



Notice of Public Meeting

April 1, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

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

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) will jointly conduct a public meeting to discuss their new grant programs established by Proposition 1. CDFW and WCB will also receive comments on their [Draft Guidelines](#) that describe the processes for grant applications through a competitive proposal solicitation process.

CDFW will inform the public of its new Watershed Restoration Grant Program and its Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program. WCB will inform the public of its new California Stream Flow Enhancement Program. CDFW and WCB will both gather public input and comments that will help finalize the draft guidelines and inform the development of proposal solicitations for these three programs.

When:

Wednesday, April 1, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. PST

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 AT&T Connect. (see instructions below).

Background:

Approved by voters in November 2014, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) will provide funding to meet three broad objectives of the [California Water Action Plan](#): more reliable water supplies; the restoration of important species and habitat; and a more resilient, sustainably managed water resources system (water supply, water quality, flood protection, and environment) that can better withstand inevitable and unforeseen pressures in the coming decades.

CDFW is currently developing two new grant programs to fund multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects, as outlined in Proposition 1. The Watershed Restoration Grant Program will focus on water quality, river, and watershed protection and restoration projects of statewide importance outside of the Sacramento- San Joaquin Delta (Delta). The Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program will focus on water quality, ecosystem restoration and fish protection facilities that benefit the Delta.

WCB is developing the California Stream Flow Enhancement Program to fund projects that enhance stream flows and are consistent with objectives and actions outlined in the California Water Action Plan, with emphasis on ecosystem restoration.

CDFW's competitive grant programs will invest \$285 million in projects of statewide importance outside of the Delta and \$87.5 million in projects that benefit the Delta over a 10 year period.

WCB's California Stream Flow Enhancement Program will invest a total of \$200 million in statewide projects.

Eligible entities include state and local agencies, nonprofit organizations, public utilities, federally recognized Indian tribes, state Indian tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List, and mutual water companies.

A portion of the Proposition 1 bond funds will be allocated annually through the State Budget to CDFW and WCB to award grants through a competitive process. The first proposal solicitation notices are expected for release in July of 2015.

Proposed Agenda:

- I. Overview of Proposition 1 and Draft Guidelines.
- II. CDFW - Overview of the Watershed Restoration and Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Programs.
- III. WCB - Overview of the Stream Flow Enhancement Program.
- IV. Public comment to receive feedback and suggestions on the above topics.

Public Comment:

Staff will accept oral and written comments during the public meeting and any comments received may become part of the public record.

Following the meeting, written comments will be accepted by CDFW through April 9, 2015, and by WCB through April 24, 2015. All timely comments will be considered by staff prior to finalization of the guidelines and solicitations.

Please submit your comments via email to:

CDFW Grant Program Comments: WatershedGrants@wildlife.ca.gov

WCB Grant Program Comments: wcbstreamflow@wildlife.ca.gov

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