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Proposition 68 Draft Program

Guidelines overview

- Redding, October 1
- Los Alamitos, October 3
- Sacramento, October 5
- Online only public meeting October 10
Created by statute in 1947 to conserve California’s wildlife resources and provide for suitable public recreation.

Guidelines are based on:

- Public Resources Code (PRC) section 80000 et seq. – California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68)

- Fish and Game Code (FGC) section 1300 et seq., WCB acquires property and awards grants for fish & wildlife habitat conservation, restoration and for compatible public access facilities
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Eligible Grant Applicants

- Nonprofit organizations
- Local governmental agencies
- Federal agencies
- State agencies
Projects must provide at least one of the following benefits:

- Protected or enhanced biodiversity
- Climate change resiliency and connectivity
- Support of the State Wildlife Action Plan priority habitats
- Conserved or enhanced working landscapes
- Conserved or enhanced water-related projects
- Enhanced public access
At least 20 percent of the Proposition 68 funds shall be allocated for projects serving severely disadvantaged communities and up to 5 percent of a grant may be used for community access. To identify an important community need, WCB recommends that applicants directly engage local residents and community-based groups.
Up to $275,000,000 allocated to WCB within the Sections below:

- Chapter 7:
  Lower American River Conservancy Program

- Chapter 8:
  Regional Conservation Investment Strategies, Natural Community Conservation Plans, UC Natural Reserve System, WCB Programs

- Chapter 10:
  Climate Adaptation and Habitat Resiliency Projects
The WCB administers the Lower American River Conservancy (LARC) Program, as established by legislation in 2016 (PRC section 5845 et seq.).
Chapter 8:

- Development of Regional Conservation Investment Strategies
- Implementation of Conservation Plans
- Support for the University of California Natural Reserve System
- WCB existing Programs
Chapter 8 continued:

Projects within Established WCB Programs, including:

- Acquisitions
- Agricultural Lands
- Climate Adaptation
- Forest Conservation
- Habitat Enhancement
- Oak Woodlands
- Public Access
- Rangeland
- Riparian
- Wetlands
Chapter 10 projects:

- Threatened and endangered species, wildlife corridors, climate adaptation, trail linkages, wildlife rehabilitation facilities, invasive species, water for fish and wildlife, aquatic and riparian habitats, and wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities.
- Pacific Flyway habitat
- Wildlife or fish passage
- Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountains watersheds
Chapter 10: Proposal Solicitations:

- Solicitations to be announced in early 2019
- Refer to website for information and email list
- Specific criteria outlined in each solicitation
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Comments

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