

Delta Conservancy Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program

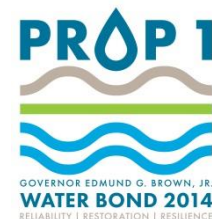
2016-2017 Grant Solicitation Workshop
Thursday, September 8, 2016



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Agenda

- 1:30-2:10** Overview of Delta Conservancy Grant Program (Delta Conservancy)
- 2:10-2:50** Adaptive Management and Delta Plan Consistency (Delta Stewardship Council)
- 2:50-3:30** Wetland and Riparian Area Monitoring Program (State Water Resources Control Board)
- 3:30-4:00** Open Question and Answer Period



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Co-Equal Responsibilities

- Act as a primary state agency to implement ecosystem restoration in the Delta, and
- Support efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents



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Grant Program Overview

- **Bond Priorities** - Ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration
- **Total Program Funding** – \$50 million
- **Projected Program Duration** – 5 years
– Fiscal Year 15/16-19/20
- **2016-2017 Funding Available** – \$10 million



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Round 1 By the Numbers

- **2015-2016 Funding Available** – \$9,300,000
- **2015-2016 Concept Proposals Received** – 24
- **2015-2016 Full Proposals Invited/Received** – 14/13
- **2015-2016 Grant Awards*** – \$6,265,780 (9 projects)
 - Planning – \$362,867 (4 projects)
 - Implementation – \$5,902,913 (5 projects)
- **Types of Projects Funded:**
 - Upland, floodplain, and wetland restoration - 5
 - Enhancement of habitat on working lands – 1
 - Acquisition of flood and conservation easements – 1
 - Agricultural sustainability – 1
 - Water management to benefit species – 1

* Funds have been approved, conditionally approved, or reserved



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Eligible Projects and Applicants

- *Projects*
 - Restoration and Enhancement
 - Water Quality
 - Water-related Agricultural Sustainability
- *Applicants*
 - California public agencies
 - 501 (c) 3 organizations
 - Tribal Organizations
 - Mutual Water Companies

*Projects must either be within the legal boundary of the Delta/Suisun Marsh
–or–
provide significant benefits to the Delta and meet other special requirements
for projects outside the Delta.*



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Grant Categories

- **Category 1:** Pre-project activities necessary for a specific future on-the-ground project.
 - Planning
 - Permitting
 - Studies (that will aid in a future on-the-ground project)
 - CEQA activities

Category 1 proposals: \$20,000 to \$200,000.

- **Category 2:** On-the-ground, implementation projects and land acquisition projects.
 - Habitat enhancement and restoration
 - Land protection
 - Pollution runoff reduction
 - Working landscape enhancements

Category 2 proposals: \$25,000 to \$3,000,000.

The Conservancy may choose to award partial funding.



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Grant Proposal Process

- Submit concept proposal
 - **DUE: September 30, 2016**
 - Submit materials electronically: via email or on a USB/CD delivered to Conservancy office
 - Staff review and evaluation
 - Minimum score of 75 points for full proposal request
- Submit full proposal
 - DUE: January 2017
 - Staff review and evaluation
 - Professional review panel evaluation
 - Local notifications/comments solicited
 - Minimum score of 75 points to be recommended for approval
 - Not all projects scoring 75 points or above are guaranteed funding
 - Board approval



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Eligibility Criteria

1. Will the project result in the construction, acquisition or long term improvement of a capital asset or is the project a planning effort that will lead to such a project? A capital asset is tangible physical property that has a useful life of at least fifteen years.
2. Will the project produce ecosystem and/or water quality and/or agricultural sustainability benefits?
3. Is the project consistent with Proposition 1, the California Water Action Plan, the Conservancy's enabling legislation, and the Delta Plan?



Evaluation Criteria

	Criteria Category	Concept Proposal Max Points	Full Proposal Max Points
1	Project Description & Organizational Capacity	12	10
2	State Priorities/Project Benefits	25	25
3	Readiness	15	15
4	Local Support	20	17
5	Scientific Merit and Performance Measures	20	25
6	Funding: Cost Share and Leveraging	8	8
	Total Points	100	100
	Total Criteria	7	13



Concept Proposals

- 10 page maximum, plus attachments:
 - Cover sheet (template provided)
 - Budget (template provided)
 - Proof of consultation with Delta Protection Commission
 - Letters of support (recommended)
 - Map (optional)
- “Spoon feed the reviewers”
 - Review instructions in Grant Guidelines
 - Review evaluation criteria and specifically address each one in its own section



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Acquisitions Guidance

- Must be negotiating with willing seller
- Must be confident that the transaction will proceed
 - No substitution of properties once funding is awarded
- Costs may include personnel time, appraisal, due diligence costs, closing costs, and the purchase of real property
 - Non-transaction costs may not exceed 10 percent of acquisition cost being requested from the Conservancy
 - Purchase of real property may not be factored into indirect cost calculation
- A DGS-approved appraisal is required



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Full Proposals

- An application form and instructions will be provided to those from whom a full proposal is invited
- Much more detail required
- All projects must include:*
 - Performance Measures table (template provided)
 - County Resolution of Support
 - Consultation with the Delta Protection Commission
 - Detailed budgets
 - Proof of cost share commitments
 - Project map

*This is not a comprehensive list of requirements; please review Grant Guidelines for additional requirements.



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Full Proposals

- Category 2 proposal must include:*
 - Adaptive management plan
 - Long term management and maintenance plan
 - Monitoring and assessment plan
 - Information about CEQA and other permits
 - CEQA *must* be complete prior to execution of grant agreement
 - Water rights information
 - Proof of consultation with the CA Conservation Corps
- Land tenure docs may be included. They will be required as a condition of the grant agreement, and prior to dispersing any funds to a grantee.

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Full Proposals

- Start planning now for full proposal requirements, particularly those that involve outside parties:*
 - County resolutions
 - Consultation w/ CA Conservation Corps
 - Letters of support
 - Cost share commitments

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Acquisition Guidance

Requirements for full application:

- A table including: parcel numbers, acreage, willing seller name and address, breakdown of how the funds will be budgeted, and an acquisition schedule (template provided)
- Copy of the Purchase Agreement or Willing Seller Letter(s)
- Appraisal or Estimation of Fair Market Value
- Map showing lands that will be acquired, including parcel lines and numbers



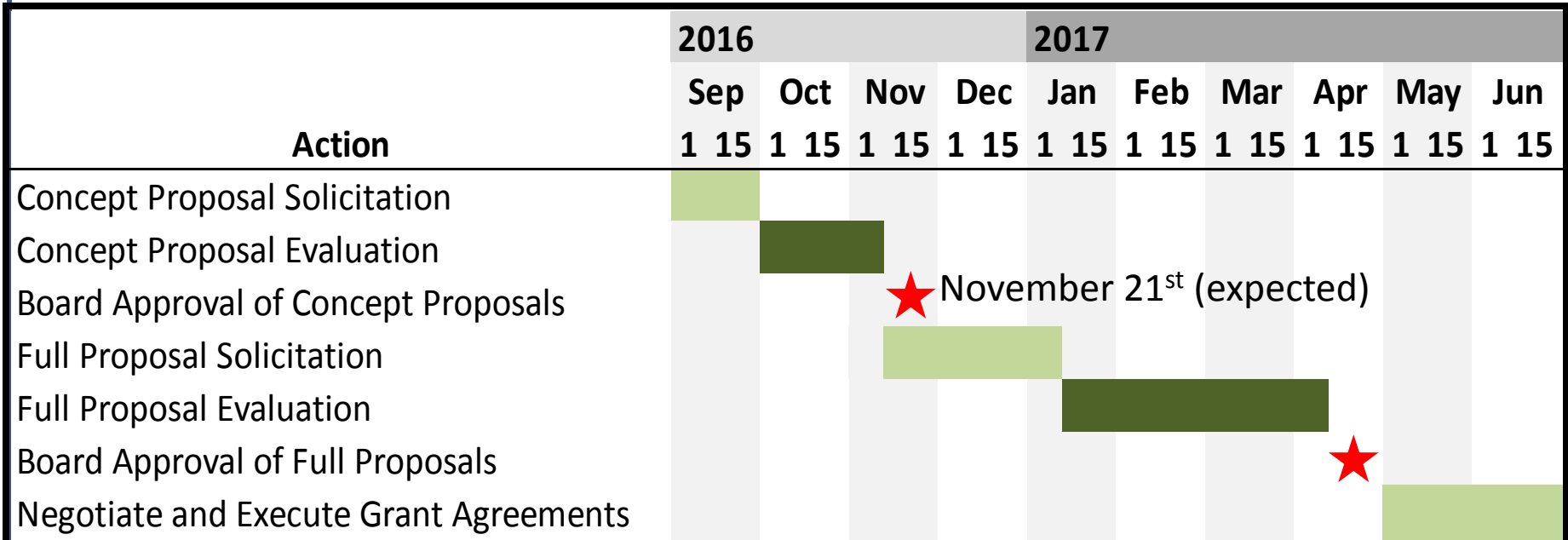
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Timeline

- Concept proposals due: September 30, 2016
- Board approval of Concept Proposals: November 21, 2016
- Full proposals due: January 2017
- Grant awards announced: April 2017



Questions?

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- Available to answer questions until September 30th
- No communication during evaluation period



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