

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

Pacific Flyway Conservation 2019 Proposal Solicitation Notice



Pre-applications due September 10, 2019

Submit Pre-application Form to WCBFlyway@wildlife.ca.gov



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- [Pre-application Form](#)
- [Full application Form](#)
- [Budget Worksheets](#)



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The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) is inviting grant proposals for multi-benefit climate adaptation and resiliency projects that protect, restore or enhance migratory bird habitat associated with the Pacific Flyway. These projects should seek to protect, restore or enhance migratory bird habitat, improve migratory bird habitat diversity, quality and connectivity, or improve management and ecological function of migratory bird habitat.

This 2019 Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) for Pacific Flyway Conservation, provides application information specific to the 2019 grant cycle (see timeline below). Up to \$10 million may be awarded in grants selected through this PSN. The minimum grant amount requested from WCB should be no less than \$100,000. Applicants should thoroughly review the [WCB Proposition 68 Guidelines](#) (Guidelines). Additional planning resources include:

- [WCB Strategic Plan](#)
- [State Wildlife Action Plan](#)
- [North American Waterfowl Management Plan](#)
- [Migratory Bird Joint Ventures](#)
- [Central Valley Joint Venture](#)
- [Intermountain West Joint Venture](#)
- [Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture](#)
- [San Francisco Bay Joint Venture](#)
- [Sonoran Joint Venture](#)

Questions related to this PSN may also be directed to WCB via e-mail (WCBFlyway@wildlife.ca.gov).

BACKGROUND

The WCB is an independent state board with the authority to carry out programs that benefit wildlife conservation in California (California Fish and Game Code 1300, et seq.). WCB's three main conservation functions are land acquisition, habitat restoration, and development of wildlife-oriented public access facilities. WCB promotes this work through many [conservation programs](#).

In June 2018, voters passed the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) which identified a need for climate adaptation and resiliency projects. Among other things, Proposition 68 made available not less than \$20 million for WCB to advance "...the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, protection, and expansion of wildlife corridors and open space to improve connectivity and reduce barriers between habitat areas and to protect and restore habitat associated with the Pacific Flyway." ([PRC 80132c](#)).

This competitive PSN is WCB’s first invitation for proposals to be funded through Proposition 68 for Pacific Flyway Conservation within the state of California. Projects funded through this PSN must be completed with funds expended by March 31, 2024.

WCB anticipates issuing another Pacific Flyway Conservation PSN in 2020.

ELIGIBILITY

PSN Area

Projects should be consistent with and seek to implement habitat and/or species conservation objectives of one of the five North American Migratory Bird Joint Ventures located within the State of California. More information regarding these Joint Ventures can be found below:

- [Migratory Bird Joint Ventures](#)
- [Central Valley Joint Venture](#)
- [Intermountain West Joint Venture](#)
- [Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture](#)
- [San Francisco Bay Joint Venture](#)
- [Sonoran Joint Venture](#)

Projects can be located on public (state, local and/or federal) and/or private land.

Grant Applicants

Nonprofit organizations and public agencies (state, local and federal) are eligible to submit grant proposals in response to this PSN.

Project Types

Project types eligible for this PSN include:

- Implementation (e.g., “shovel ready” projects such as restoration and enhancement)
- Planning (e.g., design and environmental review that lead to future implementation)
- Acquisition (e.g., fee title, conservation easement, or agricultural easement)

PSN PRIORITIES

Applications must advance multi-benefit climate adaption and resiliency projects that support the habitat/species conservation objectives of one of the five North American Migratory Bird Joint Ventures located within the State of California. Example projects and their relative priority in this PSN are identified below.

The following (in no particular order) examples **do not provide an exhaustive list of possible projects**. In general, implementation and acquisition projects will be prioritized over planning projects.

Priority 1

- Restoration/enhancement of seasonal wetlands through construction/improvement of levees, ditches and habitat features such as swales, islands, and the planting of emergent cover
- Development/improvement of water conveyance infrastructure such as lift pumps and water control structures to provide water to wetlands
- Establishment/enhancement of semi-permanent wetlands (brood water)

- Establishment/enhancement of upland/nesting habitat adjacent to semi-permanent or reverse-cycle wetlands
- Acquisitions (fee title or conservation easement) that protect migratory bird habitat

Priority 2

- Restoration/enhancement of tidal marsh or estuarine habitat
- Restoration/enhancement of wet meadow habitat, including rangelands
- Restoration/enhancement of riparian habitat
- Removal of non-native vegetation, and restoration of native vegetation
- Agricultural easements that provide habitat benefits to migratory birds and other wildlife

APPLICATION PROCESS

Table 1 displays the timeline for this PSN. WCB staff will evaluate pre-applications and offer applicants feedback regarding alignment with PSN priorities, overall merit, and any ineligible costs. WCB will only request full applications from select applicants.

WCB holds a minimum of four meetings annually (typically February, May, August, and November) where the board may consider awarding funds for proposed projects. The February 2020 board meeting is likely the first opportunity where WCB may award funds under this PSN. WCB staff anticipate that November 2020 will be the last board meeting where WCB will consider awarding funds under this 2019 PSN. Subsequent awards for the Pacific Flyway Conservation will be considered under future PSNs.

Table 1. Timeline for the 2019 PSN.

Date	Description
August 12, 2019	PSN release
September 10, 2019 at 5:00 pm	Pre-applications due
October 11, 2019	WCB invites full applications from select applicants
November 13, 2019 at 5:00 pm	Full applications due
December 18, 2019	WCB completes review of full applications
February 2020	First WCB meeting to consider approval of selected projects
March 31, 2024	Projects complete and funds expended

Administrative Review

WCB will conduct an administrative review to determine if applications were completed as required. All information requested in this PSN must be provided and in the required formats. Applications that are determined to be ineligible or incomplete may not be considered for funding. Administrative review criteria include:

- Applications submitted by required deadlines
- Project meets eligibility requirements
- Pre-application completed per PSN instructions
- Full application (upon invitation) completed per PSN instructions

- CEQA documents are current and complete or will be completed no less than 15 days prior to board meeting where funding approval may be considered
 - For this 2019 PSN, projects must have CEQA completed no later than June 2020

Pre-application

All applicants must submit a **Pre-application by 5:00 PM Pacific Standard Time on September 10, 2019** using the [Pre-application Form](#). Please submit the Pre-application form as a Microsoft Word Document. A link to this form can also be found on WCB's Grant Opportunities page: <https://wcb.ca.gov/Grants>. Project Pre-application forms must be submitted to WCBflyway@wildlife.ca.gov with *2019 Pacific Flyway Conservation Pre-application* in the subject line. All information requested in this PSN is mandatory unless otherwise indicated. Failure to complete all required application components will make the proposal incomplete. Incomplete proposals will not be scored or considered for funding. WCB staff will evaluate Pre-applications based on proposed project alignment with PSN priorities, geographic distribution, and project readiness.

Full Application

Invited applicants must submit **Full applications by 5:00 PM Pacific Standard Time on November 13, 2019** using the [Full Application Form](#) and [Budget Worksheets](#) referenced under the "Guidelines, Forms, and Templates" section, below.

Full applications must be submitted via e-mail to WCBFlyway@wildlife.ca.gov with "*2019 Pacific Flyway Conservation Application*" and the Project Title in the subject line. Incomplete applications will not be scored or evaluated for funding. The Guidelines describe the general evaluation process. Review and evaluation processes specific to this PSN are described in additional detail, below.

Evaluation Criteria

All full applications that satisfy WCB's administrative review will be evaluated and scored by technical reviewers based upon the scoring guide and evaluation criteria listed in Appendix B.

Each criterion will be scored with a point value between zero and five. A weighting factor will be applied to each criterion to calculate a weighted score. A final score for the proposal will be generated by averaging the weighted scores from all reviewers.

When scoring is complete, WCB will compose preliminary funding recommendations based on:

- Final score by technical reviewers
- Alignment with Guidelines and PSN priorities
- Distribution of funds among geographies, applicants, etc.
- Availability of funds
- Coordination with other agencies implementing complementary programs

Budget

The minimum grant amount requested from WCB should be no less than \$100,000. Budgets must be submitted with the application by completing the 2019 Pacific Flyway Conservation – Budget Worksheets (budget worksheets). Project tasks identified in the budget worksheets should be consistent with the project narrative and schedule. The budget worksheets should identify funding that is available for long-term operation and maintenance as well as any non-WCB contributions (i.e., cash or in-kind services) to be used as cost share.

Cost Share

Cost share is the portion of the project cost not funded by the awarding agency (WCB) and is provided by the applicant and/or other sources (e.g., private companies, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and/or other entities). A list of all cost share sources must be detailed in the budget worksheets. Proposals with higher proportions of secured cost share contribution towards total project cost will score more points through the “Cost Share” proposal evaluation criterion.

Proposals must specify the source and dollar amount of all cost share contributions of cash or in-kind services (e.g., volunteer time, materials, land donations). If volunteer time is to be used as part of the matching requirement, explain the type of service that will be provided, the number of hours the service will be provided, and the hourly rate associated with the service. Cost share must be:

- Used to support the proposed project
- Spent between PSN release and the end of the grant term
- Secured prior to application submission in order to be considered during proposal scoring

Where applicable, cost share agreements or funding assurances will be required prior to grant execution. Applicant must also indicate if any cost share is being used as match for other grants or entities and whether they intend to leverage other state funds as match, if awarded. WCB may withhold retention until all cost share expenses are accrued.

Indirect Costs

Indirect cost (alternatively known as Administrative Costs or Administrative Overhead) rates are limited to 20 percent of the total direct WCB award to the grantee, minus subcontractor and equipment costs. Any amount over 20 percent will not be funded but may be used as cost share. Indirect costs include but are not limited to: workers compensation insurance, utilities, office space rental, phone, and copying which is directly related to completion of the proposed project. Costs for subcontractors and purchase of equipment cannot be included in the calculation of indirect costs in the overall project budget. The applicant must explain the methodology used to determine the rate and provide detailed calculations in support of the indirect cost rate. Please refer to the 2019 Pacific Flyway Conservation – Budget Worksheets.

Ineligible Costs

The following are costs that are ineligible for reimbursement through an awarded grant:

- All costs incurred outside of the grant agreement term
- Travel costs not specifically identified in the grant budget
- Out of state travel without prior written authorization from WCB
- Appraisal, title, or escrow costs
- Student tuition and/or registration fees
- Purchase of electronics or other equipment not specifically identified in the grant agreement

Community Access

Proposition 68 defined community access as “engagement programs, technical assistance, or facilities that maximize safe and equitable physical admittance, especially for low-income communities, to natural or cultural resources, community education, or recreational amenities” ([PRC 80002b](#)). Community access-related costs should be identified as a separate task in the “Budget Justification” Budget Worksheet and may comprise up to 5% of the grant amount from WCB.

Serving Disadvantaged Communities

Proposition 68 ([80008\(a\)\(2\)](#)) requires that at least 20 percent of the Chapter 10 funds available be allocated for projects serving severely disadvantaged communities. Projects that directly benefit a severely disadvantaged community and/or are located within a severely disadvantaged community will score more points through the “Serving Disadvantaged Communities” proposal evaluation criterion.

Proposition 68 defines a severely disadvantaged community as “a community with a median household income less than 60 percent of the statewide average.” The Department of Water Resources has developed an interactive [Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool](#) which shows the location and boundaries of disadvantaged communities in the state.

Applicants should use the following two-step process to evaluate whether their proposed project will benefit one or more severely disadvantaged communities.

Step 1 – Determine whether a majority ($\geq 50\%$) of the proposed project area is located within a severely disadvantaged community. Applicants may use boundary data from the census place, census tract, or census block group geography levels to determine whether the project is located within a severely disadvantaged community, based on the geography that is the most representative for that community.

Step 2 – Determine whether the proposed project will provide benefits to a severely disadvantaged community. If the proposed project meets one or more of the following criteria, it will be considered to provide benefits to a severely disadvantaged community.

- Project preserves, restores, or enhances a site that allows public access, enhances public recreational opportunities (e.g., fishing, hiking, biking, bird watching), and is within 1 mile of a severely disadvantaged community
- Project significantly reduces flood risk to one or more severely disadvantaged communities
- Project reduces exposure to local environmental contaminants (e.g., water quality contaminants) within a severely disadvantaged community
- Project includes recruitment, agreements, policies, or other approaches that are consistent with federal and state law and result in at least 25% of project work hours performed by residents of a severely disadvantaged community
- Project includes recruitment, agreements, policies, or other approaches that are consistent with federal and state law and result in at least 10% of project work hours performed by residents of a severely disadvantaged community participating in job training programs which lead to industry-recognized credentials or certifications

California Conservation Corps/California Association of Local Conservation Corps Services

The California Conservation Corps (CCC) is a state agency with local operations throughout the state. The California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC) is the representative for certified local conservation corps. To the extent feasible, a project whose application includes the use of services of the CCC or certified community conservation corps, as defined in Section 14507.5 of the Public Resources Code, shall be given preference for receipt of a grant. The CCC has developed a [Corps Consultation Review Document](#) to help determine whether it is feasible for CCC or CALCC to provide services for the proposed project.

Monitoring and Reporting

Planning and implementation project proposals are required to include a Monitoring and Reporting Plan that explains how habitat improvements will be measured or quantified and how project success will be evaluated and reported (see “Monitoring and Reporting” proposal evaluation criterion). Planning projects proposing to conduct baseline monitoring may include development of a monitoring plan as a task in the scope of work, or if the proposed monitoring approach is known, it should be described in the Monitoring and Reporting portion of the application. Performance of planning projects will be evaluated based on completion of project deliverables per the grant agreement. The specific terms and conditions for monitoring and reporting, including performance measures, may be negotiated prior to grant execution to ensure appropriate measures have been identified and to assist with consistency of nomenclature, units, and measurements.

The scope of the Monitoring and Reporting Plan will vary depending on the nature of the project. However, each plan shall include:

- Project-specific performance measures that are clearly linked to project objectives and have quantitative and clearly defined targets, at least some of which must be feasible to meet within one to two years post-implementation. Performance measures can be placed into two broad categories.
 - Output measures track whether on-the-ground activities were completed successfully and evaluate factors that may be influencing ecosystem outcomes (e.g., number of acres protected or restored, types and numbers of land management practices developed and implemented).
 - Outcome measures evaluate direct ecosystem responses to project activities (e.g., responses by target wildlife populations and responses in ecosystem function).
- Identify opportunities to extend the monitoring activities beyond the term of the grant (e.g., by using standardized, readily replicated monitoring and evaluation processes; leveraging on-going monitoring programs; and building partnerships capable of attracting funding from multiple sources over time).
- A plan for reporting monitoring results and progress toward performance measures.

Maintenance and Management

Implementation project proposals are required to include a Long-Term Management Plan (LTMP) that describes how the project area will be managed for a minimum of 25 years to deliver enduring, sustainable benefits consistent with the purposes of the grant (see “Durability of Investment/Climate Change Considerations” proposal evaluation criterion). The LTMP should identify funding mechanisms and parties responsible for conducting maintenance and management activities. Acquisition projects may be required to provide LTMPs.

If a LTMP is not available for the project, one may be developed as a grant deliverable. However, if a LTMP is included as a grant deliverable, the project proposal should still describe a general strategy that addresses these maintenance and management considerations.

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

By submitting an application, project proponents understand and agree to all requirements and responsibilities detailed in this PSN and the Guidelines (e.g., Sections “5.0 Project Approval and Implementation” and Section 6.0 “General Program Requirements”).

Acquisitions

Acquisition of any interest in real property (e.g., fee title or conservation easement) must be from a willing seller. Sale price must not exceed fair market value, as set forth in an appraisal approved by the Department of General Services. Detailed information about WCB acquisition policies and requirements (e.g., Baseline Conditions Report) can be found on WCB's [Grant Documents and Templates](#) webpage.

Environmental Compliance and Permitting

Activities funded under the Program must comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Several local, state, tribal and federal agencies may have permitting or other approval authority over projects that are eligible for grant funding. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all permits, approvals, reviews, etc. necessary to carry out the proposed work.

Projects that are undertaken to meet mitigation obligations, or projects that are under an enforcement action by a regulatory agency, will not be considered for funding.

Proposals for projects that are subject to CEQA and NEPA must identify the state and federal lead agencies and provide documentation that the agency or agencies have accepted the role. CEQA/NEPA compliance must be complete 15 days before WCB meets to consider funding approval. If CEQA/NEPA compliance for a proposed project is not complete at time of proposal submission, WCB will determine the likelihood of CEQA/NEPA completion by the anticipated board meeting date based upon the applicant's schedule for and progress toward completion. Applicants must provide environmental documents and lead agency compliance, such as an Environmental Impact Report and a Notice of Determination, upon request.

Data Management

Environmental data collected under this grant program must be made visible, accessible, and independently understandable to general users in a timely manner, except where limited by law, regulation, policy or security requirements. Applicants should account for the resources necessary to implement data management activities in the project budget. Projects generating environmental data must include data management activities that support incorporation of those data into statewide data systems, where applicable.

Unless otherwise stipulated, all data collected and/or created through WCB grant funds shall be required as a deliverable and will become the property of WCB. A condition of final payment shall include the delivery of all related data. Geospatial data must be delivered in an [ArcGIS](#)-compatible format where applicable and documented with metadata in accordance with the [CDFW Minimum Data Standards](#).

Land Tenure/Site Control

Applicants for projects conducting on-the-ground work must submit documentation showing that they have adequate tenure to, and site control of, the properties to be improved or restored for at least 25 years. Proof of adequate land tenure includes, but is not necessarily limited to:

- Fee title ownership
- An easement or license agreement
- Other agreement between the applicant and the fee title owner, or the owner of an easement in the property, sufficient to give the applicant adequate site control for the purposes of the project and long-term management
- For projects involving multiple landowners, all landowners or an appointed designee must

- provide written permission to complete the project
- For most grants to non-profit organizations for project implementation and construction, WCB will require an agreement sufficient to protect the public interest. That agreement shall be recorded in the county in which the real property is located. This document is typically a Notice of Unrecorded Grant Agreement, or NOUGA.

When an applicant does not have tenure at the time of proposal submission, but intends to establish tenure via an agreement that will be signed prior to grant execution, the applicant must submit a template copy of the proposed agreement, memorandum of understanding (MOU), or permission form at the time of proposal submission. Once a project has been awarded, the applicant must submit documentation of land tenure before a complete grant agreement can be executed.

WCB and its representatives shall have the right to access the project site at least once every 36 months for acquisitions, and for all other grants at least once every 12 months from the start date of the grant for the life of the project. WCB shall provide advance notice to Grantee and landowners prior to accessing the project site.

GUIDELINES, FORMS, AND TEMPLATES

Requirements as identified in the Guidelines below are mandatory unless stated otherwise. Applicants must use the forms referenced below to apply or the application may be deemed incomplete and ineligible for funding. Links to these forms can also be found on WCB's Grant Opportunities page at <https://wcb.ca.gov/Grants>.

- 2019 Pacific Flyway Conservation Program – [Pre application Form](#)
- 2019 Pacific Flyway Conservation Program – [Full application Form](#)
- 2019 Pacific Flyway Conservation Program – [Budget Worksheets](#):
 - A. Applicant Budget (planning and implementation projects only)
 - B. Budget Justification (planning and implementation projects only)
 - C. Cost Share (all planning, implementation, and acquisition projects)
 - D. Acquisition Costs (acquisition projects only)

For questions regarding this PSN, please contact WCB at WCBFlyway@wildlife.ca.gov.

REFERENCES

PRC 80321f. PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, DIVISION 45. California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 [80000 - 80173], CHAPTER 10. Climate Preparedness, Habitat Resiliency, Resource Enhancement, and Innovation [80130 - 80137].

APPENDIX A – Preview of Pre-application Form

Project Pre-application Form:

2019 Pacific Flyway Conservation Funding

Up to 4 pages not including photographs or maps

PLEASE SUBMIT AS A MICROSOFT WORD DOCUMENT to WCBFlyway@wildlife.ca.gov

PROJECT INFO			
Project Name			
Brief Summary			
Total Project Cost <small>(round up to nearest \$1,000)</small>	\$	Amount Requested	\$
Start Date		End Date	
Project Type (Choose one only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Planning		
Habitat Type/Acres			
LOCATION INFO			
County(ies)		Specific Location <small>(APN or Address)</small>	
Nearest City		Distance	
Latitude <small>(Decimal Degrees)</small>		Longitude	
What point is represented by the lat/longs (eg., parking lot, center of site, etc):			
Is project in a Disadvantaged Community ? <small>mapping tool: https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/</small>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially	
APPLICANT INFO			
Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> State Government <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization		
Organization Name			
Contact Person		Title	
Phone		Email	
Address			
LANDOWNER INFO			
Organization (Add rows if multiple)	<input type="checkbox"/> State Government <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Private Landowner <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
Organization Name			

Project Overview

Briefly describe the project. Identify the problem or need and how the proposal will provide a solution. Describe the project objectives and how it will improve habitat within the Pacific Flyway. For restoration projects, identify the existing habitat shortcomings, specific methods used to restore and enhance habitats, and describe all resulting habitat(s), including acreage by habitat type and, where appropriate, the length and width (in feet) of the resulting restored habitat. Identify current and past major land uses. Provide expected project timeline. Describe long-term management and maintenance activities of the project site and identify who will be responsible for those activities.

Environmental Review - CEQA

The proposed project.... (select the appropriate answer):

- Is not a project under CEQA. Briefly specify why.
- Is exempt under CEQA. Provide the CEQA exemption number and specify how the project meets the terms of the exemption.
- Requires Neg Dec, MND, or EIR. Specify the lead CEQA agency (the agency preparing the document) and the (expected) completion date. Please note that WCB will need to review and approve any CEQA document. For more information on CEQA, visit: <http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/>.

Environmental Review – Permitting

Briefly describe the project's required State, federal and local permits, and if they have been obtained. If the project's permitting obligations have not been met, give the current status and expected completion date(s) of each permit.

Funding Sources

Provide a task oriented draft budget for the proposed project. Include a complete list of all partners contributing toward the project and include all sources of cash and in-kind services. Identify any funding that is available for long-term operation and maintenance costs.

Task #	Task	WCB	Other CA State Funds	Other Non-State Funds	Total Cost	Expected Completion Date
1						
2						
3						
4						
TOTAL		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

Add or delete rows as necessary.

Other Funds

Please list all of the sources of match funding described above. Please indicate if other funding sources have been secured or are pending (applied for but not yet awarded).

Source	Amount (\$)	Status - Secured / Applied for
e.g.: California Natural Resources – Prop 1		Secured
e.g.: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation		Applied for
TOTAL	\$	

Add or delete rows as necessary.

Maps/Photographs

Attach location maps, designs, plans, engineering drawings, color photographs, etc., to help describe your proposal. Label photos with a one sentence description.

APPENDIX B – Evaluation and Scoring Guide

General Scoring Guide

Points*	Description
5	Criterion is fully addressed and supported by thorough and well-presented documentation and logical rationale.
4	Criterion is fully addressed and supporting documentation or rationale is less robust.
3	Criterion is not fully addressed and supporting documentation or rationale is insufficient to justify methods or objectives.
2	Criterion is marginally addressed and supporting documentation or rationale is insufficient to justify methods or objectives.
1	Criterion is minimally addressed and supporting documentation and rationale is insufficient to justify methods or objectives.
0	Criterion is not addressed.

*Categories with special scoring criteria are identified below.

Evaluation Criteria

Category	Criteria	Weight Factor	Max. Points	Max. Score
1. Applicability to Solicitation Priorities	Project aligns with the goals and priorities stated in this PSN, the Proposition 68 Guidelines, and WCB’s Strategic Plan.	3	5	15
2. Project Outcomes – Significance of the Benefits	Project provides multiple tangible benefits and the proposal provides sufficient analysis and documentation to demonstrate significance and a high likelihood that the benefits will be realized.	3	5	15
3. Durability of Investment/ Climate Change Considerations	Project delivers enduring benefits and provides climate change and resilience benefits to wildlife, habitat, and ecosystem function.	3	5	15
4. Approach and Feasibility	Proposal narrative clearly shows that the approach is well-designed and appropriate for meeting the project objectives; methods and technologies are appropriate and understood.	3	5	15
5. Monitoring and Reporting	Proposal demonstrates a clear and reasonable approach to monitoring, assessing, and reporting the effectiveness of the project.	1	5	5

Category	Criteria	Weight Factor	Max. Points	Max. Score
6. Project Team Qualifications	<p>Proposal demonstrates that the project team, and any partnership as appropriate, has the appropriate experience, facilities/equipment, and capacity to successfully perform the proposed tasks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 to 5 points: Project team demonstrates an appropriate level of expertise and, where applicable, successful completion of previously funded. • 2 to 3 points: Project team lacks some expertise, has had some problems with successful completion of previously funded grants, or some key subcontractors are not named or are not appropriate for work. • 0 to 1 point: Project team has very limited expertise and/or has had numerous problems with successful completion of previously funded projects, or no key subcontractors are named. 	1	5	5
7. Schedule and Deliverables	<p>Proposal demonstrates a logical sequence and timing of project tasks, with reasonable milestones and appropriate deliverables consistent with a fund liquidation deadline of March 31, 2024, and that aligns with the tasks in the project narrative.</p>	1	5	5
8. Project Readiness	<p>Proposal demonstrates that access to the property, environmental compliance, permitting, planning, engineering design or other necessary preparations for the project are sufficient for prompt project implementation.</p>	1	5	5
9. Budget	<p>Proposed budget and justification are appropriate to the work proposed, cost effective, and sufficiently detailed to describe project costs, and are consistent with the tasks shown in the project narrative and schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points: Budget is detailed, accurate, and costs appear reasonable. • 3 to 4 points: Budget is moderately detailed, has some inaccuracies, and costs appear reasonable. • 1 to 2 points: Budget lacks sufficient detail, has many inaccuracies or costs appear unreasonable. • 0 points: Budget lacks sufficient detail, has many inaccuracies, and costs do not appear reasonable. 	1	5	5

Category	Criteria	Weight Factor	Max. Points	Max. Score
10. Cost Share	<p>Project provides secured federal, state, private, or local cost share. All fund sources must be identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points: Non-WCB cost share of >40%. • 4 points: Non-WCB cost share of 31-40%. • 3 points: Non-WCB cost share of 21-30% will receive 3 points. • 2 points: Non-WCB cost share of 11-20%. • 1 point: Non-WCB cost share of 1-10%. • 0 points: No non-WCB cost share. 	1	5	5
11. Community Support and Collaboration	<p>Project has broad-based public and institutional support at the local, regional, or larger scale and the local community or other stakeholders are engaged in project delivery.</p>	1	5	5
12. Serving Disadvantaged Communities	<p>Project benefits to severely disadvantaged communities per California Department of Water Resources guidance (https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 points: Projects that provide direct benefits to a severely disadvantaged community. • 1 point: Majority of the project area is located within a severely disadvantaged community. 	1	3	3
13. CCC/CALCC Services	<p>Project utilizes California Conservation Corps (CCC) and/or California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC) services. (1 point possible)</p>	1	2	2
Total Maximum Score: 100				