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Grant Guidelines and Grant Application Package January 28, 2015

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests that the Board approve the Draft Grant Guidelines (with revisions) in order to move forward with public review of the documents in March of 2015.

SUMMARY

Conservancy staff has developed the attached draft Grant Guidelines (Attachment 2) and a Grant Application Package (Attachment 3) for the Proposition 1 Grant Program. The Program and Policy Subcommittee and Resources Agency staff have conducted initial reviews and provided feedback on these draft documents. These comments are included in the attached spreadsheet (Attachment 4) and have been incorporated into the drafts submitted to the Board for its review.

Conservancy Staff is requesting that the Board review and approve the draft Grant Guidelines and Grant Application Package. Following the Board's review and approval, the following steps will be taken to gather and incorporate additional comments, and receive final Conservancy Board approval.

- 1) Once approved for submittal by the Conservancy Board, the Conservancy will submit draft guidelines to the Resources Agency for posting on a designated page on the bond accountability website.
- 2) Draft solicitation and evaluation guidelines will be published on the Conservancy's website at least 30 days before public meetings on the guidelines.
- 3) Three public meetings will be held to consider public comments. These meetings will be held in the Delta.
- 4) Proposed final guidelines will be submitted to the Resources Agency for review and approval.
- 5) Once Resources Agency review is complete, the Conservancy will finalize the guidelines via approval from the Conservancy Board at the June 25, 2015 Board meeting.

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- 6) Final guidelines will be posted to a designated page on the bond accountability website and copies will be submitted to the fiscal committees and the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.

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