

# **WCB Proposition 1 Grant Workshop**

February 21-24, 2017

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## California Stream Flow Enhancement Program

- CWC § 79733 \$200 Million for projects that result in enhanced stream flows
- Statewide competitive grant program
- Provide enhanced flows in streams or reaches of streams to benefit fish and wildlife

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## California Stream Flow Enhancement Program

### Stream Flow Enhancement:

A change in the amount, timing or quality of the water flowing down a stream, or a portion of a stream, to benefit fish and wildlife.

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FY 15-16 & 16-17

- FY 15-16
- Received 76 proposals
- Awarded 24 proposals ~\$20 Million (one in southern CA)
- FY 16-17
- Received 66 proposals
- Awards for FY 16/17 will occur March 9th

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## Solicitation FY 17/18 Overview:

- Request project proposals under competitive grant program
- Approximately \$60 million is anticipated for statewide grants in FY 2017/2018
- Grants executed ~6 months from award
- Typical agreement term will be 3 years

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## Proposal Solicitation Notice

Updates, Refinements & Clarifications for FY 2016/2017:

- Solicitation Priorities
- Project Categories
- Proposal Requirements
- Proposal Review Process
- Scoring Criteria

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## Project Categories

- **Planning** - Support necessary activities that lead to future on-the-ground implementation projects, including environmental review, design, and project development
- **Scientific Studies**- assess the condition of natural resources or assess the effectiveness of projects, management decisions or programs influencing natural resources. Studies will be evaluated in relation to stream flow benefits directly related to the study.
- **Acquisition**- shall fund purchases of land, water rights, or interests in land or water that provide a direct and measurable enhancement of stream flow.
- **Implementation**- shall fund final design and construction of projects that provide a direct and measurable enhancement of stream flow.

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## Proposal Requirements

- California Conservation Corps Consultation
  - Must consult prior to submitting proposal
- Environmental Compliance and Permitting
  - Applicant is responsible for obtaining all permits
- Project Monitoring and Reporting
  - Plan required for Implementation and Acquisition Projects.
- Land Tenure/Site Control
  - On the ground projects should be improved or restored for 25 years



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## Scoring Criteria

- Applicability to solicitation priorities
- Consistency with State and federal plans
- Diversity and significance of project benefits
- Durability of investment
- Climate change considerations
- Purpose and background
- Approach and feasibility
- Scientific merit/basis
- Monitoring, assessment and reporting

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## Scoring Criteria (cont.)

- Data management and access
- Project team qualifications
- Schedule and deliverables
- Budget
- Leverage of other state funds
- Non state cost share funds
- Community support and collaboration
- Disadvantaged communities

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## Solicitation Priority

- Projects must measurably enhance stream flows at a time and location necessary to provide fisheries or ecosystem benefits **that improve upon existing flow conditions, are measurable, are significant** and are greater than required by applicable environmental mitigation measures or compliance obligations.

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## Solicitation Priority

- Funds granted by WCB under the Program will be focused on enhancing flow in streams that provide one or more of the following:
  - support for anadromous fish;
  - support for special status, threatened, endangered or at risk species;
  - provide resilience to climate change

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## California Stream Flow Enhancement Program

Eligible Project Types include, but are not limited to:

- Water Transactions (e.g., changes to a stream's hydrograph through a lease, transfer, seasonal exchange)
  - Change of use petitions to benefit fish and wildlife
  - Surface and groundwater storage
  - Forbearance of water right
  - Changes in water management
  - Fans for frost protection
  - Conjunctive Use and groundwater storage banks
- Acquisition of water – permanent and long-term (not less than 20 years) dedications instream
- Habitat restoration projects (e.g., weed eradication, wet meadow restoration, forest thinning, restored flood plains, etc.) that reshape stream hydrographs
- Water efficiency generally – Irrigation efficiency and water infrastructure improvements (e.g., diversion, conveyance, and on farm projects) that save water and enable reshaping of the stream hydrographs

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## Timeline

**March 10-June 30, 2017**

WCB Staff available for Proposal Consultation

**July 1, 2017 (Tentative)**

Final Solicitation Release

**August 31, 2017 (Tentative)**

Proposals Due

**March 2018 (Tentative)**

Awards Announced

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## Other WCB \$\$ Opportunities

- Other Available Fund Sources
- Acquisition projects in floodways which benefit deer and mountain lion
- Coastal wetlands and watersheds
- Riparian and wetland
- Acquisition and restoration projects benefiting listed species

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