed to the following location:

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 9325 Hazard Way  
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**SECTION A – PROJECT INFORMATION**

<b>1. Project Title</b>	<b>Borrego Groundwater Protection Acquisition</b>
<b>2. Contact Information</b>	
? Agency/organization	Borrego Water District (BWD) / Save Our Aquifer Coalition (SOAC)
? Address	P.O. 1870, 806 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004
? Phone	760/767-5806
? E-mail	<a href="mailto:bwdmail@borregowd.org">bwdmail@borregowd.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:lynnebaker@cox.net">lynnebaker@cox.net</a>
? Submitted by (name & title)	Eleanor Shimeall; President of the Board of Directors’, Borrego Water District; Lynne Baker, Esq. , SOAC
<b>3. Project Location (City/Community)</b>	Borrego Springs, CA, unincorporated San Diego County, Colorado River Basin
<b>4. Watershed (if multiple or regional, please indicate)</b>	SWRCB Watershed Management Area: Salton Sea Transboundary Watershed, Anza Borrego Hydrologic Unit #722, Sole Source Aquifer / Borrego Springs
<b>5. Amount Requested</b>	\$120,000.00
<b>6. Match Information (a minimum 10% match is required for all projects):</b>	
? Estimated match amount	\$12,000.00
? Has a match been identified (y/n)?	Yes
? If so, please identify the source(s)	BWD General Fund to pay appraisal, contract and closing costs, furnish Board and Staff time. SOAC

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	volunteer time.
<b>7. Status of Project (conceptual, designed &amp; ready to build, CEQA completed, etc.)</b>	Project able to be completed within 120 days of grant funding. Acquisition requires no environmental documentation.
<b>8. Project Description (less than 100 words)</b> Agricultural pumping accounts for 70% of the total valley's water usage. Aquifer levels drop from 3-5 feet per year, stressing endangered wildlife and sensitive vegetation. Retirement of water intensive farming activities is the only viable alternative to importing water, which studies have shown is economically infeasible.  Grantee would purchase farmland or agriculture water rights from willing sellers to reduce demand on the sole source aquifer. Agricultural water rights would be retired. Property would be resold for low-water use with desert native landscape restrictions. Proceeds go to repeat process in ongoing effort to achieve significant long term redress of the overdraft.	
<b>9. Additional information (include photo, regional map, text as needed. Please limit entire document to 3 pages or less):</b> See attached SOAC Questions and Answers about the Borrego Valley Aquifer.  Willing Sellers on Public Record as of 11/04: 160 acres of Vicking Ranch, Owner Franz DeKlotz 40 acre Pepper Farm, Owner Ron Dagman	

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## **SECTION B – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**1. CWC section 79561 states that eligible projects must include one or more of the water management elements listed below (see Guidance Section III.C.). Please check all that apply to your proposed project.**

- Programs for water supply reliability, water conservation, and water use efficiency
- Storm water capture, storage, treatment, and management
- Removal of invasive non-native plants, the creation and enhancement of wetlands, and the acquisition, protection, and restoration of open space and watershed lands
- Non-point source pollution reduction, management and monitoring
- Groundwater recharge and management projects
- Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation, desalting and other treatment technologies
- Water banking, water exchange, water reclamation and improvement of water quality
- Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood control programs that protect property; and improve water quality, storm water capture and percolation; and protect or improve wildlife habitat
- Watershed management planning and implementation
- Demonstration projects to develop new drinking water treatment and distribution methods

**2. The Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) have established the statewide priorities listed below for guiding the selection of projects for funding (see Guidance Section II.E.). Please check all that apply to your proposed project.**

- Reduce conflict between water users or resolve water rights disputes, including interregional water rights issues
- Implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads that are established or under development
- Implementation of Regional Water Quality Control Board Watershed Management Initiative Chapters, plans, and policies
- Meet Delta Water Quality Objectives
- Implementation of recommendations of the floodplain management task force, desalination task force, or recycling task force;
- Address environmental justice concerns
- Assist in achieving one or more goals of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program

**NOTE: The eligibility requirements and statewide priorities listed above should be considered minimum screening criteria for project selection. Additional prioritization criteria will be identified once regional goals have been established for the draft IRWM Plan. In general, applicants should assume that preference will be**

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**given to projects that are regional, multi-functional, and able to demonstrate multiple benefits.**

**NOTE: Proposals that include on-stream or off stream surface water storage facilities are not eligible.**