

**Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant
Information Session Q & A
January 11, 2024**

Question: Purchases for protection of existing sources and potential future sources are eligible, but is there a stronger Program preference for acquisitions for the protection of existing sources?

Answer: No. The evaluation criteria do not prioritize one over the other; both have the opportunity for the same number of points to be awarded.

Question: For a Water District, is a vote of the Board of Water Commissioners sufficient, instead of a vote at Annual District meeting?

Answer: You should confirm with your counsel or board. It may depend on your bylaws and/or the acquisition or funding.

Question: How many grant awards were there last year?

Answer: Two.

Question: What is the typical award size?

Answer: There isn't a typical award size. The award depends upon the eligible costs of the project and grant request.

Question: Can the second appraisal come from the seller?

Answer: No. We can not accept appraisals that name the landowner or seller as the Client. The appraisals must name the applicant or a partner, such as a land trust, as the Client.

Question: Is it necessary to have more than one appraisal completed if the land is valued over \$1 million?

Answer: It is best practice to secure a second appraisal for high-value acquisitions. The second appraisal is not required, but reserve the right to request a second appraisal if we have concerns with the first appraisal.