



Watershed Restoration Grants Branch

A New Branch: An Overview

- ✓ **Beginning**
 - ✓ **Progress to date**
 - ✓ **What's next**

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WRGB: The Beginning:

- **April 2015: Wetlands Restoration Branch created**
 - **Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction**
- **July 2015: Watershed Restoration Grants Branch**
 - **Proposition 1**
 - **Ecosystem Restoration**
 - **Fisheries Restoration Grant Program**



WRGB: Branch Structure

Branch Chief

ERP/FRGP

*Grants
Program*

*Science
Program*

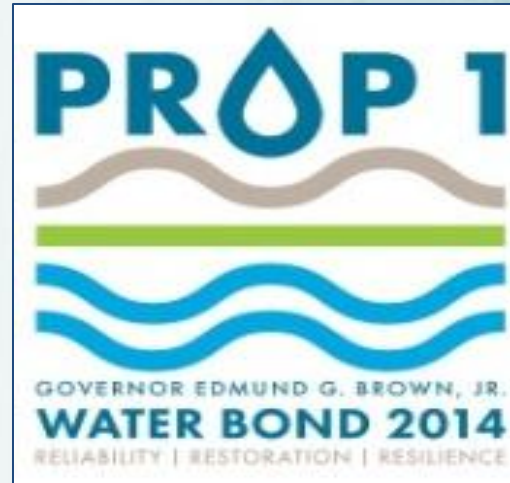
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New Grants Programs





Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)



- **Proceeds from Cap-and-Trade auctions deposited in the GGRF**
- **The Governor and Legislature appropriate GGRF to administering agencies in the annual budget**



Use of GGRF



■ Agencies with GGRF appropriation must use the money to invest in projects that:

- Reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs)
- Further the purposes of **AB 32**

[California Climate Investments](#)

■ Air Resources Board is responsible for providing guidance to agencies administering California Climate Investments :

- General guidance
- Developing Quantification Methodologies
- Investments to benefit Disadvantaged Communities
- Reporting requirements



Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant Program



Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Budget Act of 2014 (~\$25 million to CDFW)
 - Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant Program
 - ✓ Contribute to the implementation of AB 32 and the CWAP
- Focus – reduce GHGs and provide co-benefits through restoration or enhancement of:
 - Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta wetlands
 - Coastal wetlands
 - Mountain meadow ecosystems



FY 2014-2015 Grant Cycle

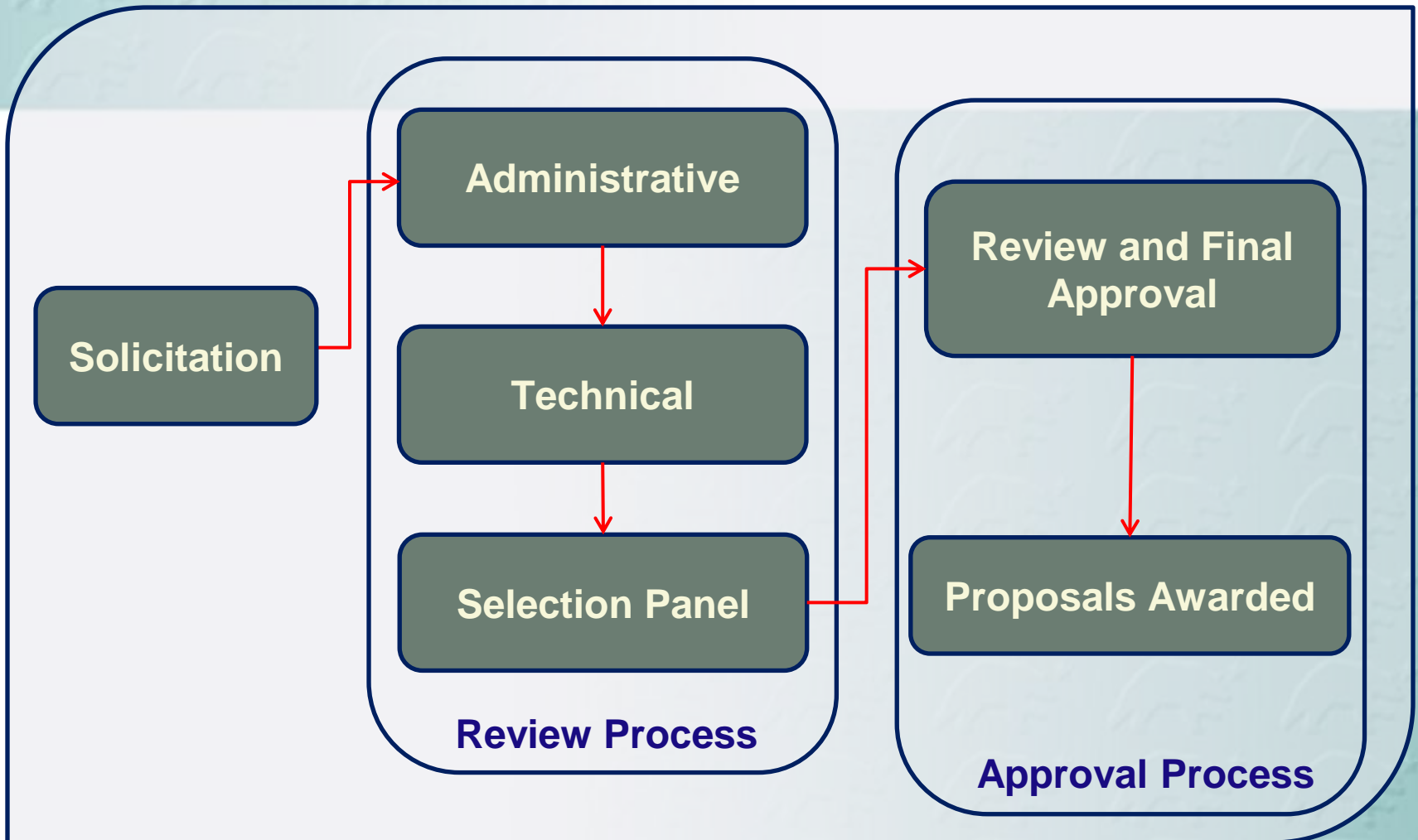


- Solicitation Released November, 2014
- Available fund: \$21 million

Focus Area	Proposals Received	
	Number	Requested (\$)
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Wetlands	2	\$17,229,860
Coastal Wetlands	9	\$15,456,937
Mountain Meadow Ecosystems	16	\$16,405,295
Total	27	\$49,092,093



Proposal Evaluations Process





FY 2014-2015 – Award Summary



- **Funded: 12 projects**
 - Restore or enhance ~ 2,500 acres of wetlands/mountain meadows

Focus Area	Proposals Funded	
	Number	Amount
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Wetlands	1	\$10,386,139
Coastal Wetlands	3	\$5,052,584
Mountain Meadow Ecosystems	8	\$5,879,749
Total	12	\$21,318,472

FY 14-15

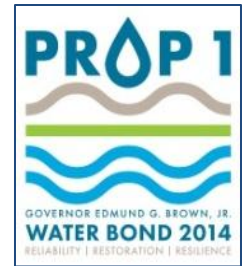




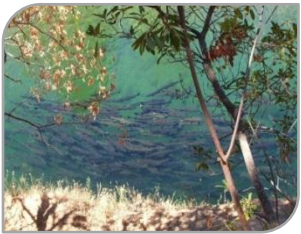
Outlook: Wetlands Restoration for GHG Grant Program

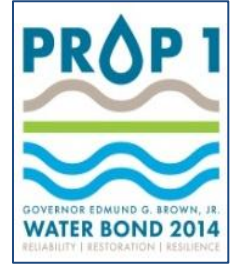


- FY 15-16 funding was deferred to FY 16-17
- \$60M in The Governor's January Budget Statement
 - Details in the Budget – *ongoing*
 - 2016-17 Solicitation considerations:
 - ✓ Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
 - ✓ EcoRestore Projects
 - ✓ Coastal Wetlands
 - ✓ Mountain Meadows
 - ✓ Deserts
 - ARB-approved Quantification Methodology



Proposition 1 Grant Programs



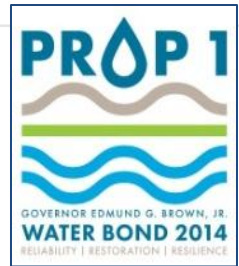


Prop1 – Two Grant Programs

Department of Fish & Wildlife \$372.5 million

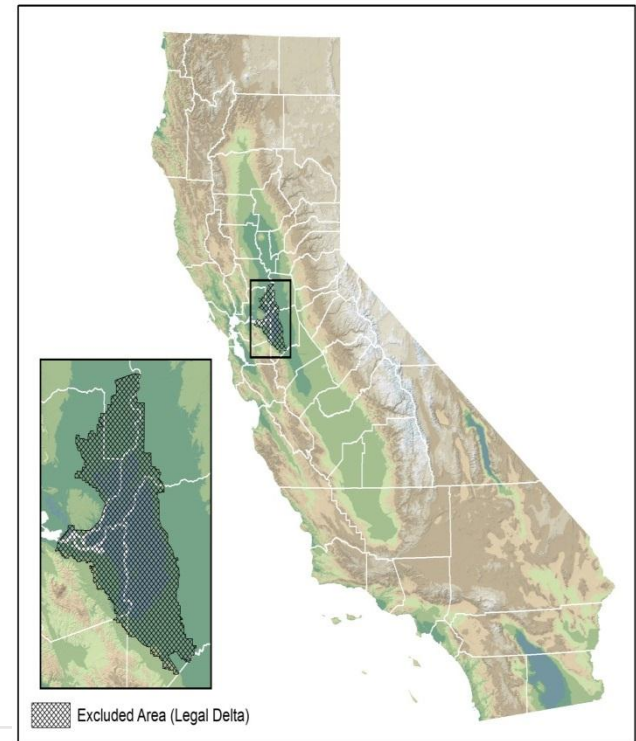
- ▶ **\$285,000,000 Watershed Restoration Grant Program**
 - Statewide watershed protection and restoration outside of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

- ▶ **\$87,500,000 Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program**
 - Water quality, ecosystem restoration, and fish protection facilities that benefit the Delta



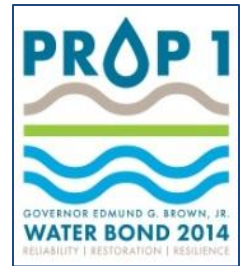
Prop1: Projects to provide:

- Multiple benefits
 - Address critical statewide needs and priorities
- Cost effective outcomes
- Best available science
- Innovation
- Willing landowners





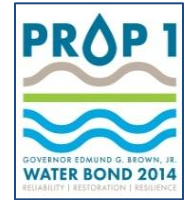
FY 15-16: Proposal Summary



	No. of Proposals	Request (million)
<u>Watershed</u>	151	\$183.98
Implementation	68	\$104.54
Planning	65	\$36.19
Acquisition	18	\$43.25
<u>Delta</u>	39	\$34.71
Implementation	3	\$3.29
Planning	6	\$3.41
Scientific Studies	30	\$28.01
Total	190	\$218.70



Prop1: FY15-16 Projects



24 projects awarded

5 Planning

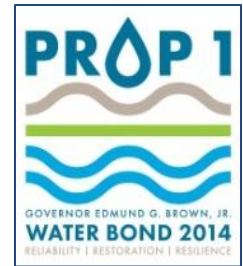
12 Implementation

7 Scientific (Delta)





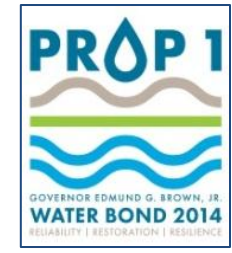
FY 16-17 Grant Timelines



- Update Notice – *ongoing*
 - Release Draft Notice for Public comments
- Solicitation Notice Release before end of Fiscal Year (June)



WRGB: 2015 - Date

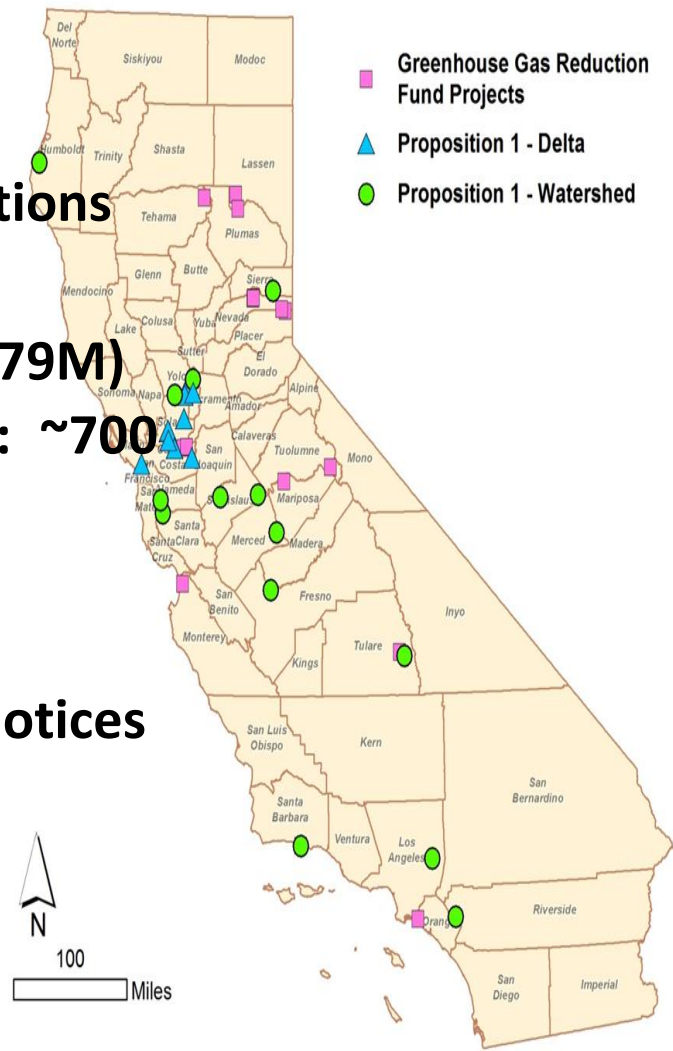


10-Month Progress!



Grant Awards: Completed 2 Grant Solicitations

- **Total proposals: 217 proposals (\$267.79M)**
 - ✓ **Technical reviews/Evaluations: ~700**
- **Funded: 36 projects (\$57.20M)**
 - ✓ **Develop Grant Agreements**
 - ✓ **Grant Management**
- **Developing/Planning: 2 Solicitation Notices**
 - ✓ **Prop1**
 - ✓ **GGRF**





Questions?

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