

Nontraditional Section 6 HCP Timeline*

Year-round

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) [Region staff](#), US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) [Field Office staff](#) and subgrantees** collaborate to identify funding needs, priority projects, and next steps, and begin to develop Project Concepts

October

- FWS HQ announces [Request for Proposals](#) (Date varies annually)
- CDFW Habitat Conservation Planning Branch (HCPB) distributes [Supplemental Guidance](#), Project Narrative Templates for [Planning Assistance](#) and [Land Acquisition](#), Budget Templates for [Planning Assistance](#) and [Land Acquisition](#), and additional attachments on [Species Benefits](#) and [Ecosystem Benefits](#); and announces deadlines
- CDFW Region and FWS Field Office staff give feedback on the Project Concepts to assist subgrantees as they prepare Project Proposals

November

- Subgrantees submit completed Project Proposals to CDFW Region (TBD) for review and feedback**
- CDFW Region submits finalized Project Proposals to CDFW HCPB (TBD)

December

- CDFW HCPB completes final review and packages all Project Statements into one complete HCP application package on behalf of the State of California

January

- CDFW Director approves completed HCP application package
- CDFW HCPB submits approved HCP application package to FWS Region 8 (TBD)
- FWS Region 8 fills in the Evaluation Form provided in RFP and assigns numeric scores.

February

- FWS Region 8 submits completed evaluations and HCP application package to FWS Headquarters in Washington D.C.

Following Summer

- [Grant Awards](#) are publicly announced by FWS
- CDFW receives official award letter from FWS
- Grant Agreement Development Phase begins

* This timeline is based upon the grant cycle of the previous few years and is subject to change without notice. Deadlines will be updated yearly, upon announcement of FWS Request for Proposals.
** "Subgrantees" are the entities that apply for federal Section 6 HCP grant funding that is granted to the State. Typically, subgrantees are the lead agencies for planning and implementing HCPs or NCCPs.