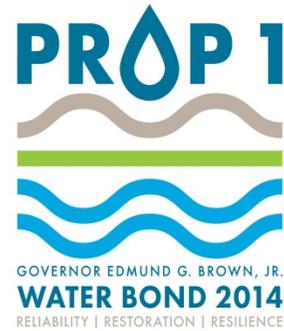




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Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program

2016-17 Concept Proposal Staff Recommendation

Project Title	Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project – Revegetation (Phase 2)		
Applicant	Reclamation District 2137		
Project Number	Prop 1-1602	Category	2
County	Contra Costa	Funding Request	\$2,900,000
Score	89.5	Total Project Cost	\$4,272,804 (Phase 2)

Staff Recommendation:

Delta Conservancy staff recommends that the Board request a full application from Reclamation District 2137 for the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project – Revegetation (Phase 2) (Prop 1-1602).

Project Description:

The overall Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project is a large-scale, multi-habitat restoration project spanning across three parcels and four phases. Implementation of the overall project begins on the first two parcels with grading (Phase 1) in 2017 through 2018, and continues with re-vegetation (Phase 2) in late 2018. The requested Conservancy funds, and cash match from State Coastal Conservancy and Department of Water Resources, will fund the revegetation phase (Phase 2) on two parcels (Emerson and Gilbert). The objectives include establishing and maintaining native vegetation in the following habitat types: tule-dominated tidal marsh, riparian vegetation, native grassland, and others.

Consistency with Proposition 1 and State Priorities:

This project is consistent with Proposition 1 and the other priorities of the State as noted in the Grant Guidelines. The project restores and enhances the habitat in the Delta, consistent with the purposes outlined in chapter 6 of Proposition 1. The project’s objectives implement the California Water Action Plan’s Action 3: Achieve the Co-Equal Goals for the Delta and Action 4: Protect and Restore Important Ecosystems. The project supports Delta Plan recommendations of Restore Habitats at Appropriate Elevations (ER P2) and Prioritize and Implement Projects that Restore Delta Habitat (ER R2). The project aligns with the Delta Conservancy’s enabling

legislation and strategic plan's goals of leading efforts to protect, enhance, and restore Delta ecosystems.