

AGENDA ITEM MEMO

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 15, 2022

TO: Board Members

THROUGH: Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator
Ashley Harden, General Counsel
Rebecca Trevino, Chief Financial Officer
Jessica Pena, Deputy Executive Administrator

FROM: William Alfaro, State Programs Coordinator, Program Administration

SUBJECT: State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) 2023 Funding Cycle

ACTION REQUESTED

No action is required of the Board. This is a briefing and discussion of the timeline for the 2023 funding cycle of the SWIFT program.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, the 83rd Texas Legislature created the SWIFT and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT). In addition, a \$2 billion supplemental appropriation from the state's Economic Stabilization Fund to the SWIFT was authorized. Proposition 6, approved by voters in 2013, amended the Texas Constitution to create a constitutionally dedicated fund. The SWIFT program was designed to support funding of \$27 billion in water supply projects based on 50-year needs to assist communities in developing adequate water supplies during times of drought.

To date, the Board has committed over \$9.9 billion in SWIFT program funding in support of 64 recommended water management strategy projects estimated to produce more than 1.5 million acre-feet of water supply, with savings of over \$1.3 billion compared to market interest rate financing.

Our Mission

Leading the state's efforts in
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for Texas and its citizens

Board Members

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Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator

KEY ISSUES

The TWDB will open the solicitation period for the 2023 Funding Cycle on December 15, 2022. Abridged applications will be due on February 1, 2023. Information on how to submit abridged applications is available on the TWDB's website. Abridged applications will be prioritized according to criteria set forth in rules, and invitations will then be extended to entities to submit complete applications. All financial commitments are expected to close by December 2023.

TIMELINE

The anticipated timeline for the 2023 SWIFT funding cycle:

December 15, 2022	Abridged Application solicitation period begins
February 1, 2023	Abridged Applications due to the TWDB
April 2023	Board action: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider prioritization of Abridged Applications• Establish financing structure and interest rate subsidies• Identify amount of funds available by category• Invitations extended to submit Complete Applications
May 2023	Complete Applications due 30 days from invitations
July 2023	Projects recommended to Board for commitment
Fall/Winter 2023	TWDB bond sale and borrower closings

SUMMARY

The Executive Administrator anticipates posting the information outlined above to the TWDB website along with the updated application materials for the 2023 funding cycle, and that abridged applications be accepted through the close of business on February 1, 2023. SWIFT information posted will continue to be updated throughout the 2023 funding cycle.