

WETLANDS RESTORATION FOR GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION PROGRAM  
2019 PROPOSAL SOLICITATION NOTICE  
SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA WETLANDS PROJECTS



Sherman Island, Sacramento Co. 2015 – CDFW Photo

**Purpose:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction (GHG) Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.

**Objective:** The CDFW GHG Program seeks to fund projects that restore wetlands in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to achieve quantifiable GHG benefits and co-benefits. Projects should contribute to the restoration goals of California EcoRestore.

**Eligible Applicants:** Public agencies, Indian tribes, and nonprofit organizations within California

**Definition of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Wetlands:** Wetlands in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as defined in California Water Code (CWC) section 12220.<sup>1</sup>

**Projects Types:**

- Implementation only
- Planning followed by Implementation

**Quantification of GHG Benefits:** Applicants must use the following California Air Resources Board approved tools to estimate GHG benefits for wetlands restoration:

- [Quantification Methodology](#)
- [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Benefits Calculator Tool](#)

**Potential Co-Benefits include:**

- Subsidence reversal
- Improved water quality
- Sea-level rise and inland flooding adaptation
- Improved conditions for native species

<sup>1</sup> The conversion of row crops or other land uses to rice cultivation is not an eligible project type for the purposes of this Solicitation.

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### SUMMARY OF APPLICATION PROCESS

The 2019 Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Grants Program Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) will include a two-phase application process:

- 1) Pre-Application
- 2) Full Proposal

#### Pre-Application Phase

The Pre-Application Phase will focus on eligibility requirements for this funding source including completion of appropriate GHG worksheets to estimate net GHG reduction benefits, applicant entity eligibility, land tenure commitment, etc. The applicant will provide a brief summary of the proposed project, an estimate of the total project costs, and grant request amount. CDFW staff will evaluate the application and provide feedback to applicants that should be addressed, if invited to submit a Full Proposal. CDFW staff will be available to support applicants in choosing appropriate calculators and working through the GHG worksheets.

#### Full Proposal Phase

Successful pre-applications will be invited for the Full Proposal Phase. The Full Proposal will be scored based upon various criteria including feasibility of the proposed project, completeness of the application, technical merits of the proposed project, responsiveness to staff feedback in the Pre-Application Phase/past grantee behavior.

#### Tentative Timeline

Activity	Date
Draft 2019 GHG Grant Guidelines and PSN public comment period	Spring 2019
Final 2019 GHG PSN Release, Pre-Application Phase begins	Late Spring 2019
Pre-Applications due on CDFW WebGrants	6-8 weeks after release
Pre-Application proposal evaluation	4-6 weeks
Request for Full Proposals	Summer 2019
Full Proposals due on CDFW WebGrants	6-8 weeks after release
Grant Awards	Late Fall 2019

#### CDFW GHG Grant Program Website

Visit [our website](#) for current information and to [sign up for our email list](#) for updates.

#### Questions?

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