

## **Notice of Pre-Solicitation Workshop**

*September 11, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.*

*Resources Agency Building, First Floor Auditorium  
1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California*

California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff will conduct a pre-solicitation public workshop for the new Wetlands Restoration Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant Program Proposal Solicitation. This program will integrate wetland restoration for greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction with habitat improvements for fish and wildlife, water supply improvements and other benefits.

The purpose of this workshop is to invite public input that will help inform the development of a new grant proposal solicitation for wetland restoration grants to implement projects that will provide important GHG reductions in the natural resources sector, including restoration of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) and coastal wetlands and mountain meadows.

### **When:**

Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **Where:**

Resources Agency Building, First Floor Auditorium  
1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814

*Note: The facility is wheelchair accessible and remote access is available by computer or phone via WebEx™ (see instructions below)*

### **Background:**

Restoring wetlands will create a larger and more efficient storehouse for atmospheric carbon, and will provide the co-benefits of protecting and improving water quality through filtration and pollution reduction; enhanced water storage through the replenishment of groundwater aquifers; and enhanced biodiversity by providing essential habitat for many species of fish and wildlife, some of which are endangered or threatened. Wetlands have among the most efficient sequestration rates per unit of all habitat types allowing for both effective and extensive carbon sequestration. Assembly Bill 1504 (Skinner; 2010) called for a commitment to sequestration, and along with 13 other bills since 2000 emphasize the significance of addressing climate change. Two primary drivers to implementing carbon sequestration are the state's commitment to reducing global GHGs, which is exemplified by Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) and the Governor's Executive Order S-3-05, and the California Water Action Plan.

Healthy coastal, Delta, interior, and mountain wetlands provide important and irreplaceable benefits to the human population and fish and wildlife, and can serve as high-value carbon sinks. However, as a result of land conversions and land use changes, only about 10 percent of the wetlands that existed in California 200 years ago remain today. Increasing the quality and quantity of key wetlands in California will provide measurable benefits consistent with the most recent climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies and wildlife and fisheries management and recovery plans.

This solicitation will focus on the following systems:

### **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Coastal Wetlands:**

#### **Goal:**

Develop and implement projects in the Delta and coastal areas with measurable objectives that will lead to large-scale wetland and estuary restoration, off-channel water storage, and modernized stream crossings.

#### **Example:**

Wetland creation or restoration projects that integrate GHG reduction, water conservation, flood protection and community safety, water supply reliability, habitat restoration and habitat connectivity for wildlife and fisheries, and enhancing climate change readiness in Delta and coastal wetlands, estuaries and rivers across the state.

### **Mountain Meadow Habitat in the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountain Ranges:**

#### **Goal:**

Develop and implement mountain meadow restoration projects in the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges with measurable objectives.

#### **Example:**

Restore and enhance mountain meadow habitat in strategic locations that will lead to reductions in GHGs, increased groundwater storage, contribute to stable stream flows and water supply, and improve habitat for native plants, fish and wildlife.

#### **Proposed Agenda:**

1. Overview of the Wetland Restoration Grant Program
2. Summarize the new Wetlands Restoration Greenhouse Gas Reduction solicitation
  - a) Award information
  - b) Priorities of this solicitation (types of projects)
  - c) Eligibility
  - d) Proposal review and selection process, including scoring criteria
  - e) Anticipated timeline
3. Public comment to receive feedback and suggestions on the above topics

#### **Public Comment:**

Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Any comments may become part of the public record in this workshop.

Written comments will also be accepted prior to and at the workshop and considered by staff prior to finalization of the solicitation. Following the workshop, written comments may be submitted to Helen Birss by noon on September 18, 2014.

Please send your comments to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Helen Birss  
Re: Wetland Restoration Grant Program

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Sacramento, CA 95814  
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## **Remote Attendance:**

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