



**Proposition 1 Program Update
Staff Report**

Cycle 5 Update

To help State Government aid in economic support during the COVID-19 pandemic, staff are exploring the possibility of opening the Prop 1 Cycle 5 grant solicitation earlier than August 2021 as previously planned. Staff will provide further information at the next Board meeting.

Approved Project Update

To date, the Conservancy has approved a total of 29 projects, committing approximately \$39.3 million for Proposition 1 projects. A brief overview of each grant cycle, including the status of each funded project for which there is an active or pending grant agreement, is provided herein.

Cycle 4 – Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The Board awarded approximately \$14.9 million for ten projects (eight planning and two implementation). Two grant agreements have been executed; staff is working with grantees to negotiate eight grant agreements.

Project Name	Mello/Jensen Heirs Sandhill Crane Preserve Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$2,273,469
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1801
Grantee	Agricultural-Natural Resources Trust
Overview	Acquire a conservation easement on 275 acres of farmland to ensure that it remains as wildlife friendly agriculture
Board Action	Conditional Approval
Conditions/Status	1. Revised budget 2. Revised task descriptions 3. Audit documents
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	Grantee is working to clear conditions

Project Name	Blacklock Restoration: Phragmites Control Study (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$387,440
County	Solano
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1803
Grantee	Department of Water Resources
Overview	Test methods for controlling invasive species in future restoration at the Blacklock restoration site
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 3/17/2020
New Information	Grant agreement has been executed and the Grantee submitted the first progress report and invoice for this project in May 2020

Project Name	Delta Waterways Habitat Restoration Planning (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$347,481
County	Solano
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1804
Grantee	Solano Resource Conservation District
Overview	Planning for restoration and enhancement of waterways and edge habitats on working lands in Solano County
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/19/2019
New Information	Grantee submitted the first progress report and invoice for this project in May 2020

Project Name	Paradise Cut Conservation and Flood Management Project, Phase 2 (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$265,254
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1806
Grantee	San Joaquin Resource Conservation District
Overview	Outreach and planning to advance the Paradise Cut Flood Bypass in San Joaquin County
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Project Name	Elk Slough Fish Passage and Flood Improvement (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$984,695
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1807
Grantee	Reclamation District 999
Overview	Planning for habitat and flood control enhancements along Elk Slough
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Project Name	Lower San Joaquin Riparian Corridor (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$522,027
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1808
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Planning for restoration of floodplain and riparian habitat along the lower San Joaquin River
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Project Name	Marsh Creek Channel Restoration (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$519,494
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1809
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Planning for Marsh Creek floodplain and riparian habitat restoration
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Project Name	Phase 1 San Joaquin River Floodplain Restoration and Floodway Enhancement at Banta-Carbona Project (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$750,931
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1810
Grantee	Banta-Carbona Irrigation District
Overview	Planning for 30 acres of seasonally-inundated floodplain restoration
Board Action	Approved
Conditions/Status	None
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	Grant agreement is being drafted

Project Name	Nutria Eradication Project, Phase 2 (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$8,483,080
County	Multiple
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1813
Grantee	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Overview	Surveys for and removal of invasive species to minimize or avoid impacts to wetland habitats and water quality
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	Grant agreement is being reviewed by grantee

Project Name	Oakley Creekside Park Restoration (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$436,465
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1814
Grantee	City of Oakley
Overview	Planning for restoration of floodplain and riparian habitat along Marsh Creek
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Cycle 3 – Fiscal Year 2017-2018

The Board awarded approximately \$16.0 million for eight projects (four planning and four implementation). Eight grant agreements have been executed.

Project Name	Bay Point Habitat Restoration Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$2,100,000
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1701
Grantee	East Bay Regional Park District
Overview	Restore 44 acres of wetland and grassland and 5,595 linear feet of saline emergent marsh channel at Bay Point Regional Shoreline Park
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 4/10/2019
New Information	Grantee is finalizing land tenure documents in the face of COVID-19 restrictions. The land is owned in part by the grantee and in part by the State of California/State Lands Commission. The grantee is not required to record land tenure documents for the State-owned land.

Project Name	Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms: Improving aquatic habitat resiliency on working lands along the Sacramento River (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$661,189
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1702
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Develop restoration design plans for seven different project sites at River Garden Farms to restore ecosystem function in floodplain, wetland, and riparian habitats and provide habitat connectivity on a working farm
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/22/2019
New Information	Grantee has begun baseline monitoring and restoration plan design and selected a floodplain design and permitting consultant. COVID-19 restrictions have prevented site visits to establish some monitoring locations which may cause minor delays

Project Name	Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$1,225,000
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1709
Grantee	East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy
Overview	Advance planning for restoring wetlands and managing and treating storm water on public land in Knightsen
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 3/20/2019
New Information	An amendment to the agreement's scope, budget, and term will be considered on the consent calendar at this meeting.

Project Name	Grizzly Slough Floodplain Restoration Project at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$8,700,800
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1710
Grantee	Department of Water Resources
Overview	Restore wetland and riparian habitat to the 334-acre site by breaching the levee and reintroducing tidal and seasonal flooding, and by establishing native vegetation
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 4/30/2020
New Information	Grant agreement has been executed

Project Name	Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project #2 (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$999,318
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1711
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Add one acre of habitat to the current Three Creeks Parkway Restoration project, thereby enhancing the ecological benefits of that project, while satisfying flood conveyance needs to protect the local area and allowing the larger project to move forward
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 7/26/2019
New Information	County is in escrow for the purchase of the water quality basin property on which the project will be implemented. The final Landowner Access Agreement (LAA) is being negotiated with the City of Brentwood. The requirement that the LAA be recorded with the County is being waived, temporarily, due to COVID-19 related closure of County offices.

Project Name	Bees Lakes Habitat Restoration Plan (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$592,500
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1712
Grantee	City of West Sacramento
Overview	Develop a detailed habitat restoration plan to restore disturbed riparian habitat, control non-native species, improve pond water quality, and improve the ability of the Bees Lakes area to support listed species
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/9/2019
New Information	Grantee has completed a Habitat Restoration Plan report, and developed 30% design plans for the site

Project Name	Stone Lakes Restoration Project (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$635,573
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1713
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
Overview	Planning to restore approximately 257 acres of seasonal wetland and 39 acres of riparian seasonal wetland, and enhance 20 acres of existing low-quality wetland on the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 4/2/2019
New Information	Sacramento County, the lead agency, is reviewing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents

Project Name	Nutria Eradication Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$1,125,577
County	Multiple
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1718
Grantee	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Overview	Eliminate nutria from all known and discovered locations in California to prevent nutria from causing significant ecological damage in the Delta
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/14/2019
New Information	Grantee assessed 3,600 acres of nutria habitat, deployed 81 cameras, conducted 320 camera checks, detected nutria at 27 sites, deployed 237 traps, conducted 1,663 trap checks, and captured 76 nutria (an additional 70 were taken by other means). The current total nutria taken is 1,072

Cycle 2 – Fiscal Year 2016-2017

The Board awarded approximately \$4.4 million for four projects (one planning and three implementation).

Project Name	Dutch Slough Revegetation (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$2,900,000
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1602
Grantee	Reclamation District 2137
Overview	Establish and maintain 468 acres of native tidal marsh, riparian, and grassland vegetation at the Dutch Slough restoration site
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 8/29/2019
New Information	Grantee has planted approximately 260 acres of tule mats, grass plugs, sedges, and riparian scrub plants, installed part of the irrigation system, and installed two fish screens

Project Name	Petersen Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$444,795
County	Solano
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1605
Grantee	Solano Resource Conservation District
Overview	Restore 13.5 acres of riparian habitat and improve water quality through improved cattle management practices on approximately 525 acres of active farmland along Lindsey Slough
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 9/1/2017
New Information	Grantee is preparing signage to recognize the project as funded by a Delta Conservancy Prop 1 grant

Project Name	Restoration of Priority Wetlands for Endangered Species at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$943,549
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1608
Grantee	Sacramento County Regional Parks
Overview	Restore 110 acres of freshwater wetlands to benefit listed species
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/8/2018
New Information	Grantee has continued plant monitoring, tree planting, and invasive weed management activities. All monitoring activities have been suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions

Project Name	Investigations of restoration techniques that limit invasion of tidal wetlands (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$107,655
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1612
Grantee	The Regents of the University of California (UC Davis)
Overview	Identify improved methods for tidal wetland revegetation that reduce invasion by non-native plants at Dutch Slough
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/8/2018
New Information	Grantee circulated a project update in lieu of the annual spring stakeholder meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions

Cycle 1 – Fiscal Year 2015-2015

The Board awarded approximately \$3.9 million to seven projects (four planning and three implementation). To date, three grants have closed.

Project Name	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$2,000,000
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-003
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited
Overview	Implement habitat and working landscape enhancements in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/18/2019
New Information	Additional funding for construction costs is required to complete this project and will be provided by the Wildlife Conservation Board. Fabrication of some construction components has begun

Project Name	Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$89,450
County	All Delta Counties
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-005
Grantee	California Land Stewardship Institute
Overview	Develop a program to work with farmers to improve water quality, that is specific to the crops and water quality concerns in Delta counties
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/9/2017
New Information	The funding term of this agreement ends 7/31/2020

Project Name	Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$836,409
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-009
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Convert denuded flood control channel at the confluence of Marsh, Sand, and Deer Creeks into a healthy stream corridor
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/27/2017
New Information	The County approved the construction contractor in March. Construction to begin in June 2020. The amendment approved by the Board on 12/9/2018 has been finalized

Project Name	Wildlife Corridors for Flood Escape on the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$688,195.64
County	CountyYolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-016
Grantee	Yolo Resource Conservation District
Overview	Restore up to 5 miles (22 acres) of floodway-compatible wildlife and pollinator habitat, providing a transit corridor for wildlife during floods
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/24/2017
New Information	Amendment approved by the Board on 3/25/2020, project proceeding.

Background

The Conservancy's Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program funds \$50 million in multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities. The Grant Program is a two-step process, requiring both a concept proposal and a full proposal. Full proposals are subject to a rigorous scoring and evaluation process by both staff and a professional review panel, and are recommended for funding based upon score and funding availability.

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