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

August

- CDFW announces Request for Project Concepts (posted Aug. 12, 2013)
- Subgrantees prepare Project Concepts in coordination with both CDFW Region and FWS Field Office staff

September

- Subgrantees submit Project Concepts to CDFW Region (with copy to FWS Field Office staff) (Deadline Sept. 6, 2013 COB)

January

- FWS HQ announces Request for Proposals (RFP) (Jan. 8, 2014)
- 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

February

- **Subgrantees submit completed Project Proposals to CDFW Region (Jan. 31, 2014) for review and feedback**
- CDFW Region submits finalized Project Proposals to CDFW HCPB (Feb. 18, 2014)

March

- CDFW Director approves completed HCP application package
- CDFW HCPB submits approved HCP application package to FWS Region 8 (Mar. 14, 2014)
- FWS Region 8 fills in the Evaluation Form provided in RFP and assigns numeric scores.

April

- 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.