



# Cutting the Green Tape and Restoration Grant Programs Workshop

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FEBRUARY 23, 2023



# Agenda

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Overview of the Restoration Grant Programs' Funding Opportunities

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Update on CDFW's Cutting the Green Tape Permitting Tools

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New Grant Application Process

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Questions and Answers

# New Funding Opportunities

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## Drought Resiliency – Protecting Salmon (\$100 million)

- Up to \$10 million available for projects within the Scott River and its tributaries
- Up to \$10 million available for projects within the Shasta River and its tributaries
- Projects will need to show support from Native American Tribes and local landowners or landowner associations when applying

## Addressing Climate Impacts (\$35 million)

### Nature Based Solutions

- Wetlands and Mountain Meadows Restoration (\$54 million)
- Wildlife Corridors (\$42 million)

A scenic view of a river flowing through a forested valley. The river is in the foreground, with white water rapids. The banks are covered in trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. In the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees covers a hillside under a blue sky with light clouds.

# Continuing Grant Opportunities

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## Proposition 1

- Watershed Restoration Grant Program (\$11 million)
- Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program (\$14 million)

## Proposition 68

- Rivers and Stream Restoration (\$6 million)
- Southern Steelhead Habitat Restoration (\$16 million)
- Klamath-Trinity Restoration (\$4 million)
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration (\$16 million)

# Project Types/ Priorities

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Interior wetlands

Coastal wetlands

Mountain meadows

Wildfire recovery, response and prevention

Anadromous fish and other fish habitat

Fish and wildlife habitat improvement

Managing headwaters for multiple benefits

Southern steelhead

Klamath – Trinity

Wildlife corridors

Delta science

Delta habitat improvements

Cross-border creeks and wetlands

Conservation acquisitions

# Program Information

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Program requirements can be found in the [WRGB General Grant Guidelines](#)

Eligible Applicants: tribes, nonprofit organizations and public agencies

## Project Types

- Planning
- Implementation
- Acquisition

All projects must have a significant benefit to fish and wildlife. Demonstrated consistency with stakeholder-vetted recovery planning efforts is encouraged.

CDFW is also interested in projects that:

- Benefit disadvantaged or historically underrepresented communities
- Expand the diversity of participating organizations and project types
- Demonstrate strong and meaningful community support, and
- Expand the capacity of the overall restoration community to engage in future restoration actions

# Timeline

<b>Program</b>	<b>Last day for Grant Agreement Execution</b>	<b>Project End Date</b>
<b>Drought Resiliency – Protecting Salmon</b>	4/30/2024	3/15/2026
<b>Nature Based Solutions - Wetlands/Meadow</b>	4/30/2025	3/15/2027
<b>Nature Based Solutions - Wildlife Corridors</b>	4/30/2026	3/15/2028
<b>Addressing Climate Impacts</b>	4/30/2024	3/15/2026
<b>Proposition 1/68</b>	4/30/2025	3/15/2027



# CUTTING THE GREEN TAPE

*The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Cutting the Green Tape (CGT) program is a statewide effort to increase the pace and scale of habitat restoration by creating and implementing new environmental permitting and grant funding tools.*



*Grant Funding*



*Permitting and CEQA Exemptions*



*Project Coordination*

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Cutting-Green-Tape>





# CUTTING THE GREEN TAPE

## Restoration Permitting and CEQA Tools



### Restoration Management Permit (RMP)

The RMP is a consolidated take authorization for both state listed species and Fully Protected species.



### Restoration Consistency Determination (CD)

Restoration Consistency Determinations are fast, free, and provide take coverage for animals that are both state and federally listed.



### Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act (HREA)

HREA combines a CEQA exemption, LSA, CESA permit, and integrates with a Clean Water Act 401 certification for small restoration projects.



### Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP)

Does your restoration project need CEQA coverage? SERP can save substantial money and time for qualifying projects.

[RestorationPermitting@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RestorationPermitting@wildlife.ca.gov)

# Application Process

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## Concept Proposal :

- Project Description
- Scope of Work with tasks and deliverables
- Schedule, budget
- Map, plans and other available attachments (as appropriate as needed)

## Continuous Application and Review

CDFW Selects the funding source



# Contact Info

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For more information on how to apply visit:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/Restoration-Grants/Concept-Application>

Questions about the process or your project? Grant consultations available at any time:

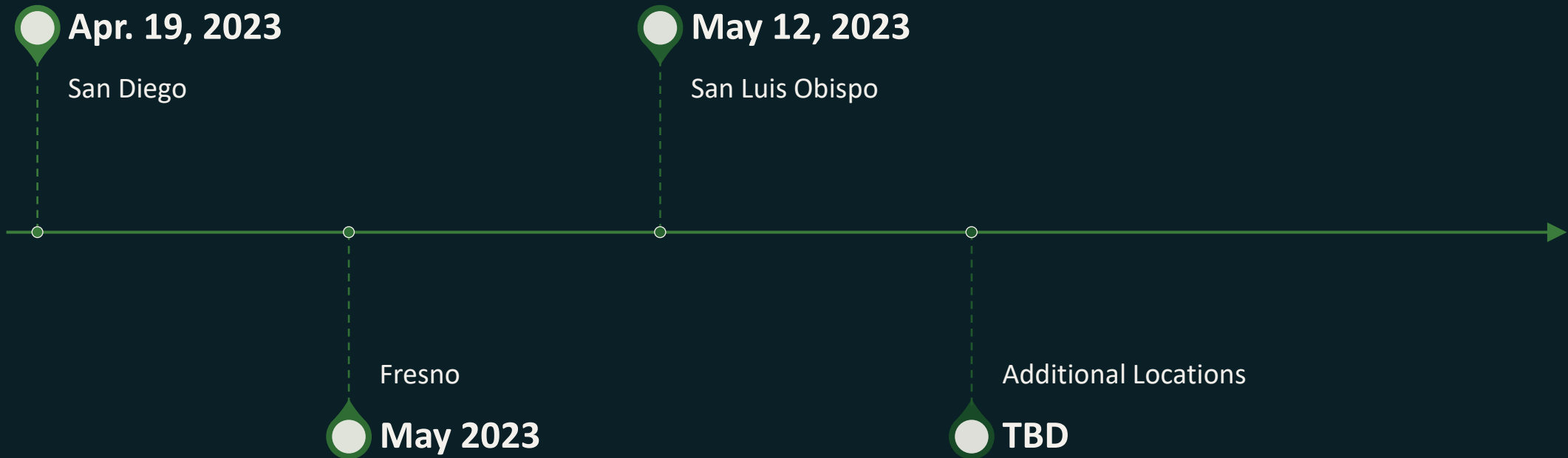
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/Prop-1/Consultation>

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# In-Person Workshops

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Questions

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