

## **WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE**

### **2008 Water Conservation Field Services Program Request for Grant Proposals**

The Bureau of Reclamation, Yuma Area Office, is advertising a request for proposals for grants or cooperative agreements for water conservation projects within the administrative boundaries of the Yuma Area Office.

Eligible applicants include agricultural and municipal water districts, small entities that have individual contracts for water with Reclamation, Native American Tribes, universities, states, local governments, and non-profit organizations.

The primary purposes of the Water Conservation Field Services Program (WCFSP) are to:

- Assist in developing effective water management and conservation plans;
- Encourage and promote implementation of water efficiency measures;
- Demonstrate conservation technologies; and
- Promote and support water education and training.

Applicants may propose a grant or cooperative agreement. A grant is an agreement for financial assistance only. A cooperative agreement includes technical assistance as well as financial assistance.

The applicant must share in the cost of the project by at least 50%. Cost-share may be in cash, or may be from “in-kind” contributions of services, equipment, labor, and materials.

It is anticipated that between two and four cooperative agreements or grants will be awarded. The maximum amount of any financial award should not exceed \$80,000. Total funding for the program is anticipated to be \$190,000. Funds for FY 2010 are currently not available. Once the FY 2010 appropriations become available, awards will be made. It is anticipated the funds and awards may

become available by March 2010. **Deadline for submission of an application is Dec 18, 2009.**

To apply for a 2010 WCFSP grant or cooperative agreement you can go online to the following website: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Search by funding opportunity number (FON): [10SF340001](https://www.grants.gov/web/fon/10SF340001).

Please be advised and consider that additional requirements for agricultural districts will be included in any 2010 agreements due to Public Law 111-11. For example, in Section 9504(a)(3)(B), the financial assistance recipient “...shall not use any associated water savings to increase the total irrigated acreage of the Recipient or otherwise increase the consumptive use of water.”

For questions on this request for proposals, please contact the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Representative, Gerald Casares, at (928) 343-8262 or by email at [gcasares@usbr.gov](mailto:gcasares@usbr.gov).

### **Annual Water Conservation Workshops Presented by the Bureau of Reclamation**

For the thirteenth year in a row, the Water Resources Research Laboratory (WRRL) in Denver, Colorado, is offering their water conservation workshops.

“Basic Principles and Developments in Flow Measurement” is offered January 12-14, 2010. This workshop deals specifically with flow measurement concepts, devices, design, and instrumentation in both open channels and closed pipelines. A lab workshop session gives each student hands-on experience using different techniques and types of water measurement equipment. A computer laboratory session allows hands-on experience with the latest flow measurement related software.

“Modern Methods in Canal Operation and Control,” is offered February 1 through February 5, 2010. This workshop covers modern methods to



