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BACKGROUND

- FEMA Region IX engaged with NV to see how the state could use available Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds for drought resilience projects.
- FEMA and NV Division of Emergency Management realized that the state's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) did not have the necessary detail related to drought to fund drought projects.
- FEMA R9 engaged with EPA R9 and OW to work with NVDEM, NDWR, and NDEP to build a “team” with expertise to help develop an amendment to the NV HMP.
- NV identified their State Water Plan, State Forest Action Plan, and SRF Intended Use Plan as key resources for the HMP amendment.
- SRF “re-loan” funds identified as potential source for required match to FEMA HMGP funding, where projects fit within SRF rules.



STARTING POINTS



Evaluate your state's planning needs & objectives



Understand where your state is in its planning process, which state plans complement each other, and needed resources to support water planning



Take an initial inventory of any known deficiencies, gaps or other areas that need adjustment to support planning efforts



Consider which federal agencies may have funding available to support planning: Water, Hazard Mitigation, Forest, etc.



Consider existing financial resources that can leverage outside funding

FIRST STEPS

Identify the right decision makers and state cooperators

- I.e., get the right people at the table and in the room

Knowing your needs & objectives helps to understand who needs to be involved

- Which partner and cooperating state agencies are you working with or will be working with to support the planning efforts?
- Are you considering all the state and local entities that will ultimately need to be involved to execute the objectives?
- Do you have the appropriate federal representatives involved?

Proactively address deficiencies or needed adjustments

- Does your respective state plans, such as Hazard Mitigation and Forest Action Plans, adequately address the scope of water planning needs and emergency responses (i.e., flood, fire, drought)?



FEDERAL FUNDING AND EXPERTISE CONSIDERATIONS



Do you understand individual program funding criteria?



If there are match requirements, do you understand what can and cannot be utilized as the match?



Do you understand the timing and eligibility requirements?



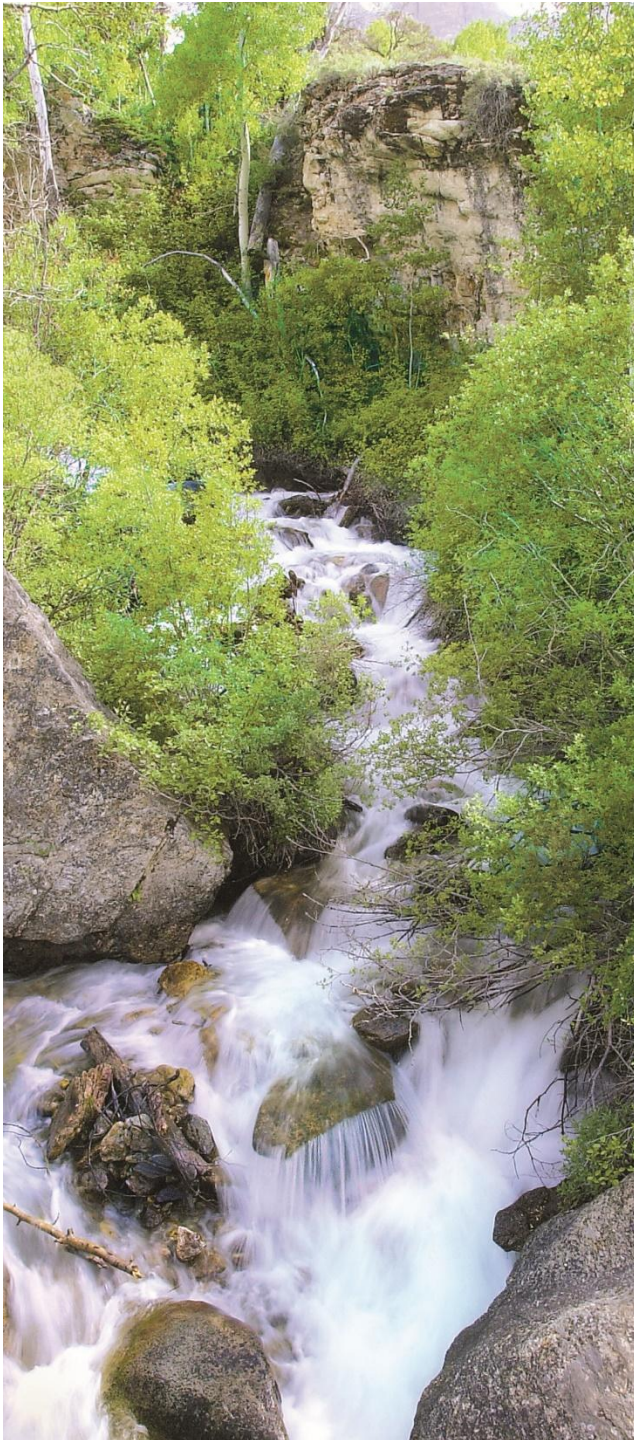
Have you identified the appropriate cooperators?
Use WestFAST as a resource!



SECURING RESOURCES FOR WATER PLANNING & PROJECTS

- Identifying and scoping out statewide, regional and local water planning needs
- Engage in outreach with potential funding recipients
- Pursuing appropriate funding based upon project, timing, and priority of need
- Leveraging state funding resources to support required matches
- Executing planned projects with appropriate monitoring and reporting

Questions?



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