Eligibility Criteria Self-Certification Form

As an applicant with the Department of Water Resources’ (DWRs) Financial Assistance Branch, you must complete this self-certification form as a condition to enter into a Grant Agreement with DWR to receive grant funds. Failure to meet and continue to comply with these conditions and requirements may result in DWR revoking the grant award, withholding grant funding, stopping invoice payment, and/or terminating the Grant Agreement. An answer of “No” to certain questions below may make you ineligible to enter into an agreement with DWR. If any question is going to be answered as “No” please contact DWR at urbandrought@water.ca.gov.

1. **Applicant Eligibility**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Entity Type: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Applicant/Local Project Sponsor Name | Applicant/Local Project Sponsor Entity Type |
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If the Applicant or any Local Project Sponsor is a mutual water company or public utility, does their proposed project have a clear and definite public purpose that benefits the customers of the water system or other public utility and not the investors?

Yes  No

If yes, please state the public purpose and explain how it benefits the customers:

1. **Authorizing Resolution**

A resolution adopted by the applicant’s governing body authorizing the application for a grant under this program that designates a representative to sign the application, and in the event of an award of grant funds, a representative to execute the funding agreement and all necessary documentation (e.g., invoices, progress reports, etc.) is required. A signed, certified resolution must be received prior to the execution of a grant agreement with the State.

Is the authorizing resolution complete and included with the application? If there is not a resolution included at time of application, please provide an estimate for when it will be complete.

1. **Urban Water Management Compliance**

List the urban water suppliers (UWS), as defined by Water Code section 10617, that will receive funding if the application is awarded funds. Does each UWS have a current Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) verified by DWR that addresses the requirements of the California Water Code? Each UWS must also have a complete and validated water loss audit report verified by DWR in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) No. 555 (Stats. 2015, ch. 679). Additionally, each UWS proposing wastewater projects, water use efficiency projects, or drinking water projects must be compliant with the water metering requirements contained in Water Code section 525 et seq.

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| Urban Water Supplier | Date UWMP verified by DWR |
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Are all Urban Water Suppliers compliant with all requirements for Urban Water Suppliers including but not limited to metering requirements (Water Code, § 525 et seq.), water loss audits, and monthly reporting to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)?

Yes  No

If a supplier isn’t compliant with the requirements, please explain:

1. **Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP)**

List the urban water suppliers that will receive funding if the application is awarded funds. Does each UWS have an activated Water Shortage Contingency Plan to a stage appropriate for their water conditions? DWR will verify the status with the water board.

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| Urban Water Supplier | Date WSCP was activated |
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1. **Agricultural Water Management and Measurement Compliance**

List the agricultural water suppliers, as defined by Water Code section 10608.12(a), that will receive funding if the application is awarded funds. If there are none, please indicate so. Each supplier must have a completed Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) that has been verified by DWR. If the supplier provides less than 25,000 irrigated acres, they will be exempt from the AWMP requirement.

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| Agricultural Water Supplier | Date AWMP verified by DWR, or exempt |
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Are all Agricultural Water Suppliers compliant with all other requirements of an Agricultural Water Supplier including but not limited to farm gate delivery reports, Efficient Water Management Practices, Water Measurement regulations, etc.?

Yes  No

If a supplier isn’t compliant with the requirements, please explain:

1. **Surface Water Diverter Compliance**

List the surface water diverters that will receive funding if the application is awarded funds. If there are none, please indicate so. For the listed surface water diverters, state whether each diverter has submitted their latest annual and monthly surface water diversion reports in compliance with requirements outlined in Water Code section 5100 et seq., and their Use Reports as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 907 et seq., to the SWRCB.

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| Surface Water Diverter | Has Surface Water Diverter submitted all required reports to SWRCB to remain up to date? (Yes/No) |
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1. **Groundwater Management Compliance**

List any projects that directly affect groundwater levels or quality. You can find your groundwater basin and the priority by going to the following link: https://sgma.water.ca.gov/webgis/?appid=SGMADataViewer#gwlevels%C2%A0

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| Project Name | Grantee/Local Project Sponsor | Groundwater Basin | Priority of the basin |
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1. **Groundwater Management Compliance Self-Certification**

Groundwater Management Compliance: The Applicant and any Local Project Sponsors must maintain continuing eligibility with the current Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA, Water Code, § 10720 et seq.) requirements as they come into effect.

☐ Yes, the Applicant and Local Project Sponsors agree to maintain continuing eligibility with the most current SGMA requirements, as applicable.

☐ No, the Applicant and Local Project Sponsors do not agree to maintain continuing eligibility with the most current SGMA requirements, as applicable. DWR cannot enter into a Grant Agreement.

1. **California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Compliance**

Please fill out the following table for any projects located in a high or medium priority groundwater basin as identified by the CASGEM program. Projects in high and medium priority groundwater basins that do not have a CASGEM monitoring entity will not be eligible for funding if the grant applicant and Local Project Sponsor are listed as potential monitoring entities in Water Code section 10927. The same applies to counties whose jurisdictions include unmonitored high and medium priority groundwater basins (Water Code, § 10933.7(a)).

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| Project | Basin Monitoring Entity | If there is no monitoring entity, is the Local Project Sponsor is an eligible monitoring entity per Water Code section 10928? |
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1. **Stormwater Projects**

If a project is a stormwater and/or dry weather runoff capture project, is it included in a Stormwater Resource Plan or functionally equivalent plan (FEP) if applicable? Projects that benefit a DAC with a population of 20,000 or less are exempt from this requirement. However, they must not be a co-permittee for a municipal separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued to a municipality with a population greater than 20,000 (Water Code, § 10563(c)(2)(B)).

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| Project (only list stormwater and/or dry weather runoff capture projects) | Project Included in a Stormwater Resource Plan or FEP? |
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1. **Agreement Template**

Have you and your counsel reviewed the agreement template and all terms and conditions?

Yes  No

I understand that the Department of Water Resources will rely on this signed certification in order to approve funding and that false and/or inaccurate representations in this Self-Certification may result in revocation of the award of funds or loss of all funds awarded to the Grantee. and that reimbursement of any grant funds is reliant upon the Grantee and all local project sponsors to meet and maintain all eligibility requirements outlined within this Self-Certification form, the 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program Guideline and Proposal Solicitation Package, and the Grant Agreement terms and conditions. Additionally, for the aforementioned reasons, the Department of Water Resources may withhold disbursement of grant funds and/or pursue any other applicable legal remedies.

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| Name of Authorized Representative | Signature |
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