



## MEMORANDUM

Date: April 24, 2023  
To: RMP Steering Committee  
From: Jay Davis and Amy Kleckner  
Subject: Process for Consideration of Proposals for Use of MMP Funds

At the Steering Committee (SC) meeting on January 25, 2023, the SC considered and approved funding of two proposals using Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) funds. MMP funds accrue for the RMP without being assigned to particular projects. The amount that accrues is substantial - for example in January 2023 the accrued amount was approximately \$140,000.

MMP funds can be used to partially or wholly fund RMP projects at the discretion of the SC. Separate MMP payments may be combined to jointly fund a larger project. MMP payments may also be combined with Supplemental Environmental Projects to jointly fund a larger project.

The proposals in January were presented directly to the SC without prior review by the Technical Review Committee (TRC) or a workgroup, and the SC noted the need for a formal process for consideration of proposals for use of MMP funds. The following bullets outline a suggested process.

- MMP funds can be used to partially or wholly fund projects that have been approved by the workgroups and TRC.
- New proposals for MMP funding (that have not been vetted by the TRC or workgroups) can be submitted directly to the SC without prior review by the TRC or a workgroup, as done at the January 2023 meeting.
- However, it is preferred that new proposals for MMP funding are first vetted by the TRC.