



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**

**From: Mike Sena, NCRIC Director, Advisory Group Chairperson**

**Date: September 12, 2013**

**Re: Item #4: Advisory Group Report**

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**Recommendations:**

The Advisory Group recommends that the Approval Authority approve the FY14 Project Proposal Guidance.

**Action or Discussion Items:**

At the August 29<sup>th</sup> Advisory Group meeting, UASI Assistant General Manager Catherine Spaulding presented the draft FY14 UASI Project Proposal Guidance. The proposed process is very similar to last year's, with the exception of a streamlined role for the work groups. Work groups will help identify regional gaps and priorities, but there will not be a formal "vetting" discussion of each proposal at the work group level as was conducted in the FY13 process.

Stakeholders can submit proposals from 10/15/13 – 11/15/13. As in prior years, Approval Authority Members will appoint hub members, and hub selection meetings will be coordinated by the Management Team in January 2014. Hubs will prioritize projects using last year's hub allocation as a planning amount. The Advisory Group will review hub selections as well as make recommendations to the Approval Authority for funding of regional (i.e., impacting all 12 counties) and sustainment projects.

The Advisory Group also discussed the updated Master MOU and By-laws approved last month by the Approval Authority. The Advisory Group was taken out of the By-laws to eliminate any formal constraints and to offer more flexibility/independence as a streamlined working group under the General Manager.