



Wildlife Conservation Board Lower American River Conservancy Program 2020 Proposal Solicitation Notice WCB Staff Consultation Announcement

March 24, 2020 Update:

Due to circumstances around the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) is postponing the release of the 2020 Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) for the Lower American River Conservancy Program (Program) until further notice. We anticipate its release later this spring. Please note that the consultation period will remain open during this period, until a new PSN release date is distributed.

WCB is seeking high quality grant proposals that result in enduring benefits to the lower American River Parkway. The Program allows for the following project types:

Land acquisitions and capital improvements that expand, restore, enhance, interpret or protect the Parkway's natural, cultural, historic, recreational, and educational resources, consistent with the American River Parkway Plan.

Up to \$2 million will be available through the PSN. Projects must be completed, and funds expended by March 15, 2024.

Eligible applicants include local public agencies and nonprofit organizations.

Expected priority areas will include projects that:

- Improve the quality of water that flows into and within the American River Parkway,
- Enhance interpretive and educational facilities related to the American River Parkway and its natural, cultural, and historic resources.

We welcome potential applicants to contact the WCB Program manager starting **March 9, 2020**, to consult about project ideas, and developing competitive proposals. Staff will answer questions about the Program, WCB, and the solicitation and grant process. WCB will not be answering specific questions about the scoring criteria and application at this time.

WCB staff will be available to answer general questions about environmental compliance and WCB Board requirements. Staff will not provide technical information regarding environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act and

environmental regulations/permits. Please contact local and state regulatory agencies for specific environmental compliance and permitting questions.

The PSN will be released later in spring of 2020 (date to be determined); and posted on the WCB website and Program web page. All application materials will be provided at that time, along with the application closing date.

Please note that the WCB staff consultation period closes once the PSN is released. However, a Frequently Asked Questions document will be posted on the Program web page that will provide answers to general questions about the Program, WCB, and the solicitation and grant process.

Contact Program manager Cara Allen by phone at (916) 445-1095.