208 604 (b) funding

Remaining Questions

1) Does the Department intend to continue providing the 40% funding to DPAs in FY2020 and beyond as prioritized in federal law? Yes
2) Are DPA contracts continuing? Yes, but on an annual basis.
3) If not, will an evaluation of performance-not-achieved be provided? Will re-direction steps be provided? N/A
4) What has the Department decided relating to our proposal to provide the remaining 60% of 604(b) funds to the DPAs on a rotational basis in FY 2020 – 2024? Yes, based on the five year DPA schedule of grant proposals.
5) How they selected grant winners for this competitive grant cycle? Based on criteria
6) Is there more to the criteria for grants than we noted down below? No
7) Is KOUls an official designation or term? Yes, will explain
8) Were priority watersheds selected based on number of impairments? Yes
9) What is the rating system for criteria? There is none at this time.
10) Have you considered a requirement for the current fiscal year grant winners to coordinate with DPAs and 208 plans. Not at this time. Your suggestions were heard.
11) What is the upcoming timeline for ADEQ’s funding decisions? N/A
12) What definition of “Planning Agency” is ADEQ using for these grants? What it based on? Is it different than current ADEQ or EPA regulatory language?

Criteria
As heard so far from ADEQ

• Impaired waters - The number of impaired waters in a watershed could establish the watershed as a priority watershed.
• Priority watersheds - see above message. The three priority watersheds are the San Pedro, the Verde and the Bradshaw Mountains
• Measurable impacts - The question(s) the DPAs have posed in the grant proposals will hopefully produce measurable impacts as a result?
• Public health and the environment
• Known Ongoing Unauthorized Impacts (KOUls). They are sites that are violating regulatory limits and may be impacting the environment.
• Connection of planning grants to Jade’s watershed protection (319) funds to aid next steps of implementation of on the ground, non-point source pollutants
• From Jade’s presentation about current year grants
  o water quality management planning
    • (A) identifying most cost effective and locally acceptable facility and non-point measures to meet and maintain water quality standards;
    • (B) developing an implementation plan to obtain State and local financial and regulatory commitments to implement measures developed under subparagraph (A);
    • (C) determining the nature, extent, and causes of water quality problems in various areas of the State and interstate region, and reporting on these annually; and
    • (D) determining those publicly owned treatment works which should be constructed with assistance under this title
  o Possible Topics to Cover in Plans
    • Low Impact Development
    • Green Infrastructure
    • Flood control
    • Infrastructure
    • Stormwater infiltration
    • Septic upgrades
    • Streambank stabilization