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## **GRANT APPLICATION PACKET**

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**PROPOSITION 1** 

## Delta Conservancy Ecosystem Restoration and Water

## **Quality Grant Program**

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#### Introduction

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Conservancy) has prepared this Grant Application Packet (GAP) to provide instructions for completing the required concept proposal and full proposal for a Conservancy Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality grant from Proposition 1 (Prop.1). This GAP provides all forms necessary to complete a successful application. Before following the instructions in the GAP, it is necessary for applicants to read the Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Guidelines (Guidelines). In addition to providing information about the grant categories, the Guidelines contain critical instructions and requirements regarding qualifying criteria.

The information in the Guidelines and the GAP must be used together to construct an eligible and complete concept proposal and full proposal.

#### **Proposal Solicitation**

#### A. Applying for a Grant

Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend a proposal submission workshop before completing or submitting a concept proposal. Questions received at the proposal submission workshop, or subsequently over the phone or via email, will be posted on the Conservancy's Prop. 1 Grant Program web page to assist others with similar questions. If potential applicants have questions that are not answered on the Conservancy's Grant Program web page or via the proposal submission workshop, potential applicants are encouraged to contact Conservancy staff BEFORE submitting a concept proposal. Once a concept proposal has been submitted, Conservancy staff will only be able to offer status updates.

#### B. Grant Cycle and Important Dates

The Conservancy's grant cycle is 10 months. If all funds during a fiscal year are expended but proposals have been submitted that otherwise could be approved for funding, these proposals may be held and re-considered during the next grant cycle.

Important dates for the 2015-16 grant cycle are:

- Concept Proposal Solicitation August 3, 2015 September 15, 2015
- Board Approval of Concept Proposals November 4, 2015
- Full Proposal Solicitation November 9, 2015 to January 30, 2016
- Board Approval of Full Proposals March 23, 2016

#### C. Grant Categories and Funding Levels

There are two grant categories in this grant cycle. Category 1 proposals are limited to preproject activities (e.g., planning, permits, etc.) that are necessary for a specific future on-theground project that meets the Conservancy Prop. 1 Grant Program criteria. Category 2 proposals are on-the-ground implementation projects. A maximum of \$450,000 is available for Category 1 proposals. Category 1 proposals may range from \$20,000 to \$100,000. Please note that the awarding of a Category 1 grant for a project does not guarantee that a Category 2 grant will be awarded for the same project. A maximum of \$8,550,000 is available during each funding cycle for Category 2 proposals. Category 2 proposals may range from \$25,000 to \$2,000,000.

#### **Proposal Selection**

Those interested in applying for Prop. 1 funds through the Conservancy are encouraged to attend a proposal workshop. The applicant must submit a concept proposal, which must clearly demonstrate the value of the project and provide the Conservancy with adequate information to evaluate the project. The concept proposal will be scored by Conservancy staff based on the concept proposal evaluation criteria.

If the concept proposal meets the scoring threshold of 85 points, the applicant will be invited to submit a full proposal. Please note that a project's full proposal documents will not be accepted unless a completed concept proposal has been submitted for review, scored, and the Conservancy requests a full proposal.

Full proposals will be reviewed and scored by the Conservancy grant team, a professional (technical) review team, and a peer review team to evaluate benefits, project design and readiness, and other factors (see full proposal evaluation criteria below). The technical and peer review teams will review staff's evaluation and scoring of full proposals to provide an independent review of staff's evaluation and scoring. A minimum of 85 points are required for a full proposal to be considered for funding.

If a project scores 85 points or higher during either the concept or full proposal stages but cannot demonstrate strong local support or a lack of significant conflict from local interests, the Conservancy reserves the right not to fund the project until the conflict is satisfactorily resolved.

Funding recommendation(s) will be made by staff and scheduled for a Board meeting agenda as an action item at the direction of the Executive Officer. The Board will be provided with a list of all proposals received, and a staff recommendation for projects to be funded.

Proposals and scoring information will be made available upon request.

If a grant proposal is approved, Conservancy staff will work with the applicant to complete a grant agreement that outlines reporting requirements, specific performance measures, invoice protocol, and grant funding disbursal.

#### A. Concept Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Concept proposals will be evaluated by Conservancy staff using the following criteria. If a project scores a minimum of 85 points (out of 100), applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal. The number in parentheses reflects the maximum number of points allocated to each category.

#### Project Description and Organizational Capacity

 A clear project description including location, need, goals and objectives, tasks, deliverables, and budget (requested funds and cost share contributions). Explain related experience, qualifications of all individuals working on the project, and examples of similar projects (10).

#### State Priorities/Project Benefits

- 2. Tangible results from the project that further Prop. 1 and state priorities, including implementation of the California Water Action Plan, the Conservancy's enabling legislation and Strategic Plan, the Delta Plan, and applicable recovery plans (15).
- 3. The degree to which the project has multiple benefits (10).
- 4. The extent to which climate change considerations were taken into account. If an agricultural sustainability project, the extent to which the impacts of climate change are vetted and deemed relevant or applicable to the project (10).

#### <u>Readiness</u>

5. The design and readiness of the project:

a. If a Category 1 project, this means an understanding of how the planning activities relate to the entire project, the permits and plans needed, and data gaps (10);

b. If a Category 2 project, this means the completeness of the design and the readiness of the project to begin (10).

#### Local Support

- 6. The degree to which potentially affected parties, including local government and the Delta Protection Commission, have been informed and consulted, good neighbor policies have been adopted and will inform the implementation of the project, and the Agricultural Land Stewardship Strategies (see link in Appendix B) have been applied (5).
- 7. The degree to which the project has local support, is consistent with similar efforts on nearby or surrounding lands, and is part of larger plans or identified partnerships (5).

#### Scientific Merit and Performance Measures

- 8. The extent to which the scientific basis of the proposed project is clearly described and the degree to which best available science and adaptive management practices have been adopted and will be implemented. If scientific basis and adaptive management are not relevant for this project (e.g., a sustainable agriculture project), the extent to which best industry practices are used (10).
- 9. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates the project objectives including outcomes and outputs (10).

#### Funding: Cost Share and Leveraging

- 10. The degree to which the project develops a cost share with private, federal, or local funding to maximize benefits and outcomes. If a project has a minimum of 25 percent cost share, it will score 5 points; if it has a minimum of 50 percent cost share, it will score 10 points (5-10).
- 11. The degree to which the project leverages other state funds (5).

#### **B.** Full Proposal Evaluation Criteria

If a concept proposal scores a minimum of 85 points and a full proposal is invited, full proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria (for a maximum of 100 points). Projects will need a score of 85 points or better to be considered for funding.

#### Project Description and Organizational Capacity

1. Does the applicant provide a clear description of the project including the needs for the project, project objectives, tasks, deliverables, and budget. More specifically, how well can the applicant manage and complete the proposed project considering related experience, readiness, and staff qualifications and knowledge; and what is the applicant's performance on prior federal or state assistance agreements awarded in the past three years (10).

#### State Priorities/ Project Benefits

2. How well does the project demonstrate consistency with Prop. 1 and state priorities, including implementation of the California Water Action Plan, the Conservancy's enabling legislation and Strategic Plan, the Delta Plan, and applicable recovery plans. Projects should demonstrate consistency with regional

plans to show the multibenefit outcome of the project (see Appendix B of the Grant Guidelines for a list of relevant plans), and with Delta Plan policies (15).

- 3. How well does the applicant explain plans for long-term management and sustainability beyond the term of the grant proposal, and if a Category 2 Restoration and Enhancement or Water Quality project, (a) third party monitoring and verification of the pre-project conditions, post-project habitat conditions, and the maintenance of habitat beyond the terms of the project; and (b) an adaptive management plan as required and defined in the Delta Plan regulations that considers threats to habitat including climate change (5).
- 4. The extent which climate change considerations were taken into account. If an agricultural sustainability project, the extent to which the impacts of climate change are vetted and deemed relevant or applicable to the project (5).

#### <u>Readiness</u>

5. How well does the applicant provide a (a) detailed project plan or implementation schedule; and (b) budget with reasonable costs and clear identification of grant funds and cost share contributions (10).

#### Local support

- The degree to which the project has local support, is consistent with similar efforts on nearby or surrounding lands and is part of larger plans or identified partnerships (5).
- 7. How well does the applicant demonstrate appropriate and necessary partnerships to help implement the project (5).
- 8. How well does the project avoid, reduce, or mitigate conflicts with existing and adjacent land uses, incorporate voluntary landowner participation that allows working agricultural landscapes to remain in production while also producing high quality habitat for species, and apply the Agricultural Land Stewardship Strategies, if applicable (see link in Appendix B) (5).

#### Funding: Cost Share and Leveraging

9. The degree to which the project develops a cost share with private, federal, or local funding to maximize benefits and outcomes. If a project has a minimum of 25 percent cost share, it will score 5 points; if it has a minimum of 50 percent cost share, it will score 10 points (5-10).

10. The degree to which the project leverages other state funds (5).

#### Scientific Merit and Performance Measures

- 11. How well does the project demonstrate a plan for achieving expected project outputs and objectives, including a plan for measuring, tracking, and reporting progress toward achieving these results. Projects should demonstrate the plan and approach for reporting project results or methods to state or local government agencies within and beyond their own organization (10).
- 12. The extent to which the scientific basis of the proposed project is clearly described and the degree to which best available science and adaptive management practices have been adopted and will be implemented. If scientific basis and adaptive management are not relevant for this project (e.g., a sustainable agriculture project), the extent to which best industry practices are used (10).
- 13. How well does the project employ new or innovative technology or practices, including decision support tools. If an agricultural sustainability proposal, how well does the project vet the relevancy and applicability of new or innovative technology or practices (5).

#### **Application Process**

This section describes the information and documents that must be submitted for both a concept and a full proposal. Concept proposals must be submitted electronically to prop1grants@deltaconservancy.ca.gov.

#### A. Concept Proposal Instructions

Please read the instructions below to submit a complete, clear, and responsive concept proposal. All files should be submitted electronically to prop1grants@deltaconservancy.ca.gov. The concept proposal should not exceed seven pages (not including the application form and budget – see Appendix A).

#### 1. Concept Proposal Application Form

The form should be completed with additional pages for the items listed below. Please use at least 11-point standard font, single line spacing with one-inch page margins. The following information will be scored using the concept proposal evaluation criteria. The total maximum number of points available is 100. Projects must score at least 85 points to be invited to submit a full proposal.

#### a. Applicant Information

Applicant must list its organizational/agency name, address, the primary contact's name and contact information, and the organization's federal tax ID number. Applicant must also identify the type of organization it is.

#### b. Project Information

Applicant must provide specific information about the project. Name, location (county, city/community, and any information that is more specific to the project site), proposed start date, and the estimated completion date.

#### 2. Project Description

Provide a clear, detailed description of the project proposed for Conservancy funding. Include:

- Specific need for the project,
- The project's goals and objectives,
- Specific tasks that will be undertaken,
- Work products or deliverables, and

#### 3. Organizational Capacity

Discuss the organization's capacity and experience in planning and implementing similar projects.

#### 4. Consistency with Funding Requirements, Project Selection, and Programmatic Criteria

Provide a clear description of how the project proposed for Conservancy funding is consistent with Prop. 1, the California Water Action Plan, the Conservancy's enabling legislation and Strategic Plan, and key local, state, and federal plans. Projects selected to submit a full proposal will be required to substantiate this consistency. Also describe how the project will address general coordination with other related efforts.

#### 5. Readiness

Describe the readiness to proceed with the project, as is applicable for the type of grant you are applying (Category 1 or Category 2):

- Discuss the readiness of the project to begin.
- List any data needs or identified data gaps, and a process for addressing them. Describe any permits and landowner agreements that will be required, if applicable. This includes the status of CEQA compliance.
- Discuss the status of cost share efforts, including the leveraging of state funds.

#### 6. Cooperation and Support

List individuals and organizations who will be participating in the project, cooperating (providing guidance, etc.), and supporting the project (not actively engaged, but aware of the project and supportive). Describe how you have informed and consulted with affected parties and/or incorporated good neighbor practices into the project.

#### 7. Best Available Science and Adaptive Management

Describe the scientific basis of the proposed project and how best available science and adaptive management practices have been adopted and will be implemented. If this is not relevant for this project (e.g., a sustainable agriculture project), then describe how best industry practices have been incorporated.

#### 8. Project Assessment

Describe your approach to measuring and reporting your project's effectiveness, including how you will quantify your successes. Identify project objectives including a general description of project outcomes and outputs.

#### 9. Funding Request and Budget

Applicant must provide information about the total project cost as well as the amount requested from the Conservancy. Information about cash and in-kind contributions, including sources, must also be included. Category 2 grants may not exceed 10 percent for planning monitoring costs.

#### **B.** Full Proposal Instructions

As described in the preceding section, all prospective applicants are required to submit a concept proposal. An applicant will be invited to submit a full proposal if the concept proposal has met all of the criteria and receives the minimum score. Only applicants invited to submit a full proposal will be reviewed and considered.

Applicants who are invited to submit a full proposal will be sent proposal submission instructions. Prospective applicants, however, should be prepared to submit the following information in a full proposal.

#### 1. Cover Page (1-page limit)

- a. Project Title;
- b. Name of applicant and applicant's federal tax I.D. number;
- c. Key personnel and contact information (i.e., email address and phone number);
- d. Geographic location general project location description including name of city and county of the project site;
- e. Total project cost, Conservancy grant funds requested, and cost share;
- f. Project start and end dates; and
- g. Abstract/project summary the abstract should begin with one or two sentences describing the main objective of the proposal. It should also include a listing of the main tasks to be accomplished, and a description of the final product(s).

#### 2. Detailed Project Description Narrative (10-page limit)

a. Describe the project tasks or components, the anticipated products associated with each task, and the anticipated timeline for each task. Include a description of the roles and responsibilities of the applicant. The narrative should be supplemented with a table displaying specific tasks, outcomes, and timeline (see Table 1 below). Include all six-month progress reports and the final report (indicating project completion in the schedule).

#### Table 1

Tasks	Timeline	Outcome	(s)
1.1			
1.2			
1.3			
1.4			
2.1			
2.2			
2.3			

- b. Provide an organizational capacity narrative that details the applicant's ability to complete the project as proposed. The narrative should identify the resources (staff, project partners, or contractors) intended to complete the tasks described in the work plan and should explain the applicant's expertise or experience completing similar projects, including performance on prior federal or state assistance agreements awarded to that organization in the past three years.
- c. Describe how the project is consistent with Prop. 1 funding requirements and the Conservancy's mission and programmatic goals.
- Describe the need for the project and how it contributes to statewide priorities (e.g., California Water Action Plan) or regional plans (e.g. Delta Plan; links to relevant plans can be found in the Grant Guidelines, Appendix B).
- e. Provide a narrative describing plans or planning for the long-term management and sustainability of the project.
- f. Indicate the degree to which the project has community support, is consistent with similar efforts on nearby or surrounding lands and is a part of larger plans or identified partnerships. Also describe any known project opposition with an explanation of the nature of the concerns, and any efforts that have been taken to address the concerns. Discuss how the results of the project will be transferred to (other) state or local government agencies.
- g. Describe the scientific basis of the proposed project and how best available science and adaptive management practices have been adopted and will be implemented. If this is not relevant for this project (e.g., a sustainable agriculture project), then describe how best industry practices have been incorporated and Include a description of the use of any new or innovative technologies or practices.
- h. Describe how the California Conservation Corps (CCC) or local conservation corps certified by the CCC will be used. If it is not feasible to use a conservation corps, explain why. For more information regarding the use of the CCC, see Appendix E.

#### 3. Detailed Budget and Narrative (4-page limit)

a. Budget Table - Using the Budget Table Template (see Appendix C: Full Proposal Budget Template), identify all project costs for which Conservancy funds are being requested, and provide detail for each category identified in the detailed budget form by task. All information needed to determine the cost effectiveness of the project should be provided in this form. Include costs for task elements outlined in the Detailed Project Description. Performance measure reporting should be included as a task or task element. Applicants should also include cost share contributions toward project completion provided by others. Note that funding requests should not exceed limits noted in the Guidelines. Applicants must also identify cost share contributions if receiving funding for the project from a source other than the Conservancy. List the amount expected in the cost share column. Budget estimate details such as the status and source of other funding contributions or explanations of revenues should be included in the Budget Narrative.

Note that funds requested for planning and monitoring should not exceed twenty percent of total project costs, excluding cost shares. Category 1 funds are intended to be used for planning activities but should not exceed ten percent of total project costs.

- Budget Narrative Provide a description of the proposed cost for each of the budget categories in the Budget Table. Explain if and how partners will contribute to the cost share. This section provides an opportunity for a narrative description of the budget or aspects of the budget such as other costs and contracts. Describe itemized costs in sufficient detail for the Conservancy to determine whether or not these costs are reasonable and allowed.
- c. Cost Allocation Plan the plan should be tailored to fit the specific policies of each organization. If your organization's policies are different in any of the categories, please specifically identify the methodology used. Although there are different methodologies available for allocating costs, the methodology used should result in an equitable distribution of costs to programs. Recipients must have a system in place to equitably charge costs. A sample Cost Allocation Plan has been provided on the Conservancy's web site (to be included in final).

#### 5. Performance Measures (5-page limit)

Describe the goals, outcomes, performance measures, measurement tools and methods, and targets in a project performance measures table, using Appendix B as a guide. This will serve as the basis for the development of the Project Assessment and Evaluation Plan (to be developed when a project is funded). Performance measures must be project specific and consistent and related to performance measures identified in the Delta Plan and other relevant planning documents (See Appendix B of the Guidelines).

#### 5. Authorization or Resolution to Apply (2-page limit)

Applicants will be required to provide a copy of documentation authorizing them to submit an application for grant funding to the Conservancy. A project-specific governing board resolution

is required for nonprofit organizations, tribes and local government agencies. However, if the organization's governing board has delegated authority to a specific officer to act on behalf of that organization, that officer may, in lieu of a resolution, submit a letter of authorization along with documentation of the delegated authority. The documentation of delegated authority must include the language granting such authority and the date of delegation.

For both letters and resolutions, the authorized representative may be a particular person (or persons) or a position (or positions). The advantage of having a position named as the authorized representative is that a new letter or resolution would not be required should the person currently holding the position change. In lieu of a resolution, state and federal agencies may submit a letter authorizing the application. The letter must be on the agency's letterhead, and must identify the position (job title) of the authorized representative.

Please note: The following items do not count toward the 22-page maximum.

5. Documents Required of Nonprofit Applicants (Does not count toward 22-page maximum.) Nonprofit applicants are required to submit Articles of Incorporation, IRS letters, and signed

Bylaws. If a nonprofit organization has submitted these documents to the Conservancy in prior funding cycles and its status has not changed, the applicant should notify Conservancy staff.

Note: If these documents are not already on file at the Conservancy, they must be submitted to the Conservancy if invited to submit a full proposal.

A nonprofit must meet eligibility requirements at the time of concept proposal submittal. Nonprofits incorporated outside of California must submit documentation from the California Secretary of State at the time of the application showing that they are permitted to do business in the State of California.

As required by statute, an eligible nonprofit organization is one that qualifies for exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code and has charitable purposes that are consistent with the purposes of the Conservancy.

- 6. Documents Required of Public Utility (Does not count toward 22-page maximum.) Public utilities regulated by the Public Utilities Commission must demonstrate that it has a clear and definite public purpose and that benefits the customers and not the investors.
- 7. Documents Required of Native American Tribe (Does not count toward 22-page maximum.) Native American tribes must show proof of its inclusion on the National Heritage Commission's California Tribal List, or proof of federal recognition.
- 8. Documents Required of Mutual Water Company (Does not count toward 22-page maximum.) Mutual water companies are required to submit a document that demonstrates a clear and definite public purpose and that it benefits the customers of the water system and not the investors.

Urban water suppliers must submit its urban water management plan in accordance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (Part 2.6 (commenting with Section 10610) of Division 6).

Agricultural water suppliers must submit its agricultural water management plan in accordance with the Agricultural Water Management Planning Act (Part 2.8 (commencing with Section 10800) of Division 6).

Urban water suppliers and agricultural water suppliers must show proof of how it complies with the requirements of Part 2.55 (commencing with Section 10608) of Division 6).

#### 9. Supplemental Documents

#### a. Partner and Community Letters of Support

Provide letters of support for the project, including support and commitment letters from partners providing a cost share.

#### b. Maps and Photos

#### Project Location Map

If applicable, provide a map identifying the project site. The map should provide sufficient detail to allow a person unfamiliar with the area to locate the project. Applicants are encouraged to provide a satellite image or aerial photograph as the background of the map, if available.

#### Parcel Map with County Assessor's Parcel Number(s)

If applicable, provide an Assessor's Parcel Map of the project area with the parcel(s) identified by parcel number.

#### Topographic Map

If applicable, submit a topographic map (preferred 1:24,000 scale) that is detailed enough to identify the project area and elements as described in the project description narrative.

#### Photos of the Project Site

If applicable, submit no more than 10 photos showing the area(s) to be restored, protected, or acquired. Photos should be appropriately captioned for greatest usefulness.

#### c. Land Tenure Documents

In order for the Conservancy to consider projects for funding, agreements must be in place allowing the applicant to access property to construct and maintain the proposed project. If appropriate, define what, if any, agreements are in place, or plans (including a timeline) to acquire those agreements. Please be aware that a grant agreement will not be executed without proof of land tenure.

#### d. Leases or Agreements

If appropriate, provide copies of all leases, agreements, memoranda of understanding, etc., not already addressed affecting project lands or the future operation and maintenance thereof.

#### e. Regulatory Requirements/Permits

Regulatory Requirements/Permits: Provide a list and descriptions of existing and additional required permits for the project. If not applicable, declare that permits are not applicable, and provide the reason(s) why.

The Conservancy must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and, where applicable, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when it authorizes grants. At the time of application, the applicant must provide, at a minimum, either (1) a Notice of Exemption filed with the county clerk, or (2) an initial study with a description of how the applicant will comply with CEQA. The Conservancy cannot approve a Category 2 grant until the required CEQA documents have been completed and the necessary findings made. A Category 1 grant may be made in order for an applicant to complete the CEQA process in advance of a potential Category 2 application. Approval of a Category 1 grant, however, is not a guarantee of final project approval and the Conservancy retains full discretion to approve or reject an associated Category 2 application.

If NEPA is applicable to the proposed project, the applicant must complete the NEPA section of the CEQA/NEPA compliance form. Please check the box that describes the NEPA status of the project and complete the documentation component of the form. Applicants should also submit any permits, surveys, or reports that support the NEPA status.

Attach copies of adopted Environmental Impact Reports (EIR)—Public Review Draft and Final versions—Negative Declarations or Mitigated Negative Declarations and Initial Studies, or Notices of Exemption, if a public agency has acted to provide CEQA compliance.

If applicable, attach copies of all adopted and relevant NEPA environmental compliance documents, such as a Record of Decision/Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Finding of No Significant Impact/Environmental Assessment, or a Decision Notice/Categorical Exclusion. Applicants should ensure that all environmental documents are current enough to describe the current environmental conditions.

**f.** Site Plan: If applicable, provide a drawing or depiction indicating scale, project orientation (north-south), what work the grantee will accomplish, where the work will be done and the approximate square footage of any improvements that are part of the grant scope. The plan should also indicate access points to the site.

## Appendices

## **Appendix A: Concept Proposal Application Form and Budget Template**

# **<u>Concept Proposal Application Form</u>** \*\*Submit this document and the required attachments in PDF\*\*

#### **Applicant Information**

Applicant Name (organization):						
Type of Organization (circle one):	Public Agency Indian Tribe	Nonprofit Public Utility Mutual Water Company				
Address:						
Contact Name:						
Telephone:	Email:					
Federal Tax ID#:						
Project Information						
Project Name:						
Project Location						
***If applicable, submit a map with the concept proposal***						
County: City/Comm	unity:	Specific Location:				
Grant Category (circle one): Cat	egory 1	Category 2				
Funding Priority (circle all that app	ly): Restora	ation and Enhancement				
	Water	Quality				
	Agricul	tural Analysis and Investment Strategy				
Proposed Start Date:	Estimated C	completion Date:				

### **Concept Proposal Budget Template**

Budget Category	Total Cost		
	Conservancy	Cost Share (Please note if in-kind)	
Personnel			
Fringe Benefits			
Travel			
Equipment			
Supplies			
Contractual			
Construction			
Monitoring Costs*			
Performance Measure Reporting			
Administrative**			
Planning			
Other			
TOTAL			

\*Category 2 grants may not exceed 10 percent overall for planning and monitoring costs.

\*\* Eligible administrative costs must be directly related to the project and may not exceed five (5) percent of the project implementation cost. To determine the amount of eligible administrative costs, the applicant must first determine the cost of implementing the project, not including any administrative costs. Once the project implementation cost has been determined, the applicant may calculate administrative costs and include them in the total grant request.

NOTE: Category 1, planning proposals, may use 100 percent of awarded funds for planning activities, however, these funds would apply to a future Category 2 proposal for the same project and may not exceed ten percent of the total project funds (Category 1 and Category 2 combined) requested from the Conservancy.

### **Appendix B: Project Performance Measures**

Each Project must include a Project Assessment and Evaluation Plan (PAEP), which will include the Performance Measures Table. Applicants may be required to complete multiple Performance Measures Tables depending on what types of activities are proposed. Use the following guidance when preparing tables for a project.

Project Goals:	Identify the project goals as they relate to activities or items outlined in the proposal and subsequent grant agreement.
Desired Project Outcomes:	Identify the measureable results that the project expects to achieve by implementing project activities consistent with the specified goals.
Project Performance Measures:	List appropriate project performance measures including output indicators representing measures to efficiently track outputs (activities, products, or deliverables); and outcome indicators, measures evaluating change that is a direct result of the work and can be linked through a weight-of-evidence approach to project activities or outputs (e.g., improvements in environmental conditions (restored habitat, proposed water quality) of community and landowner, or local government capacity).
Measurement Tools and Methods:	List methods of measurement or tools that will be used to document project performance (e.g., California Rapid Assessment Method, and Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program).
Targets:	Measurable targets that are feasible to meet during the project period, such as a ninety percent (90%) reduction in invasive species acreage, or fifty percent (50%) increased restored wetland.

Provide the project performance measures following the guidance provided above and using the Performance Measures Table template on the next page.

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Project	Desired	Output	Outcome	Measurement Tools	Targets
Goals	Outcomes	Indicators	Indicators	and Methods	
	What do you	What things	What quality,	Tools - What will you	What is the specific measurement
	want by the end		social	use as a ruler to	you would like to reach by the end of
	of your project?	•	behaviorial or	measure the target?	your deadline that will indicate you
	The desired	result of	environmental	Methods - What is	have reached your goal?
	outcome should	working	condition will be		Note: The measurement unit should match the
	be achievable,	toward your	changed to	scientific method	measurement units stated in the Outcome Indicator Column and be measured using the
	measurable, and	goal?	indicate that the	being used? Can it be	tool and method stated in the Measurement
	as tangible as	What are your	goal will be	cited from	Tools and Methods column.
	possible. The	measurement	met?	somewhere or	
	desired	units for	What are the	explained? Will it be	There may be multiple targets for each goal
	outcome should	measuring	general	in your QAPP or	and desired outcome.
	be able to be	these things	measurement	Monitoring Plan?	
	met by reaching	produced? The	units for		
	your stated	units should be	measuring these		
	goal, however,	general	changes?		
	you may have	quantitative	Outcome		
	multiple desired	units of output.	indicators should		
	outcomes per	Output	be units to		
	goal.	indicators can	measure your		
		be an indirect	goal directly.		
		mreasure of			
		your goal.			

# June 2015 DRAFT for Final Board Approval Appendix C: Full Proposal Budget Template

Tasks	Line Items	Conservancy	Cost Share	Total
Task 1:	Personnel			
	Benefits			
	Travel			
	Others			
Task 2:				
Task 3:				
тот	AL			

#### Appendix D: California Conservation Corps Guidelines

Division 26.7 of the Water Code, Chapter 6, Section 79734 requires that: "For restoration and ecosystem protection projects funded pursuant to this chapter, the services of the California Conservation Corps or a local conservation corps certified by the California Conservation Corps shall be used whenever feasible."

Because of the mandatory nature of the foregoing provision, applicants for funds to complete restoration and ecosystem protection projects shall consult with representatives of the California Conservation Corps (CCC) AND CALCC (the entity representing the certified community conservation corps) (collectively, "the Corps") to determine the feasibility of the Corps participation. Unless otherwise exempted, applicants that fail to engage in such consultation should not be eligible to receive Chapter 6 funds. Therefore, to ensure that entities allocating Prop. 1 funds do so in compliance with Chapter 6's Corps participation language, the CCC and CALCC have developed the following consultation process for inclusion in Prop. 1 – Chapter 6 project and/or grant program guidelines:

- <u>Step 1</u>: Prior to submittal of an application or project plan to the Conservancy, Applicant prepares the following information for submission to both the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and CALCC (who represents the certified community conservation corps):
  - Project Title
  - Project Description (identifying key project activities and deliverables)
  - Project Map (showing project location)
  - Project Implementation estimated start and end dates
- <u>Step 2</u>: Applicant submits the forgoing information via email concurrently to the CCC and CALCC representatives:

#### **California Conservation Corps Representative**

Name: CCC Prop 1 Coordinator Email: Prop1@ccc.ca.gov

Phone: (916) 341-3100

#### California Association of Local Conservation Corps Representative

Name:	Crystal Muhlenkamp	Email:	inquiry@prop1communitycorps.org
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Phone: 916-426-9170 ext. 0

<u>Step 3</u>: Within five (5) business days of receiving the project information, the CCC and CALCC representatives will review the submitted information, contact the applicant if necessary, and respond to the applicant with a Corps Consultation Review Document (template attached) informing them:

- (1) It is NOT feasible for CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project; or
- (2) It is feasible for the CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project and identifying the aspects of the project that can be accomplished with Corps services.

Note: While the Corps will take up to 5 days to review projects, applicants are encouraged to contact the CCC/CALCC representatives to discuss feasibility early in the project development process.

The Corps cannot guarantee a compliant review process for applicants who submit project information fewer than 5 business days before a deadline.

- <u>Step 4</u>: Applicant submits application to the Conservancy that includes the Corps Consultation Review Document.
- <u>Step 5</u>: The Conservancy reviews proposals. Applications that do not include documentation demonstrating that the Corps has been consulted will be deemed "noncompliant" and will not be considered for funding.

#### NOTES:

- 1. The Corps has already determined that it is not feasible to use their services on restoration and ecosystem protection projects that solely involve either planning or acquisition. Therefore, applicants seeking funds for such projects are exempt from the consultation requirement and should check the appropriate box on the Consultation Review Document.
- 2. An applicant that has been awarded funds to undertake a project where it has been determined that Corps services can be used must thereafter work with either the CCC or CALCC to develop a scope of work and enter into a contract with the appropriate Corps. Unless otherwise excused, failure to utilize a Corps on such a project will result in Funding Entities assessing a scoring penalty on the applicant's future applications for Chapter 6 Funds.

#### California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps

#### Proposition 1 - Water Bond

#### **Corps Consultation Review Document Template**

#### February 23, 2015 Version

Unless an exempted project, this Corps Consultation Review Document must be completed by California Conservation Corps and Community Conservation Corps staff and accompany applications for projects or grants seeking funds through Proposition 1, Chapter 6, Protecting Rivers, Lakes, Streams, Coastal Waters and Watersheds. Non-exempt applications that do not include this document demonstrating that the Corps have been consulted will be deemed "noncompliant" and will not be considered for funding.

#### 1. Name of Applicant:

**Project Title:** 

#### To be completed by Applicant:

Is this application solely for planning or acquisition (circle one)?

Yes (application is exempt from the requirement to consult with the Corps)

No (proceed to #2)

#### To be completed by Corps:

This Consultation Review Document is being prepared by (circle one):

The California Conservation Corps (CCC)

California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC)

# 2. Applicant has submitted the required information by email to the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC) (circle one):

Yes (applicant has submitted all necessary information to CCC and CALCC)

No (applicant has not submitted all information or did not submit information to both Corps – application is deemed non-compliant)

3. After consulting with the project applicant, the CCC and CALCC has determined the following (circle one):

It is NOT feasible for CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project (deemed compliant)

It is feasible for the CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project and the following aspects of the project can be accomplished with Corps services (deemed compliant).

CCC AND CALCC REPRESENTATIVES WILL RETURN THIS FORM AS DOCUMENTION OF CONSULTATION BY EMAIL TO APPLICANT WITHIN FIVE (5) BUSINESS OF RECEIPT AS VERIFICATION OF CONSULTATION. APPLICANT WILL INCLUDE COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT AS PART OF THE PROJECT APPLICATION.