



WCB Proposition 68 Guidelines



Wildlife Conservation Board Proposition 68 Draft Program Guidelines overview



- ▶ Redding, October 1
- ▶ Los Alamitos, October 3
- ▶ Sacramento, October 5
- ▶ Online only public meeting October 10





Wildlife Conservation Board Background:



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

Wildlife Conservation Board Eligible Grant Applicants

- ▶ Nonprofit organizations
- ▶ Local governmental agencies
- ▶ Federal agencies
- ▶ State agencies



Wildlife Conservation Board Strategic Plan



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



Wildlife Conservation Board Disadvantaged Communities



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.



The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Access for All Act of 2018



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



Wildlife Conservation Board Programs and Prop 68



Chapter 7: Lower American River Conservancy Program

- ▶ The WCB administers the Lower American River Conservancy (LARC) Program, as established by legislation in 2016 (PRC section 5845 *et seq.*).



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Chapter 8:

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



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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



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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

Wildlife Conservation Board How to Apply

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



Wildlife Conservation Board Comments



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