

Colorado River Water Conservation Program Workshop

March 11, 2024



Our Mission

To meet the water-related needs of the people through dedicated employees, providing high quality water at a reasonable cost.

Discussion topics

Goal: demonstrate decrease in Colorado River water use in 2024 - 26

- Timeline of discussion, administration & key elements
- Application process
- Payment example
- Program schedule and next steps
- Q&A

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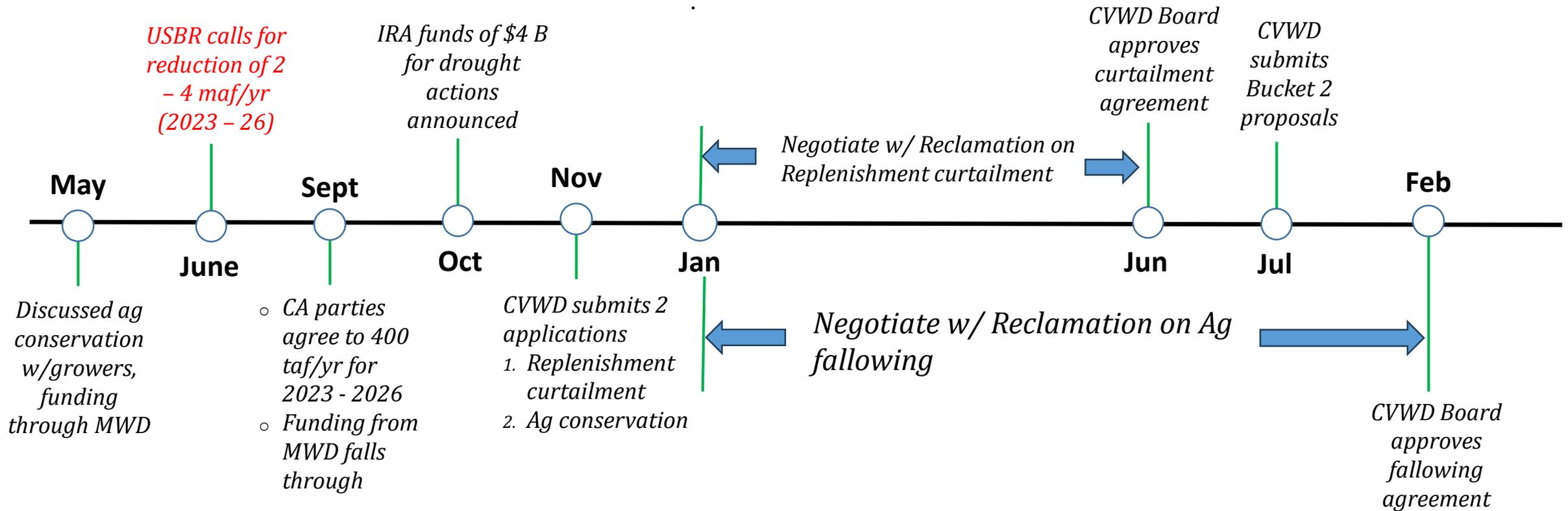


Timeline of Program Discussion

2022

2023

2024



Program agreements



Reclamation/CVWD Funding Agreement

- Verification
- Payments

CVWD/Participant Program Package

- Rules & Regulations
- Grower Application
- Landowner Consent Form
- Grower Agreement



Program elements



- Participant selects a term of 1, 2, or 3 years during this period
- Permanent crops only (*dates, citrus, grapes, forage crops as examples*)
- \$340/af (net) paid to participant in 2 installments for verified conserved water (mid-term & end of program)
- IWAA waived during participation period
- Landowner/lessee responsible for
 - ✓ *providing dust & weed control*
 - ✓ *paying all charges on land (assessments, taxes & other charge)*
- Lessee needs landowner(s) consent to fallow their land(s)
- No groundwater substitution allowed

We're interested, now what? *(participation steps)*



Grower

- Complete & submit application & landowner consent form (if applicable) for:
 - ✓ 2024 by **4/30**
 - ✓ 2025 by **8/1**
- Program information & documents available online at:
www.ConserveCRW.com



CVWD staff

- Review applications & determine eligibility
- Determine baseline based on historical Colorado River water consumption
- Prepare CVWD/Grower agreements
- Conduct field verification & lock meters (if applicable)
- Conduct periodic field verification
 - ✓ *meet w/participant for field visits at mid-term & end of term*
 - ✓ *will provide 48-hr notice if participant presence is needed*
- Audit participant progress
 - ✓ *Canal and groundwater bill review*

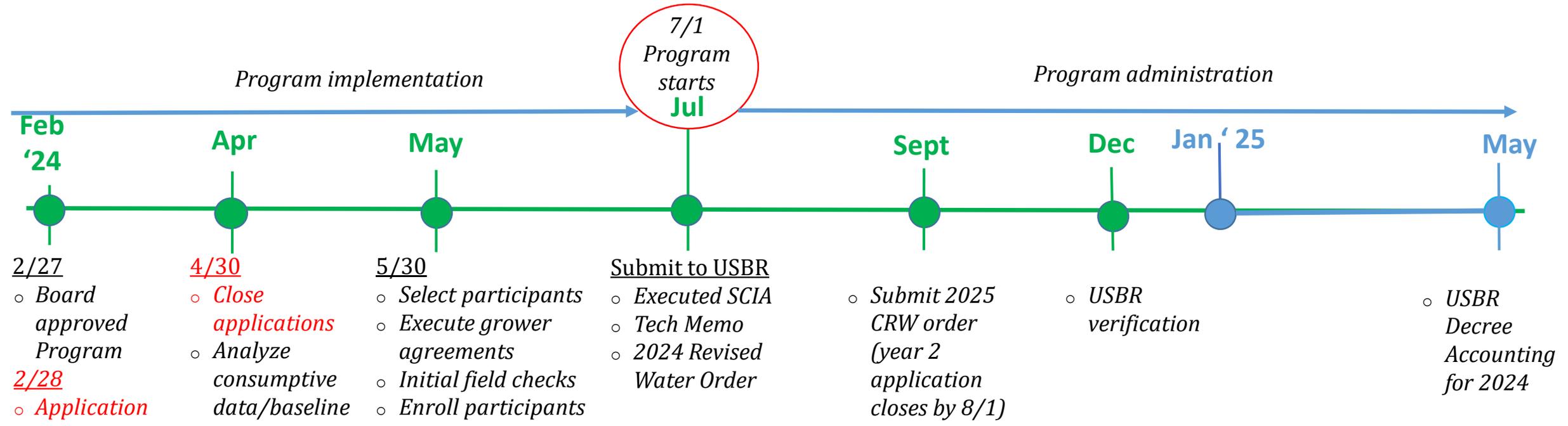


Reimbursement to Grower

- CVWD staff calculate reimbursable conserved water
- Pay participants \$340/af (in 2 installments) during participation period (July & December)



Program Schedule, year 1 *(subject to change)*



To CVWD
(\$400/af, 60 days after invoicing)

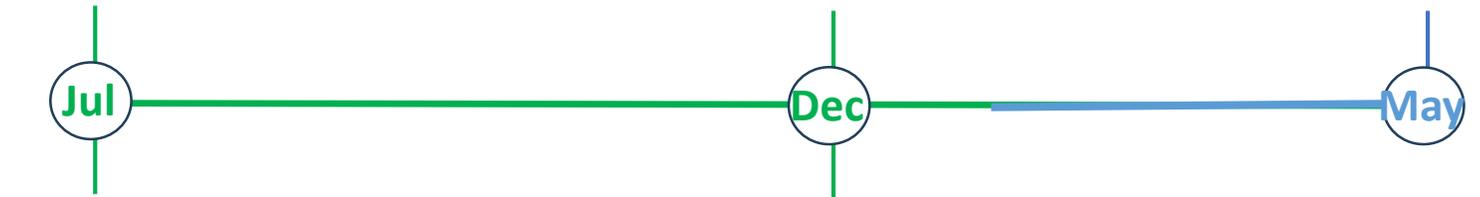
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Payment schedule

Payment 1
1/2 of total

Payment 2
1/3 of total

Payment 3
1/6 of total

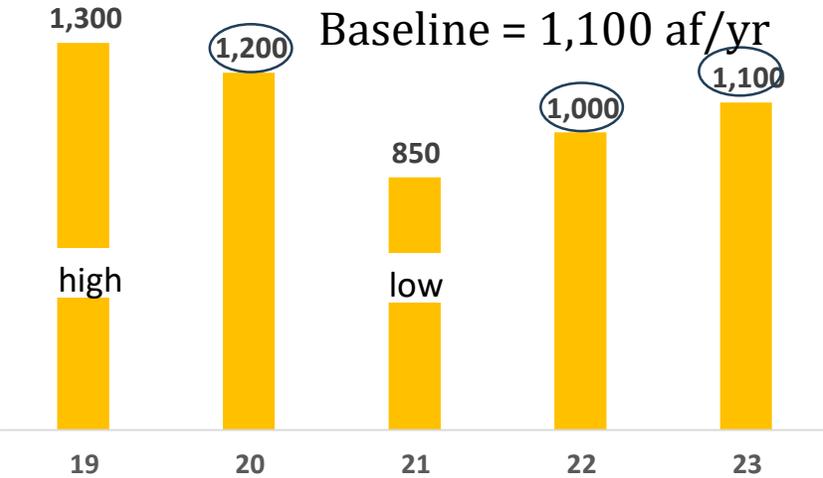


Payment 1
1/2 of total

Payment 2
1/2 of total



Program payment example



Payment schedule

- 1,100 af/yr for Jan – Dec
- For 2024, ½ year program
- $1,100/2 = 550$ af eligible
- $550 \text{ af} \times \$340/\text{af} = \$187,000$ (max)
- Payment 1 = \$93,500 (275 af)
- Payment 2 = \$93,500 (275 af)

What if there is usage?

- Assume 20 af used (Jul – Dec)
- $550 \text{ af (max)} - 20 \text{ af} = 530 \text{ af}$
- $530 \text{ af} - 275 \text{ af (paid)} = 255 \text{ af}$
- Payment 2 = \$86,700 (255 af)

Payment 1 (½ of total = \$93,500)

60 days after July'24 field inspection

Payment 2

60 days after Dec'24 field inspection



No consumption = \$93,500
Consumption@20 af = \$86,700

Total to Grower

No consumption = \$187,000
Consumption@20 af = \$180,200
✓ Grower will be billed for 20 af



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Next steps

- ❑ Submit application & consent form (if applicable) online or in-person.
 - ✓ *Documents are available at www.cvwd.org/ConserveCRW*
- ❑ Notification of acceptance into Program after CVWD staff review your:
 - ✓ *Application & consent form*
 - ✓ *Determine eligibility*
- ❑ Questions/comments? ConserveCRW@cvwd.org

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Questions?



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