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## PROGRAM AND POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

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### SUMMARY

A quorum was established with the following subcommittee members present: Jim Provenza, Dan Taylor, Mike Eaton, and Steve Chappell. One public member also attended. The meeting agenda included review and discussion of comments received during the Proposition 1 (Prop. 1) Grant Program public comment period, coordination requirements with local agencies and the Delta Protection Commission (DPC), and the project selection process.

Under Prop. 1, \$50 million is identified for the Conservancy for “competitive grants for multibenefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide issues.” In preparation for the disbursement of these funds, Conservancy staff developed draft grant guidelines and a grant application packet. Both documents have previously been reviewed by the subcommittee and the full Board.

### [Water Bond Grant Program Update](#)

Staff presented a summary of comments that the Conservancy received during the public comment period in May. The Conservancy received 11 written comments letters and 8 verbal comments from non-governmental organizations and state, federal, and local agencies. Written and verbal comments received during the public review period were summarized and discussed at the subcommittee meeting.

Staff presented draft language to clarify the board’s role in approving final project scores. The final score will be assigned to each grant proposal and posted on the Conservancy’s website. The Board will be provided with a list of all applications received, their final scores, and staff’s recommendation for all projects. The Board action will involve ratification of the projects’ scores and action on staff’s funding recommendation. Applicants and members of the public will have the opportunity to appear before the Board at this time.

A final version of the grant documents will be prepared for the Board’s approval at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

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An update on the Conservancy's coordination with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, local agencies, and the DPC was provided by staff.

### [Implementation Plan](#)

The subcommittee received an early draft of the Three Year Work Plan and the Fiscal Year 2015-16 (FY 15-16) Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan provides guidance for the Conservancy's program development through 2017. Major changes in the FY 15-16 Implementation Plan include revisions to the format to make it more concise and the inclusion of the Prop. 1 Grant Program.

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