



**Consideration of the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Final
Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines
Staff Report**

This agenda item presents the Grant Guidelines for the Cycle 5 solicitation of the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program for Board consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve as final the Cycle 5 Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines.

DESCRIPTION

At the January 27, 2021 meeting, the Board approved the draft Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines. Conservancy staff solicited public comment by posting the draft Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines on the Conservancy's website, sharing social media posts, and distributing via the Conservancy's contact lists. No comments were received during the 30-day public comment period. To finalize the guidelines, staff made minor format and grammar changes to the draft and added a sentence indicating where to find information about previously funded projects.

If the Board approves the Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines, staff will post them to the Conservancy website no later than August 2, 2021 and open the Cycle 5 solicitation.

BACKGROUND

The Conservancy's Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program has \$50 million to support 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. Grant guidelines provide applicants with information and instructions on applying to this program. The grant guidelines are updated for each solicitation cycle. To develop the draft Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines, staff revised the Cycle 4 Grant Guidelines based upon feedback from the Board, grantees, stakeholders, Department of Finance auditors, and Conservancy staff and management.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move to approve the Proposition 1 Delta Conservancy Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines.

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