Notice of Public Meeting
April 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Natural Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium
1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will conduct a public meeting to discuss its Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 Proposal Solicitation Notice (Solicitation) for its Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Programs. The Draft Solicitation is available on CDFW’s website.

CDFW will inform the public of the priorities and requirements for the Watershed Restoration Grant Program and Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program. CDFW will then gather public input and comments that will help finalize the solicitation.

When:
Thursday, April 7, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, PST

Where:
Natural Resources Building, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814, First Floor Auditorium
Note: The facility is wheelchair accessible and remote access is available by computer or phone via AT&T Connect. (see instructions below).

Background:
Approved by voters in November 2014, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) will provide funding to meet three broad objectives of the California Water Action Plan (PDF): more reliable water supplies; the restoration of important species and habitat; and a more resilient, sustainably managed water resources system (water supply, water quality, flood protection, and environment) that can better withstand inevitable and unforeseen pressures in the coming decades.

CDFW has developed two grant programs to fund multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects, as outlined in Proposition 1. The Watershed Restoration Grant Program is focused on water quality, river, and watershed protection and restoration projects of statewide importance outside of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta). The Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program is focused on water quality, ecosystem restoration and fish protection facilities that benefit the Delta.

CDFW’s competitive grant programs will invest $285 million in projects of statewide importance outside of the Delta and $87.5 million in projects that benefit the Delta over a 10 year period. Eligible entities include public agencies (state agencies or
departments, public universities, special districts, joint powers authorities, counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of the state), nonprofit organizations, public utilities, federally recognized Indian tribes, state Indian tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List, and mutual water companies.

**Proposed Agenda:**

I. Overview of the Watershed Restoration and Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Programs.

II. Overview of the FY 2016-17 Solicitation, including changes from FY 2015-16 Solicitation.

III. Public comment to receive feedback and suggestions on the above topics.

**Public Comment:**

Staff will accept oral and written comments during the public meeting and any comments received may become part of the public record.

Following the meeting, written comments will be accepted by CDFW through April 14, 2016. All timely comments will be considered by staff prior to finalization of the guidelines and solicitations.

Please submit your comments via email to:

CDFW Grant Program Comments: WatershedGrants@wildlife.ca.gov
Remote Assistance:

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