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Notice of the 2012 Universal Pre-Application for the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

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The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is pleased to announce the availability of the **2012 Universal Pre-Application**. The Universal Pre-Application is the initial step in requesting funding through the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF). Pre-Applications will be used to create a Project Priority List that serves as the basis for which projects receive invitations to submit full applications.

The SRF provides low interest loans to fund public water system infrastructure projects. Grant funding may be available to disadvantaged communities that are unable to afford loans. Emphasis is focused on projects that solve public health and significant compliance issues. Nearly \$200 million in funding is anticipated to be available for award in the upcoming year.

- *For the last 2 years CDPH has invited all projects in categories A through G to submit full application for SRF funding (see attached category definitions).*
- *CDPH encourages consolidation projects that solve small water system public health problems*
- *For a limited time, CDPH intends to invite projects in category H, for installation of new water meters (not replacements or electronic reader upgrades).*
- *Construction ready projects will be given priority.*

The 2012 Universal Pre-Application will be available on-line beginning **May 4, 2012**, at the link provided below. First you will need to obtain an access code from CDPH at (916) 449-5600 or DWPfunds@cdph.ca.gov. Then, go to link below:

<http://drinc.des.ucdavis.edu/unipreapp>

The deadline for submitting your Universal Pre-Application is July 2, 2012.

Eligible Pre-Applications submitted will be evaluated and ranked by CDPH staff, and incorporated into a draft project priority list (PPL). The draft PPL will be posted for public review and comment prior to final adoption.

To learn more about the 2012 Universal Pre-Application, including complete Universal Pre-Application instructions, Frequently Asked Questions, Detailed Project Ranking Criteria, please follow this link: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Pages/UniversalPreapplication.aspx>

**Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
Project Ranking Categories (Brief)
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CATEGORY A: Water systems with deficiencies that have resulted in documented waterborne disease outbreak illnesses that are attributable to the water systems, or water systems under a court order to correct SDWA violations and/or water outage problems.

CATEGORY B: Water systems that have repeatedly violated the total coliform MCL (TCR) due to active sources contaminated with coliform bacteria (fecal, E. coli, or total coliform)

CATEGORY C: Water systems which have (1) a surface water supply, or a groundwater under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI) source, that is not filtered, or untreated; or (2) non GWUDI well sources that are contaminated with fecal coliform or E. coli.

CATEGORY D: Water systems that have (1) surface water sources or GWUDI sources with filtration treatment deficiencies that violate federal or state regulations concerning surface water treatment requirements; or (2) non-GWUDI wells that are contaminated with fecal coliform or E. coli and are inadequately treated; or (3) uncovered distribution reservoirs..

CATEGORY E: Water systems with water outages or significant water quantity problems caused by source water capacity or water delivery capability that is insufficient to supply current demand.

CATEGORY F: Water systems that (1) distribute water containing nitrates/nitrites in excess of the MCL; or (2) distribute water containing perchlorate in excess of the MCL; or (3) water systems that are in violation of the Total Coliform Rule for reasons other than source contamination.

CATEGORY G: Water systems that distribute water containing chemical or radiological contamination exceeding a State or Federal primary drinking water standard.

CATEGORY H: Water systems with reservoirs with floating covers that are in active use; or water systems which do not provide meters for the water delivered to customers.

CATEGORY I: Water systems which comply with surface water treatment requirements, but are not in conformance with the California Cryptosporidium Action Plan.

CATEGORY J: Water systems that are in violation of those portions of the Water Works Standards that could result in the entry of wastewater into the water supply or distribution system.

CATEGORY K: Water systems that operate disinfection facilities that lack needed reliability features, chlorine residual analyzers and alarms or have other disinfection deficiencies that violate the Water Works Standards.

CATEGORY L: Water systems that: (1) distribute water in excess of the iron or manganese secondary standard and for which a compliance order has been issued; (2) distribute water in excess of a Department published chemical Notification Level; (3) distribute water which has exceeded a primary drinking water standard in one or more samples, but has not violated the standard (for a running average standard); or (4) need treatment for a standby groundwater source that is contaminated in excess of a primary MCL.

CATEGORY M: Water systems that do not meet the Water Works Standards (other than those components already covered by the above listed categories) and water systems that do not meet the TMF (technical, managerial, and financial) criteria but do not have a project in any of the above categories.

CATEGORY N: Water systems that distribute water that exceeds secondary standards.

CATEGORY O: All water system deficiencies that are eligible and are not covered in any of the above categories.