



BOARD MEETING AGENDA

October 27, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Remote Access Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions**
3. **Public Comment** (New Business)
4. **Consent Calendar** (Action Item)
 - Approval of July 28, 2021 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items (Attachment)
5. **Executive Officer's Report**, Campbell Ingram
 - Program Update (Attachment)
 - Nutria Eradication Program Update (Attachment)
 - Budget and Expenditure Report (Attachment)
6. **Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Update**, Chelle Temple-King (Attachments)
7. **Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Update**, Robyn Krock (Attachment)
8. **Consideration of California Environmental Quality Act Lead Agency Exemption Declaration and Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant for Land Acquisition for the Clarksburg Schoolhouse and Delta Welcome Center**, Robyn Krock (Attachments) (Action Item)
9. **Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant for Asian American Heritage Park**, Robyn Krock (Attachments) (Action Item)
10. **Consideration of California Environmental Quality Act Responsible Agency Findings and Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant for Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh**, Robyn Krock (Attachments) (Action Item)

11. **Consideration of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy General Grant Guidelines Draft for Public Review**, Campbell Ingram (Attachments) (Action Item)
12. **Consideration of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan for 2022 to 2027 Draft for Public Review**, Debra Kustic (Attachments) (Action Item)
13. **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy 2021 Implementation Plan Status Update**, Debra Kustic (Attachments)
14. **Delta Stewardship Council Update**, Amanda Bohl
15. **Delta Protection Commission Update**, Erik Vink
16. **Delta Conveyance Update**, Carrie Buckman
17. **Potential Agenda Items for the January 26, 2022 Board Meeting**, Campbell Ingram (Attachment)
18. **Public Comment**
19. **ADJOURN**

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- Attachments and additional information are on the Delta Conservancy's website at: <http://www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov>.
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- Public comments are generally limited to three (3) minutes but may be more or less at the discretion of the Board Chair.
- The Board may consider the agenda items listed above in a different order at the Delta Conservancy Board meeting, pursuant to the determination of the Board Chair. All items appearing on this agenda, whether or not listed expressly for action, may be deliberated upon and subject to action at the discretion of the Delta Conservancy Board.

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July 28, 2021 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order on Zoom at 9:09 a.m. by Chair Karen Mitchoff.

Agenda Item 2 – Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions

Roll call was taken and agenda items were heard by the Board in the order indicated below.

Board Members Present:

- Karen Mitchoff
- Leo Winternitz
- Bryan Cash
- Sally Lukenbill
- Mitchel Mashburn
- Katherine Miller
- Don Nottoli
- Sandi Matsumoto
- Jim Provenza
- Dolly Sandoval

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- None

Liaison Advisors and Counsel Present:

- Erick Vink
- Steve Chappell
- Jessica Davenport
- Nicole Rinke

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 4 – Board Elections

Chair Mitchoff opened nominations for the position of Chair and Vice Chair of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Board for the 2021-2022 year.

Motion: Board Member Kathy Miller moved, seconded by Board Member Mitchoff, that the Board approve the nomination of Don Nottoli as Chair and Sandi Matsumoto as Vice Chair of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy for the 2021-2022 year.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Officer Ingram thanked Chair Mitchoff and Vice Chair Winternitz for their service for the past two years.

Agenda Item 5 – Consent Calendar

Motion: Board Member Kathy Miller moved, seconded by Board Member Karen Mitchoff, that the Board approve the following.

- May 26, 2021 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer briefly highlighted several items within the written report. Staff presented the current Budget and Expenditure Report.

Agenda Item 7 – Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Update

Staff highlighted items from the staff report. The Cycle Five solicitation is open and the concept proposal submission deadline is August 31, 2021. The Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms Project grantee, American Rivers, has paused the project while the sale of the land where the project is located is finalized. The grantee will work with the new landowner to determine if the project can move forward. The execution of the grant for the Marsh Creek Channel Restoration Project has been delayed while the grantee confirms landowner support for the project. A final decision on moving forward is expected by November 2021.

Agenda Item 8 – Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Update

Staff highlighted items from the staff report. The Clarksburg Schoolhouse & Delta Welcome Center (Clarksburg) project has been split into two distinct projects, land acquisition and restoration.

Agenda Item 9 – Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant for Southport Levee Recreational Trail Planning and Design

Conservancy staff presented the proposed project to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Board Member Jim Provenza moved, seconded by Board Member Dolly Sandoval to award funding up to \$341,668 to the City of West Sacramento from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Southport Levee Recreational Trail Planning and Design project.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 10 – San Francisco Estuary Partnership, Estuary Blueprint Update Overview

Darcie Luce, Environmental Planner at the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, delivered a slide presentation on the SF Estuary Blueprint Update process highlighting the linkages between the Bay-Delta system and partnership with Delta agencies.

Agenda Item 11 – Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan Development for 2022-2027

The Deputy Executive Officer provided background on the method of strategic plan development and sought feedback from the Board and the public on the draft Guiding Principles, Goals, and Objectives presented in the staff report. Board members express general support for the approach and draft guiding principles, goals, and objectives.

Agenda Item 12 – Delta Stewardship Council Update

Amanda Bohl, Special Assistant for Planning and Science at the Delta Stewardship Council, presented an update.

Agenda Item 13 – Delta Protection Commission Update

Erik Vink, Executive Director of the Delta Protection Commission, presented an update.

Agenda Item 14 – Delta Conveyance Update

Pat Clark, Program Analyst at the Department of Water Resources, presented an update.

Agenda Item 15 – EcoRestore Update

Charlotte Biggs, Program Manager II at the California Department of Water Resources, presented an update.

Agenda Item 16 – Potential Agenda Items for the October 27, 2021 Meeting

- Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant(s)
- Delta Conservancy 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, Draft for Public Comment
- Board member Provenza requested an opportunity to present an update to the Board on the Yolo Bypass Fish Passage Project negotiations between Yolo County and the CA Department of Water Resources

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Board Members requested an update on the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms project due to the prospective land sale.

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Nottoli at 11:06 a.m.

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Executive Officer's Report October 27, 2021

PROGRAM UPDATE

STAFFING UPDATE

Sadly, we must say goodbye to Robyn Krock, the Conservancy's Community Projects Supervisor and Proposition 68 Grant Program Lead. Robyn has accepted a position with California State Parks where she will manage the Park Impact Partner Program within their Partnerships Division. Robyn led the development of the Proposition 68 program which has now funded two great projects, with three more to be considered for approval under Agenda Items eight through ten. Her contributions to the program and the Conservancy will be lasting and she will be missed. Robyn's last day will be November 5. Staff are actively working to backfill current vacancies as soon as possible.

COVID-19 UPDATE

All Conservancy staff continue to work from home; however, planning is in process for a phased approach to resuming in-office operations. As state-level direction is issued and local health directives evolve, the Conservancy will adapt accordingly. Once work in the office can resume, teleworking will remain an option in the Conservancy's operational model.

JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION (JEDI)

The Conservancy's Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee is identifying actions that can be taken in the near-term while work continues to comprehensively shape the Conservancy's JEDI engagement. The JEDI Committee anticipates an agendaized JEDI update at the January 2022 Board meeting. The JEDI Committee continues to facilitate collaborative learning discussions for all Conservancy staff. Recent topics include performative actions and diversity in conservation. Conservancy staff continue to engage other state agencies in discussions about best practices and JEDI outreach.

DELTA CONSERVANCY STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Conservancy staff continue to develop the 2022 to 2027 Strategic Plan. At the July 2021 meeting staff presented draft guiding principles, goals, objectives, and example metrics for feedback. A draft of the Strategic Plan for public comment is presented under agenda item 12. If approved, the document will be posted on the Conservancy's website for a 30-day public comment period. Staff will consider all comments and present a final draft for Board consideration in January 2022.

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM

Nutria Eradication:

Please see the most recent update from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife included in this agenda item (Attachment 2).

DELTA SCIENCE

Fish Friendly Farming:

The Conservancy, supported through grant from the California State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB), has contracted the California Land Stewardship Institute (CLSI) to implement the Fish Friendly Farming (FFF) Program in the Delta. The FFF Program works with farmers to improve Delta water quality by developing best management practices and identifying needed farm infrastructure updates. The SWRCB approved the FFF Program as an alternative compliance pathway for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, which is an added benefit for farmers who participate in the program. The CLSI has been working with the five Delta counties' Farm Bureaus to set up many small in-person meetings to discuss program enrollment. The first 700 acres of farmland began the process of enrollment in the program over the summer. Conservancy staff are working to amend the contract with CLSI to clarify existing tasks and extend the term of the agreement through 2024 in response to COVID-19 impacts. This amendment does not change the budget of the project.

Delta Aquatic Resource Inventory:

The Conservancy, supported by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has contracted the Aquatic Science Center (ASC) to develop a Delta Aquatic Resource Inventory (DARI). The DARI project is developing a comprehensive resource inventory specifically formulated with the Delta's unique ecology in mind. The ASC hosted virtual workshops to solicit feedback on the dataset from the technical working group. This feedback will be incorporated into the finalized dataset that will be integrated into the EcoAtlas online interface by early 2022.

Delta Bird Returns:

Staff are working with The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Point Blue Conservation Science, and Audubon California to establish a reverse auction framework, based on TNC's successful [Bird Returns](#) program. This program would provide cash incentives for landowners to flood their fields to increase the ecological value of the Delta to migratory birds, especially during times of drought. Staff are developing outreach materials and best management practices in hopes of beginning flooding in December 2021.

Conservancy Funding for Special Projects:

On July 6, 2021, Conservancy staff and collaborators from the Aquatic Science Center-San Francisco Estuary Institute (ASC-SFEI) responded to the request for applications to the EPA Wetland Program Development Grants. The proposal is titled California Wetland Program Plan, Wetland Monitoring Workgroup Strategic Plan, and Strategic Capacity Development for the Regional Approach to Wetland Protection. If funded, the project would update California's Wetland Program Plan, a key strategic document used to direct EPA funding in the state. The total budget for this work is \$643,428.00, with \$482,571.00 coming from the federal government and a 25% match from SFEI-ASC (\$130,8570), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (\$4,000), and the Delta Conservancy (\$26,000 in-kind staff hours). This project budget exceeds the Executive Officers delegated authority and will need action by the Board to accept the funds, should they be awarded. Grant awards are expected to be announced by the end of October 2021.

Delta Science Coordination:

Conservancy staff continue to work collaboratively with the broader Delta science community to advance ecological restoration, invasive species management, and regional science coordination in the Delta and Suisun Marsh.

Conservancy staff also continue to coordinate with colleagues at the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) regarding regional restoration planning and a role for public participation in the restoration planning process. The draft Delta Plan Chapter 4 Ecosystem Amendment will include a recommendation to create a restoration sub-committee (sub-committee) of the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC). The Conservancy Executive Officer and Jeff Henderson, Deputy Executive Officer for Planning and Performance at the Council, will present a proposed structure and charge for the sub-committee.

Staff continue to facilitate the Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) Team. The most recent DIISC Team quarterly meeting took place on June 15, 2021. Staff have been leading a group of DIISC Team members in planning the 2021 Delta Invasive Species Symposium. The planning team includes members from the Conservancy, the Delta Stewardship Council, the Department of Water Resources, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Wildlife Conservation Board. The Symposium is a nexus for Delta managers, researchers, and decision-makers to meet; share and synthesize information; and communicate best practices and lessons learned. The virtual event will take place December 15, 2021 and will focus on Early Detection and Rapid Response to new invasions in the Delta. Registration is now open and can be accessed via Zoom at [this link](#) or at the [Symposium website](#), where the agenda and other details will be posted in advance of the Symposium.

Conservancy staff have been participating in the development of the 2022-2026 Science Action Agenda (SAA) update. The SAA lays out the high-level science goals and actions for a five-year period. Conservancy staff participated in a July workshop to provide input on proposed science actions and provided feedback on the draft science actions circulated by Council staff after the workshop.

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- 1) Board members requested that staff provide an update on the status of the grant agreement at the Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms Project, due to the sale of the land which the project is located on.
 - Staff will provide an update in Agenda Item Six (Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Update).

DELTA CONSERVANCY BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE UPDATE

Agenda Item 5 (3): Budget and Expenditure Report

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Nutria Eradication Program Update

Field Update

Since March 2018, the nutria eradication efforts in California have:

- Completed full and/or rapid assessments on over 1.5 M acres
- Executed entry permits with 4,000 landowners
- Set up 4,700 camera stations (819 currently active)
 - Conducted 41,120 camera checks
- Confirmed nutria within > 500 sites
- Deployed over 6,000 trap sets for a total of 79,393 trap nights
- Taken or accounted for the take of 2,719 nutria (since Mar 2017)
 - Merced- 1,758
 - Stanislaus- 832
 - San Joaquin- 110*
 - Mariposa- 12
 - Fresno- 6
 - Madera- 1 (San Joaquin River; Fresno County line)

*Corrected from 109; no additional take has occurred in SJ County since the three taken in Feb/Mar 2021

Of 2,615 necropsies, the data has shown:

- 1.11 sex ratio (M:F)
- Of the females captured:
 - 20% of juvenile (2-6 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 61% of subadult (6-14 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 65% of adult (>14 months of age) females have been pregnant
- 2,864 fetal nutria have been removed from the population
- Litter size ranged from 1-13, with an average of 5.8
 - Average litter size for adult females (> 14 mos.) in California is 6.4

Table 1. The total number of cells with nutria taken, total number of nutria taken, and average number of nutria taken per cell, by year from March 2017 to mid-September 2021.

Year	Total cells with nutria taken	Total # nutria taken	Average # nutria taken per cell
2017	7	20	2.9
2018	57	348	6.1
2019	73	492	6.7
2020	157	1239	7.9
2021	126	608	4.8
Grand Total	319	2,707	8.5

**SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY
BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE REPORT
July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021**

Line Number	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Personal Services (PS)	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
1	Salaries & Wages	\$1,284,211	\$201,619	\$1,082,592	16%
2	Temporary Help	\$36,390	\$3,353	\$33,037	9%
3	Benefits	\$689,968	\$104,929	\$585,039	15%
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	\$2,010,569	\$309,901	\$1,700,668	15%

Line Number	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Operating Expenditures and Equipment (OE & E)	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
5	General Expense	\$16,600	\$0	\$16,600	0%
6	Printing	\$4,500	\$344	\$4,156	8%
7	Communications	\$5,000	\$593	\$4,407	12%
8	Postage	\$225	\$0	\$225	0%
9	Travel-In State	\$8,655	\$0	\$8,655	0%
10	Training	\$10,125	\$0	\$10,125	0%
11	Facilities Operation	\$108,108	\$16,502	\$91,606	15%
12	Contracts & Personal Services-External	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	0%
13	Contracts & Personal Services-Interdepartmental	\$89,793	\$0	\$89,793	0%
14	Information Technology	\$51,000	\$21	\$50,979	0%
15	Central Administrative Service	\$27,042	\$0	\$27,042	0%
16	Other Items of Expense	\$56,392	\$0	\$56,392	0%
17	Unallocated Operating Expense & Equipment	\$595,533	\$0	\$595,533	0%
18	Grants and Subventions	\$146,000	\$0	\$146,000	0%
19	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES & EQUIPMENT	\$1,168,973	\$17,460	\$1,151,513	1%

Line Number	TOTALS	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
20	TOTAL PS & OE & E	\$3,179,542	\$327,361	\$2,852,181	10%
21	REIMBURSEMENT	(\$60,500)	\$0	(\$60,500)	0%
22	GRAND TOTAL	\$3,119,042	\$327,361	\$2,791,681	10%

Unallocated Operating Expense and Equipment:
General Fund \$148,016, Prop 1 \$156,914 Prop \$290,603



Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Update Staff Report

APPROVED PROJECT UPDATE

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

Cycle 5 – Fiscal Year 2021-2022

The Conservancy's Cycle 5 concept proposal solicitation closed on August 31, 2021. The Conservancy received 12 concept proposals, requesting more than \$11.7 million (see Figure 1 at the end of this document). Staff evaluated the concept proposals and provided feedback to all applicants in writing and at virtual meetings. The Conservancy's feedback is intended to aid applicants in assembling complete, clear, and responsive full proposals. The full proposal submission period opened on October 26, 2021 and closes on December 15, 2021. Staff will present funding recommendations to the Board at its May 2022 meeting.

Cycle 4 – Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The Board awarded approximately \$14.9 million for ten projects (eight planning and two implementation). Nine grant agreements have been executed; Conservancy staff is working with the one remaining Grantee to execute the final grant agreement.

Project Name	Mello/Jensen Heirs Sandhill Crane Preserve Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$2,273,469
County	Sacramento
Project 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
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/29/2020
New Information	Acquisition preparation and negotiation is proceeding as scheduled.

Project Name	Blacklock Restoration: Phragmites Control Study (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$387,440
County	Solano
Project 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	A third chemical treatment occurred the week of September 13, 2021. Mowing treatments are planned for Fall 2021.

Project Name	Delta Waterways Habitat Restoration Planning (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$347,481
County	Solano
Project 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 is continuing to secure permits.

Project Name	Paradise Cut Conservation and Flood Management Project, Phase 2 (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$265,254
County	San Joaquin
Project 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	Active as of 9/23/2020
New Information	Grantee is continuing stakeholder outreach. Subcontractor is advancing design plans.

Project Name	Elk Slough Fish Passage and Flood Improvement (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$984,695
County	Yolo
Project ID	Prop 1-1807
Grantee	Reclamation District 999
Overview	Planning for habitat and flood control enhancements along Elk Slough
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 7/10/2020
New Information	Conservancy staff are reviewing final updates to the technical report and anticipate providing approval to move to second phase of study in Fall 2021.

Project Name	Lower San Joaquin Riparian Corridor (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$522,027
County	San Joaquin
Project 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	Active as of 5/3/2021
New Information	Grantee is executing subcontractor contracts and initiating team meetings.

Project Name	Marsh Creek Channel Restoration (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$519,494
County	Contra Costa
Project ID	Prop 1-1809
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Planning for Marsh Creek floodplain and riparian habitat restoration
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	Grantee requested to table execution of the grant until October 15, 2021 to address potential risks with the landowner. The grantee continues to reach out to the landowner and the Contra Costa County Planning Department regarding next steps.

Project Name	Phase 1 San Joaquin River Floodplain Restoration and Floodway Enhancement at Banta-Carbona Project (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$750,931
County	San Joaquin
Project ID	Prop 1-1810
Grantee	Banta-Carbona Irrigation District
Overview	Planning for 30 acres of seasonally-inundated floodplain restoration
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/10/2020
New Information	Hydrodynamic modeling is underway.

Project Name	Nutria Eradication Project, Phase 2 (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$8,483,080
County	Multiple
Project 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	Active as of 6/8/2020
New Information	Grantee is continuing to use a new satellite collar prototype in the Judas Nutria project that seems to be more effective than prior model collar designs.

Project Name	Oakley Creekside Park Restoration (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$436,465
County	Contra Costa
Project ID	Prop 1-1814
Grantee	City of Oakley
Overview	Planning for restoration of floodplain and riparian habitat along Marsh Creek
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/11/2020
New Information	Grantee has developed a conceptual design for the restoration project and has completed all biological, cultural, and geotechnical surveys. Grantee collaborated with developer to review construction and restoration designs and submitted a Cycle 5 concept proposal for implementation (Project ID P1-2208).

Cycle 3 – Fiscal Year 2017-2018

The Board awarded approximately \$16.0 million for eight projects (four planning and four implementation). To date, one grant has closed.

Project Name	Bay Point Habitat Restoration Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,100,000
County	Contra Costa
Project 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	The project is complete and the Grantee has submitted the final report. The Grantee requested a budget amendment to move funding between line items which, if approved by the Executive Officer, will be executed by November 1, 2021. The Grantee will submit the final invoice during the November invoicing period.

Project Name	Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms: Improving aquatic habitat resiliency on working lands along the Sacramento River (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$647,701
County	Yolo
Project 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	The current landowner is selling the property where the project is located. The sale of the property is moving forward, but not as quickly as the landowner initially planned due to drought mitigation and harvest season. The Grantee is working with the current landowner and will work with the buyer, once known, to determine whether restoration planning and current conservation activities will continue. Other planning work has been paused.

Project Name	Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$1,225,000
County	Contra Costa
Project 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	Grantee has met with adjacent neighbors to provide initial ground water modeling results and current stormwater conditions on their properties. Grantee is refining the project design based on community input and new groundwater and soils information. Grantee is exploring the possibility of preparing an Environmental Impact Report instead of the initially proposed Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration; impacts to the grant are being assessed.

Project Name	Grizzly Slough Floodplain Restoration Project at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$8,700,800
County	Sacramento
Project 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	Grantee is securing final permits and subcontractors.

Project Name	Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project #2 (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$990,543
County	Contra Costa
Project 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	Construction and vegetation installation are complete. Vegetation monitoring is ongoing.

Project Name	Stone Lakes Restoration Project (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$635,573
County	Sacramento
Project 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	Grantee has completed Tribal Cultural Resources consultations. The Conservancy will perform responsible agency review in early 2022. Grantee submitted a concept proposal for Cycle 5 implementation funding.

Project Name	Nutria Eradication Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$1,125,577
County	Multiple
Project 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	The current total number of nutria taken is approximately 2,600. Project team is continuing first season of eradication at full staff capacity.

Cycle 2 – Fiscal Year 2016-2017

The Board awarded approximately \$4.4 million for four projects (one planning and three implementation). To date, two grants have closed.

Project Name	Dutch Slough Revegetation (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,900,000
County	Contra Costa
Project 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 requested a minor budget amendment to move funds between line items. If approved by the Executive Officer, it will be executed by November 1, 2021. The levee at Dutch Slough was breached in September 2021. Interior levee breaches are scheduled in October and November 2021. Vegetation monitoring is ongoing. Drone footage of the project can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQI-XeBuSxocx0AJMavwTmw/videos .

Project Name	Petersen Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$444,464
County	Solano
Project 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	The project site was irrigated through the summer. This project is nearly complete and is working on final deliverables.

Project Name	Investigations of restoration techniques that limit invasion of tidal wetlands (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$104,452
County	Contra Costa
Project 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	Funding Term ended 6/30/2021
New Information	Project is complete. The final report and invoice are due by 8/30/21.

Cycle 1 – Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Project Name	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,026,814
County	Yolo
Project 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	California Conservation Corps has completed vegetation clearing. Project is nearly complete.

Project Name	Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$836,409
County	Contra Costa
Project 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	Construction and vegetation installation are complete. Vegetation monitoring is ongoing.

Project Name	Wildlife Corridors for Flood Escape on the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$836,234
County	Yolo
Project 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	Irrigation is being planned for the final summer of the project.

CLOSED PROJECTS

To date, a total of six projects funded by Proposition 1 have fully closed (five planning, one implementation). To receive a copy of a final report, please submit a written request specifying the project(s) of interest to prop1grants@deltaconservancy.ca.gov.

Project Name	Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Planning)
Amount Spent	\$89,448 (\$2 unspent)
County	All Delta Counties
Project 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	Closed as of 7/31/2020
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Sherman Island Restoration Project, Phase III (Planning)
Amount Spent	\$93,599 (\$6,367 unspent)
County	Sacramento
Project ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-008
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited
Overview	Develop plans and permits to restore up to 1,600 acres of wetlands on Sherman Island to provide habitat, reverse subsidence, and sequester carbon
Grant Agreement Status	Closed as of 12/31/2018
Post-Close Information	Closed; a final report is available for review. Design plans are still current. Waiting for Phase II to be completed.

Project Name	Paradise Cut Conservation and Flood Management Plan (Planning)
Amount Spent	\$99,924 (\$217 unspent)
County	San Joaquin
Project ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-012
Grantee	San Joaquin Resource Conservation District
Overview	Advance plans for a new flood bypass that will reduce flood risk, improve habitat, and maintain agricultural land along the San Joaquin River south of Paradise Cut
Grant Agreement Status	Closed as of 6/30/2019
Post-Close Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Lower Marsh and Sand Creek Watershed Restoration Planning Project (Planning)
Amount Spent	\$73,493 (\$2,391 unspent)
County	Contra Costa
Project ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-019
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Create a Programmatic California Environmental Quality Act document for future restoration activities conducted by Grantee and their partners in the Marsh Creek and Sand Creek watersheds
Grant Agreement Status	Closed as of 12/31/2019
Post-Close Information	Closed; a final report is available for review. The Programmatic Mitigated Negative Declaration, developed as part of this project, is being used during the planning of the Prop 1-1809 and Prop 1-1814 grants.

Project Name	Restoration of Priority Wetlands for Endangered Species at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation)
Amount Spent	\$942,631 (\$145,798 unspent)
County	Sacramento
Project ID	Prop 1-1608
Grantee	Sacramento County Regional Parks
Overview	Restore 110 acres of freshwater wetlands to benefit listed species
Grant Agreement Status	Closed as of 12/31/2020
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Bees Lakes Habitat Restoration Plan (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$592,500 (\$886.63 unspent)
County	Yolo
Project 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	Closed as of 2/28/2021
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review. Grantee submitted a concept proposal for Cycle 5 implementation funding.

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. 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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FIGURE 1: SUMMARY OF CYCLE 5 (FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022) CONCEPT PROPOSALS RECEIVED

Project ID	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	Funding Priority(ies)	Notes
P1-2201	Bees Lakes Habitat Restoration Implementation	City of West Sacramento	Implementation	\$1,415,560	Yolo	Ecosystem Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement; Water Quality Improvement	Planning for this project was funded by a Delta Conservancy Proposition 1 grant (Project ID P1-1712).
P1-2202	Fish Friendly Diversion Pilot	South Valley Water Resources Authority	Planning (Pilot)	\$2,200,000	Sacramento	Ecosystem Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement; Water-Related Agricultural Sustainability	None.
P1-2203	Big Break Regional Shoreline Restoration and Public Access	East Bay Regional Park District	Planning	\$390,000	Contra Costa	Ecosystem Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement; Water Quality Improvement	This applicant is a current grantee (Project ID P1-1701).
P1-2204	Little Franks Tract Invasive Weed Removal and Restoration	Contra Costa County Resource Conservation District	Implementation	\$292,506	Contra Costa	Ecosystem Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement	None.
P1-2205	Lower Putah Creek Aquatic System Enhancement	California Waterfowl Association	Planning	\$226,782	Yolo	Ecosystem Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement	None.
P1-2206	Oakley Creekside Park Restoration Implementation	City of Oakley	Implementation	\$1,964,500	Contra Costa	Ecosystem Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement; Water Quality Improvement	Planning for this project was funded by a Delta Conservancy Proposition 1 grant (Project ID P1-1814).

Project ID	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	Funding Priority(ies)	Notes
P1-2207	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement, Phase 2	Ducks Unlimited	Implementation	\$927,340	Yolo	Ecosystem Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement; Water-Related Agricultural Sustainability	This first phase of this project was jointly funded by the Delta Conservancy (Project ID P1-1503), California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Wildlife Conservancy Board.
P1-2208	Ulati Creek Habitat Restoration	Solano Resource Conservation District	Implementation	\$353,025	Solano	Ecosystem Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement; Water Quality Improvement	This applicant is a current grantee (Project IDs P1-1605, P1-1804).
P1-2209	Improving Hydrological Resiliency of Managed Wetlands in Suisun Marsh	Suisun Resource Conservation District	Implementation	\$544,241	Solano	Ecosystem Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement; Water Quality Improvement	This applicant applied for funding in Cycle 4 (Project ID P1-1811) and was not selected for funding.
P1-2210	Stone Lakes Wetland Restoration and Enhancement	Ducks Unlimited	Implementation	\$2,543,738	Sacramento	Ecosystem Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement	Planning for this project was funded by a Delta Conservancy Proposition 1 grant (Project ID P1-1713).
P1-2211	Marsh Creek Reservoir Restoration and Total Mercury Reduction	Contra Costa Flood Control and Water Conservation District	Planning	\$449,830	Contra Costa	Ecosystem Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement; Water Quality Improvement	This applicant applied for funding in Cycle 3 (Project ID P1-1703) and was not selected for funding.
P1-2212	Van Buskirk Multi-Benefit Ecosystem Restoration	American Rivers	Planning	\$469,878	San Joaquin	Ecosystem Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement	This applicant is a current and former grantee (Project IDs P1-1509, P1-1519, P1-1702, P1-1711, P1-1808, P1-1809).

Summary of Cycle 5 Concept Proposals



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Concept Proposal Funding Request Overview

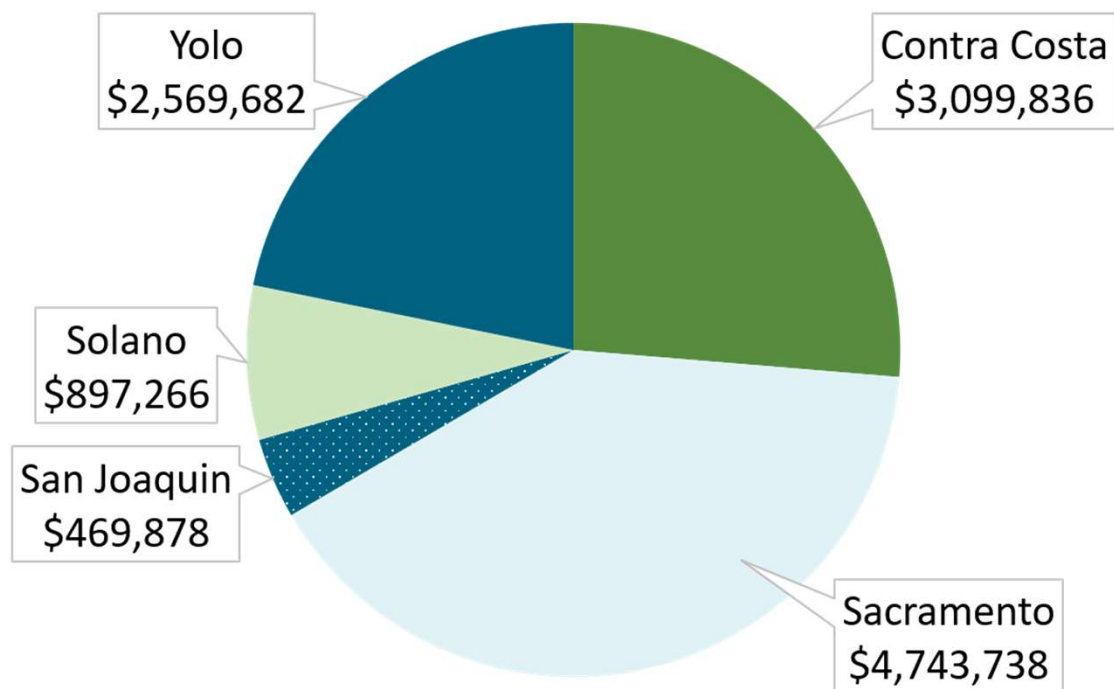
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Proposals Received:
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Number of Planning
Projects:
5

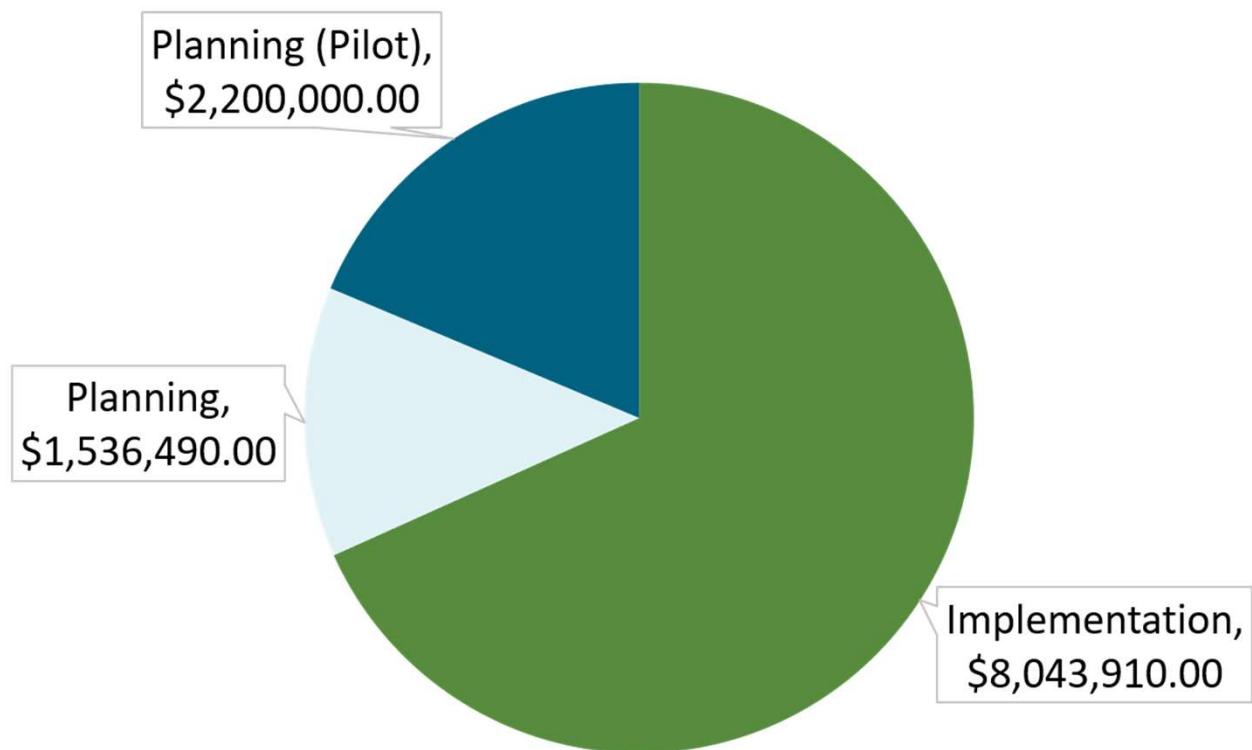
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Funding Request by County

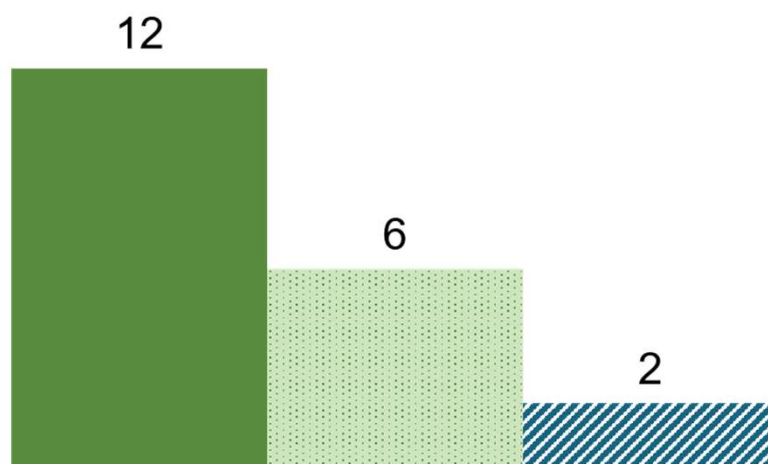




Funding Request by Project Type



Funding Request by Priority Type



- Ecosystem protection, restoration, and enhancement (12)
- Water quality improvement (6)
- Water-related agricultural sustainability (2)



Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Update Staff Report

PROGRAM UPDATE

The Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program is designed to promote a robust Delta economy, support the vitality of Delta communities, and allow staff to provide guidance to project proponents as they develop proposals to meet these goals. As of October 12, 2021, there is one active project, one awarded project, eight working proposals, and two inactive proposals. The total amount of funding currently obligated, awarded or requested through this program is \$7,168,348. Of the \$12 million allocated to the Conservancy by Proposition 68, a minimum of \$8.7 million is available for grants.

ACTIVE PROJECTS (TOTAL AMOUNT OBLIGATED: \$172,155)

Project Name	Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility & Central Harbor Park Upgrade (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$172,155
County	Contra Costa
Project ID	P6804
Grantee	City of Pittsburg
Overview	Create planning documents for preparation of recreational and safety enhancements to the Boat Launch Facility & Central Harbor Park
DAC/SDAC	Serves an SDAC
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 10/1/2021
New Information	Grantee has started outreach and is seeking subcontractors.

APPROVED PROJECTS (TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$341,668)

Project Name	Southport Levee Recreational Trail (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$341,668
County	Yolo
Project ID	P6803
Grantee	City of West Sacramento
Overview	Create planning documents for preparation of paving of 5.6 miles of levee top for recreational use
DAC/SDAC	Neither
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	Grant agreement has been sent to applicant for review.

Note: In the following tables, the DAC/SDAC column indicates whether the project serves a disadvantaged community (DAC) or a severely disadvantaged community (SDAC), as confirmed by Conservancy staff. Proposition 68 requires that 20 percent of the allocation go to projects that support SDAC communities. Twenty percent of the Delta Conservancy's allocation is \$2,400,000. Of the \$7,168,348 obligated, awarded, or requested to date, \$2,004,178 (27.9%) are expected to support SDAC communities.

WORKING PROPOSALS (TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$5,504,525)

Project ID	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	DAC/SDAC	Proposal Status
P6813	Clarksburg Schoolhouse Restoration and Delta Welcome Center	Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse	Implement	\$1,707,221	Yolo	Neither	In development
P6811	Asian American Heritage Park Development	Delta Educational Cultural Center	Implement	\$527,023	Sacramento	SDAC	Before the Board
P6810	Bees Lake Public Access	City of West Sacramento	Implement	\$845,402	Yolo	Neither	Under review
P6809	Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh	Pacific Flyway Fund	Implement	\$1,486,050	Solano	DAC	Before the Board
P6808	Victory Highway Sign	Sacramento County	Planning	\$350,000	Sacramento	SDAC	In development
P6806	Discover the Delta Education Center	Discover the Delta Foundation	Planning	\$223,456	Sacramento	DAC	In revision
P6805	Isleton Museum in the Bing Kong Tong Building	Isleton Museum	Implement	\$55,000	Sacramento	SDAC	Under review
P6802	Land Acquisition for the Clarksburg Schoolhouse & Delta Welcome Center	Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse	Implement (Acquisition)	\$310,373	Yolo	Neither	Before the Board

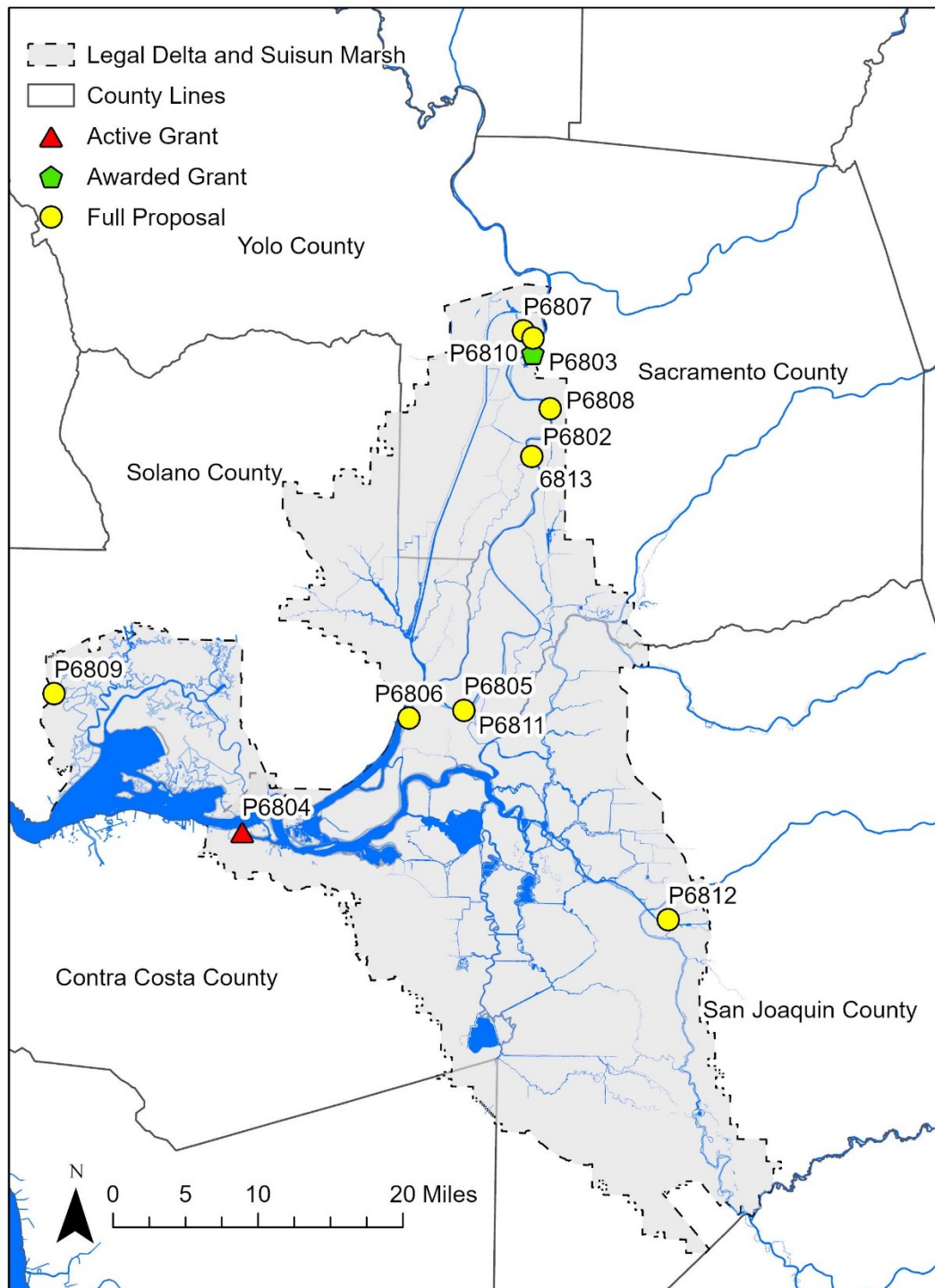
INACTIVE PROPOSALS (TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$1,150,000)

Project ID	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	DAC / SDAC	Status
P6812	Stockton Waterways	Port of Stockton	Planning	\$900,000	San Joaquin	SDAC	Project being reconsidered by applicant
P6807	Clarksburg Branch Line Trail	City of West Sacramento	Planning	\$250,000	Yolo	Neither	On hold per applicant request

BACKGROUND

Proposition 68 is the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Public Resources Code (PRC), Division 45) that was passed by California voters on June 5, 2018. Proposition 68 makes \$12,000,000 available to the Conservancy to use for the purposes specified in its governing statute (Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act, Public Resources Codes, Division 22.3). The Conservancy is using the Proposition 68 allocation to fund projects in the Conservancy's Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program that support community and economic development in the Delta in a manner that is complementary to ecosystem restoration and other Conservancy programs. The grant program began accepting concept proposals on January 6, 2020.

FIGURE 1. MAP OF LOCATION AND STATUS OF PROPOSITION 68 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS



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**Consideration of California Environmental Quality Act Lead Agency Exemption Declaration and
Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant
for Land Acquisition for the Clarksburg Schoolhouse and Delta Welcome Center
Staff Recommendation**

This agenda item presents for Board consideration a recommendation to approve the Lead Agency declaration prepared by staff in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a recommendation to award Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program funding for the Land Acquisition for the Clarksburg Schoolhouse and Delta Welcome Center project.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Applicant	Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse
Project ID	P6802
Project Type	Implementation (Acquisition)
County	Yolo
Funding Request	\$310,373
Total Project Cost	\$310,373
Funding Recommendation	\$310,373

RECOMMENDATIONS

Conservancy staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 2021-01 declaring that this project is categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19 Section 15316, subsection (a), and Section 15325, subsections (a) and (e) and the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Contingent upon adoption of Resolution 2021-01, Conservancy staff recommends that the Board approve up to \$310,373 in grant funding for the Land Acquisition for the Clarksburg Schoolhouse and Delta Welcome Center project (Project ID P6802) proposed by the Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse. Conservancy staff prepared the text below based on staff's best understanding of the information provided in the application and meetings with members of the Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse. Staff followed the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Grant Guidelines, approved by the Conservancy Board in December 2019, in working with the applicant and assessing this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will allow Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse to acquire a 1.13-acre parcel located at 36446 Riverview Drive in Clarksburg, California to serve as the permanent home for the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse. Once restored, the schoolhouse will host a Delta Welcome Center

and Education Center that will showcase Clarksburg's history and culture, provide a community gathering space, and provide information about tourism and recreational opportunities and the natural and historical resources of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Following site acquisition, the second phase of the project will be restoration of the historic building, including development of indoor and outdoor exhibits. As lead agency for the implementation phase of the project, Yolo County has determined that the restoration activities are exempt from CEQA, pursuant to Public Resources' Code Section 21080 (b) (1). Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse intends to use a combination of private donations and grants to fund the second phases. Since 2015, Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse has raised more than \$300,000 in private donations and grants, as well as \$150,000 in in-kind donations, and has secured at least 10,000 donated hours from the Clarksburg community. This funding and community commitment helped Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse reach the point at which the organization is ready to purchase the land for a permanent home. Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse intends to submit a second grant application to the Delta Conservancy's Community and Economic Enhancement Program to help fund the second phase.

Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse came together as a nonprofit organization in 2015 when the owners of the historic building donated it to the Clarksburg community, with the stipulation that the building be used for community purposes. The organization considered five potential sites before selecting the site under discussion. This site, across the levee from the Sacramento River and canopied by heritage oak trees is highly visible to tourists, making it an excellent location for a Delta Welcome Center. Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse developed a Memorandum of Understanding with the current landowner, allowing them to move the building to the site while also seeking funding to purchase the land.

Upon completion of the second phase of the project, the building will house a free Delta Welcome Center and Education Center, as well as an event venue available for rental. Maintenance costs for the site will be covered through venue rentals and use of low cost or volunteer labor and tools provided by community members.

Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC)

Proposition 68 requires that at least 20 percent of all funding be spent on projects that serve severely disadvantaged communities, which are defined as "a community with a median household income less than 60 percent of the statewide average" (PRC 45 Sec. 80008(a)(1)). The Land Acquisition for the Clarksburg Schoolhouse and Delta Welcome Center project does not serve a severely disadvantaged community.

Cost Share

The Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse, a nonprofit organization, will not contribute cost share. While Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse does not have qualifying cost share during the funding term, it is notable that they have secured considerable commitments of time, labor, and money for other phases as described in the project description and local and institutional support sections.

CONSISTENCY WITH STATE AND LOCAL PRIORITIES

The project is consistent with Proposition 68 and the Conservancy's enabling legislation (Public Resources Code sections 32300-32381) and strategic plan. This project is consistent with priorities outlined in the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan and the Delta Protection Commission's Economic Sustainability Plan.

LOCAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Local support is evident through the submission of letters of support from local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and school districts. Additionally, Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse has conducted extensive community fundraising that raised \$450,000 in monetary and in-kind donations, and more than 10,000 volunteer hours have been donated by community members to advance the project to this stage.

The Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse have secured the following institutional support for acquisition of the land and restoration of the Schoolhouse: two \$50,000 Rural Initiative grants from Yolo County, a \$30,000 grant from the Delta Protection Commission to conduct a formal feasibility study on the project, and a \$20,000 grant from the Delta Stewardship Council to support an interpretive planning document. Additional institutional support is demonstrated in letters of support from the two relevant reclamation districts, the Delta Protection Commission, Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas, and the Clarksburg Citizens Advisory Commission.

BACKGROUND

Proposition 68 is the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Public Resources Code Division 45) that made \$12,000,000 available to the Conservancy for uses specified in its governing statute (Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act, Public Resources Codes, Division 22.3). The Conservancy uses Proposition 68 funds to support projects through the Conservancy's Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program. Unlike traditional grant programs, this program was designed to allow Conservancy staff to collaborate with project applicants to develop proposals that meet the Conservancy and Proposition 68 goals. When applicants submit concept proposals, staff review the proposal to assess viability and appropriateness with program goals. If the concept proposal is suitable, staff then guide applicants as they develop a full proposal for consideration of Proposition 68 funding. The Land Acquisition for the Clarksburg Schoolhouse and Delta Welcome Center project is the first acquisition project proposal staff has presented for the Conservancy Board to consider award of grant funds.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Two separate motions are required.

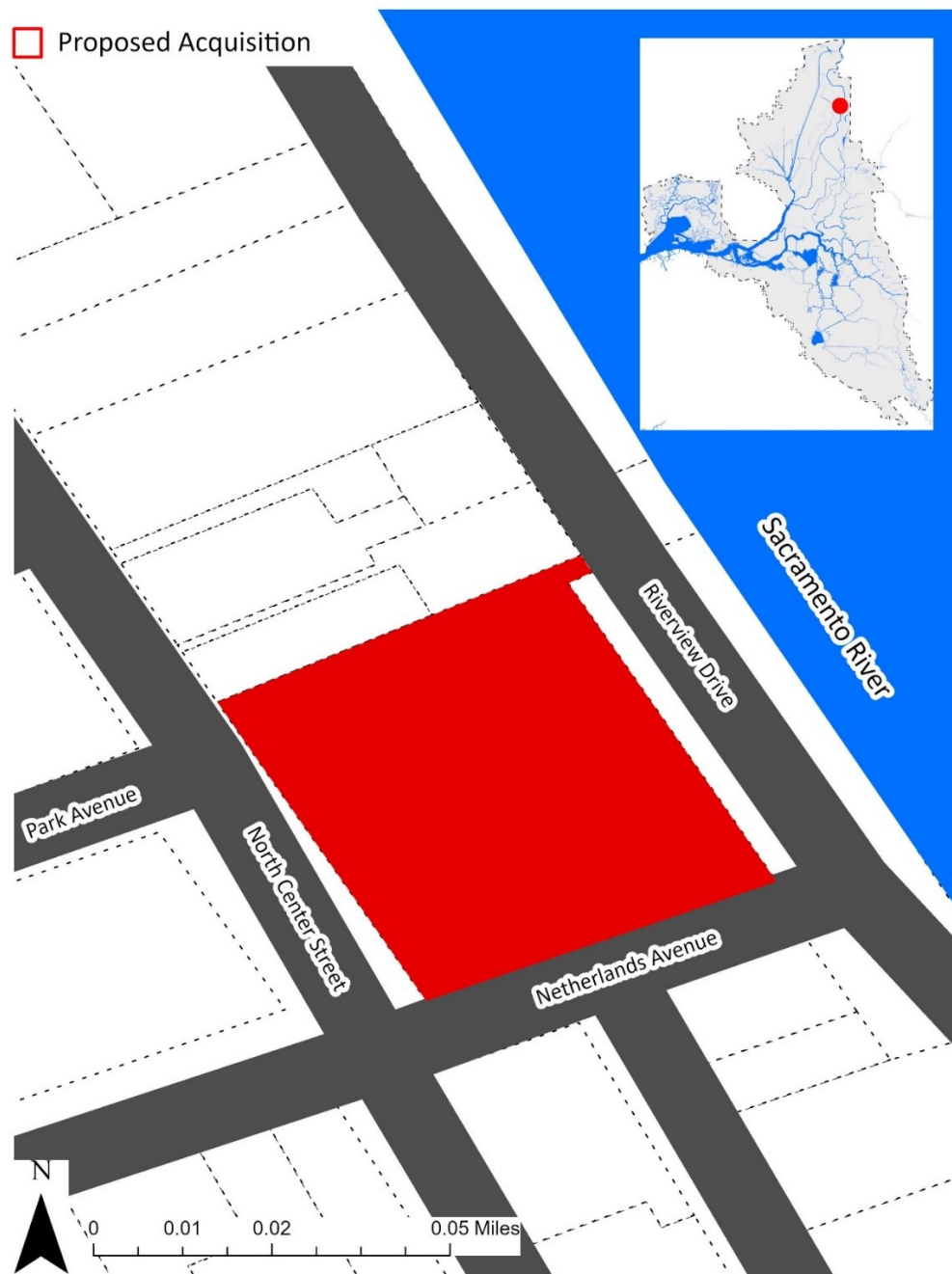
Move that the Board adopt Resolution 2021-01, which finds that the Land Acquisition for the Clarksburg Schoolhouse and Delta Welcome Center project is categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19 Section 15316, subsection (b), and Section 15325, subsection (e).

Move to award funding up to \$310,373 to the Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Land Acquisition for the Clarksburg Schoolhouse and Delta Welcome Center project.

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FIGURE 1. MAP OF LAND ACQUISITION FOR THE CLARKSBURG SCHOOLHOUSE AND DELTA WELCOME CENTER PROJECT AREA





RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY FINDING THE LAND ACQUISITION FOR THE CLARKSBURG SCHOOLHOUSE AND DELTA WELCOME CENTER PROJECT EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

Whereas, the Land Acquisition for the Clarksburg Schoolhouse and Delta Welcome Center project (Project) will acquire a 1.13-acre parcel located at 36446 Riverview Drive in Clarksburg, California to serve as the permanent location of the restored 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse; the Schoolhouse will host a Delta Welcome Center and Education Center that will showcase Clarksburg's history and culture, provide a gathering place for the community, and provide information about tourist and recreational opportunities and the natural and historical resources of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; and

Whereas, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) categorically exempts certain projects from environmental review, including acquisition of lands to create a park that preserves the historic or archeological condition (California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19 Section 15316, subsection (b)); and acquisition, sale, or other transfer to preserve historical resources (California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19 and Section 15325 subsection (e)); and

Whereas, CEQA provides that if a project is categorically exempt, environmental review is not required, provided that there are no unusual circumstances, the project will not have the potential to cause a significant environmental effect, and certain identified exceptions to the exemption are not triggered (California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15300.2); and

Whereas, the Project does not have the potential to significantly affect the environment or otherwise present any unusual circumstances; and

Whereas, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy is the lead agency for the Project, and its governing board is the decision-making body for the Project; and

Whereas, consistent with Public Resources Code Section 21081.6(a)(2), the documents that constitute the record for the Project may be viewed on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy's website for 30 days or inspected at its office by any person.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY AS FOLLOWS:

- a. The Board of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy finds, based on the whole record before it in its independent judgment, that the Project is exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19 Section 15316, subsection (b), and Section 15325, subsection (e) and that there are no exceptions, including unusual circumstances, that apply to the Project nor any evidence to suggest that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment; and
- b. The Board of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy hereby authorizes and directs its staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the California State Clearinghouse.
- c. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings for this Resolution are located on the Delta Conservancy's website (<http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/>).

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY BOARD THIS OCTOBER 27, 2021.

VOTE

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

Don Nottoli, Board Chair

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency _____

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



**Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant for Asian American Heritage Park
Staff Recommendation**

This agenda item presents for Board consideration a recommendation to award Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program funding for the Asian American Heritage Park project.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Applicant	Delta Educational Cultural Society
Project ID	P6811
Project Type	Implementation
County	Yolo
Funding Request	\$554,773
Total Project Cost	\$554,773
Funding Recommendation	\$554,773

RECOMMENDATION

Conservancy staff recommends that the Board approve up to \$554,773 in grant funding for the Asian American Heritage Park project (P6811) proposed by the Delta Educational Cultural Society. Conservancy staff prepared the text below based on staff's best understanding of the information provided in the application and meetings with members of the Delta Educational Cultural Society. Staff followed the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Grant Guidelines, approved by the Conservancy Board December 2019, in working with the applicant and assessing this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed Asian American Heritage Park is an implementation project that will create a .07-acre park in the city of Isleton at 27 Main Street. The currently vacant parcel fronts Main Street and backs up to the levee at Highway 160, which runs along the Sacramento River. The proposed park will include culturally relevant objects and interpretive exhibits on the history and heritage of the Chinese and Japanese who once occupied the Asian American Historic District of Isleton, and the events that impacted these communities. The Delta Educational Cultural Society will use Conservancy funding to develop the interpretive content and park elements, which will include landscaping, walkways, benches, engraved bricks and plaques recognizing contributors to the park, an artistic ceramic water feature, seat walls, walkway tiles, and a Japanese bell temple (Kansho-do). A survey kiosk will be installed to help measure the educational benefits of the park. When complete, a grand opening ceremony will inform community members about this new cultural resource.

The lot on which the park will be developed is owned by the Delta Educational Cultural Society and is centrally positioned in the Isleton Chinese and Japanese Commercial Districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1991. Adjacent and complementary to the restored Bing Kong Tong Building, the Asian American Heritage Park will contribute to the historic preservation and restoration of Main Street in this Legacy Community and will help to promote tourism and economic growth for Isleton and the Delta region by adding a new cultural resource and historic attraction to the area.

The interpretive exhibits in the park will tell the story of the Chinese and Japanese immigrant communities in Isleton and the Delta region and major historical events that impacted these communities. The content of the exhibits will be developed through a partnership with Sacramento State University's Public History program, local advisors from Chinese and Japanese communities, and academic experts. The Kansho-do will be a reminder and tribute to Isleton's Japanese Buddhist community, which was active prior to World War II and during the Japanese internment. A survey kiosk will help to measure the educational benefits of the park.

The public entry on Main Street will be fenced with a gate that can be locked to prevent unlawful entry at night. The design of the fencing and entryway will reflect the lot's former incarnation as a playground for Chinese children.

As the Lead Agency, the City of Isleton prepared a Notice of Exemption for the Asian American Heritage Park project. The City of Isleton City Council voted on February 9, 2021 that the project is categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19 Sections 15303 and 15304 (<https://cityofisleton.com/city-council-agendas-minutes/>). The City of Isleton filed the Notice of Exemption with the Sacramento County Clerk in February 2021 (see Attachment) and paid the processing fee on October 10, 2021.

Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC)

Proposition 68 requires that at least 20 percent of all funding be spent on projects that serve severely disadvantaged communities, which are defined as "a community with a median household income less than 60 percent of the statewide average" (PRC 45 Sec. 80008(a)(1)). Located in the city of Isleton, the Asian American Heritage Park project serves a severely disadvantaged community.

Cost Share

The Delta Educational Cultural Society, a nonprofit organization, will not contribute cost share. While the Delta Educational Cultural Society does not have qualifying cost share during the funding term, it is notable that they have secured considerable commitments of time, labor, donations and monetary support for other components of the project as described in the local and institutional support section.

CONSISTENCY WITH STATE AND LOCAL PRIORITIES

The project is consistent with Proposition 68 and the Conservancy's enabling legislation (Public Resources Code sections 32300-32381) and strategic plan. This project is consistent with priorities outlined in the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan and the Delta Protection Commission's Economic Sustainability Plan.

LOCAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Local support is evident through the submission of letters of support from local community organizations as well as local chapters of national culturally relevant organizations. The Delta Educational Cultural Society is a volunteer board with support from community members. Local support for this project that has been provided prior to the grant funding term includes donation of property to Delta Educational Cultural Society; pro bono help with park design, cost estimates, and proposal development; donation of Kansho-do design and construction plans; and donation of the Kansho-do bell; all of which have helped make this a financially viable project.

Additionally, the Asian American Heritage Park has secured a \$2,500 donation from the Isleton Events and Tourists Association and has donations pledged from a number of organizations and families totaling more than \$20,000 as part of a commemorative park benches and bricks program.

Institutional support from the City of Isleton includes providing assistance in procuring a construction contractor and a commitment to providing park maintenance for the full grant term through the city's Department of Public Works.

BACKGROUND

Proposition 68 is the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Public Resources Code Division 45) that made \$12,000,000 available to the Conservancy for uses specified in its governing statute (Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act, Public Resources Codes, Division 22.3). The Conservancy will use Proposition 68 funds to support projects in the Conservancy's Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program). Unlike traditional grant programs, this program was designed to allow Conservancy staff to collaborate with project applicants to develop proposals that meet the Conservancy and Proposition 68 goals. When applicants submit concept proposals, staff review the proposal to assess viability and appropriateness with program goals. If the concept proposal is suitable, staff then guide applicants as they develop a full proposal for consideration of Proposition 68 funding. The Asian American Heritage Park is the first implementation project serving a Severely Disadvantaged Community that staff has presented for the Conservancy Board to consider award of grant funds.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move to award funding up to \$554,773 to the Delta Educational Cultural Society from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Asian American Heritage Park project.

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FIGURE 1. MAP OF ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PARK PROJECT AREA





Notice of Exemption

To: County of Sacramento
County Clerk
600 Eighth Street, Room 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of Isleton
Lead Agency
P.O. Box 716
Isleton, CA 95641

Project Title: Asian-American Heritage Park

Project Applicant: Delta Education Cultural Society

Project Location - Specific: 27 Main Street, Isleton, CA 95641. APN # 157-0032-013-0000

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Asian American Heritage Park will be a garden open to the public including landscaping, water features, and small memorial structures on a currently vacant 3,049 sq. ft. lot on Isleton's historic Main Street. The project will be maintained in conjunction with the City of Isleton under a long term maintenance agreement with the private non-profit Delta Education Cultural Society.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Isleton

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Delta Education Cultural Society

Exempt Status:


- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 3 sect. 15303 & Class 4 sect. 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists solely of landscaping a vacant lot and adding small outdoor accessory structures. No trees will be removed as part of this project. This project thus qualifies under the exemption categories as a minor alteration to land a new construction of a small structure.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: James Gates Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-777-7771

Signature:  Date: 2/22/21 Title: Assistant Planner



**Consideration of California Environmental Quality Act Responsible Agency Findings and Award of
Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant
for Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh
Staff Recommendation**

This agenda item presents for Board consideration a recommendation to make Responsible Agency Findings based on the City of Fairfield's adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and a recommendation to award Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program funding for the Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Applicant	Pacific Flyway Fund
Project ID	P6809
Project Type	Implementation
County	Solano
Funding Request	\$1,486,050
Total Project Cost	\$1,486,050
Funding Recommendation	\$1,486,050

RECOMMENDATION

Conservancy staff recommends that the Board consider the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh project prepared by the City of Fairfield as the Lead Agency in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and adopt Resolution 2021-02 that makes Responsible Agency Findings that all necessary mitigation measures have been included in the project to eliminate any significant effects on the environment, and that no additional mitigation measures within the Board's authority are necessary.

Contingent upon the Board's adoption of Resolution 2021-02, Conservancy staff recommends that the Board approve up to \$1,486,050 in grant funding for the Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh project (Project ID P6809) proposed by the Pacific Flyway Fund. Conservancy staff prepared the text below based on staff's best understanding of the information provided in the application and meetings with members of the Pacific Flyway Fund project team. Staff followed the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Grant Guidelines, approved by the Conservancy Board in December 2019, in working with the applicant and assessing this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh will build three miles of Americans with Disability Act-compliant hiking trails, boardwalks, and educational signage through restored wetlands in Suisun Marsh, along with a parking area, access road upgrades, a shade structure, decorative asphalt art, and a bike rack. Walk in the Marsh is part of a multi-phase effort to build the

Pacific Flyway Center (PFC) on a 560-acre site owned by the Pacific Flyway Fund (PFF), a nonprofit organization created for this purpose. Both the Walk in the Marsh and broader PFC project will educate the public about the importance of the Pacific Flyway while conserving diverse habitat mosaics of wetlands, uplands, and riparian areas for waterfowl and hundreds of other wildlife species. With easy access from Interstate 680, this project will allow people to experience and appreciate the Suisun Marsh and better understand its connection to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Prior to, or concurrent with, construction of Walk in the Marsh, PFF will hire a contractor, through a competitive bid process, to construct the marsh element – newly created, restored, and enhanced wetlands – of Walk in the Marsh. The wetlands work is expected to cost more than \$2,000,000 and will be funded by PFF. While this work will be funded separately, PFF is hoping to hire one contractor to construct the marsh and the components included in this proposal concurrently. This will likely reduce costs and allow the work to proceed in a timely manner.

On November 26, 2018, the City of Fairfield, as the Lead Agency under CEQA, submitted a Notice of Determination based on the results of an Initial Study that found potential significant project impacts on air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, and noise; determined all of the identified impacts can be reduced to insignificant levels through implementation of Mitigation Measures outlined in the Initial Study; and prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project to satisfy the requirements of CEQA. Conservancy staff, in fulfilling the Conservancy's role as a Responsible Agency, have reviewed these documents and findings, and staff recommends that the Board make Responsible Agency Findings concluding that all necessary mitigation measures have been included in the project to eliminate significant effects on the environment.

Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC)

Proposition 68 requires that at least 20 percent of all funding be spent on projects that serve severely disadvantaged communities, which are defined as “a community with a median household income less than 60 percent of the statewide average” (PRC 45 Sec. 80008(a)(1)). The Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh does not serve a severely disadvantaged community.

Cost Share

The Pacific Flyway Fund, a nonprofit organization, will not contribute cost share. While the Pacific Flyway Fund does not have qualifying cost share during the funding term, it is notable that they have secured considerable commitments to advance the project to this stage.

CONSISTENCY WITH STATE AND LOCAL PRIORITIES

The project is consistent with Proposition 68 and the Conservancy's enabling statute (Public Resources Code sections 32300-32381) and strategic plan. This project is consistent with priorities outlined in the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan and the Delta Protection Commission's Economic Sustainability Plan.

LOCAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

The Pacific Flyway Center, including the Walk in the Marsh, was approved by local voters in a special process. The PFC site was originally adjacent to, but outside, the City of Fairfield city limits. Realizing that support from the City of Fairfield and Solano County was crucial to provide essential services for operation of the Center, the PFC Board in 2016 drafted and qualified for the ballot an initiative (entitled Measure "T") to allow the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to permit the City of Fairfield to annex the PFC site into the City. After an extensive public outreach effort funded largely by Pacific Flyway Fund, Measure T was passed with 78 percent of voters supporting the measure. Since then, the City of Fairfield has continued to provide support and assistance for the project. In the City's newsletter, the "Fairfield Development Pipeline Brochure", created by the City of Fairfield's Community Development Department, Economic Development Division, PFC is identified and prominently displayed as a future project of great interest to visitors to the City of Fairfield.

In addition to continued support from the City of Fairfield, the Pacific Flyway Center has received letters of support from a local school district and teachers; the University of California, Davis College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; National Audubon Society and three of its local chapters; California Waterfowl Association; Grasslands Water District; California Rice Commission; and a joint letter of support signed by California State Senators Bill Dodd, Jim Nielsen, Kevin Dahle, and Mike McGuire, and California State Assembly Members Cecilia Aguilar-Curry, James Gallagher, Anna Caballero, and Timothy Grayson. Additionally, a joint letter of support is included from Congressional Representatives Mike Thompson, John Garamendi, Mike DeSaulnier, Doris Matsui, Jared Huffman, and Ami Bera.

BACKGROUND

Proposition 68 is the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Public Resources Code Division 45) that made \$12,000,000 available to the Conservancy for uses specified in its governing statute (Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act, Public Resources Codes, Division 22.3). The Conservancy is using Proposition 68 funds to support projects in the Conservancy's Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program. Unlike traditional grant programs, this program was designed to allow Conservancy staff to collaborate with project applicants to develop proposals that meet the Conservancy and Proposition 68 goals. When applicants submit concept proposals, staff review the proposal to assess viability and appropriateness with program goals. If the concept proposal is suitable, staff then guide applicants as they develop a full proposal for consideration of Proposition 68 funding.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Two separate motions are required.

Move to adopt Resolution 2021-02, which makes Responsible Agency Findings that all necessary mitigation measures have been included in the Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh project.

Move to award funding up to \$1,486,050 to the Pacific Flyway Fund from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh project.

Meeting Date: October 27, 2021

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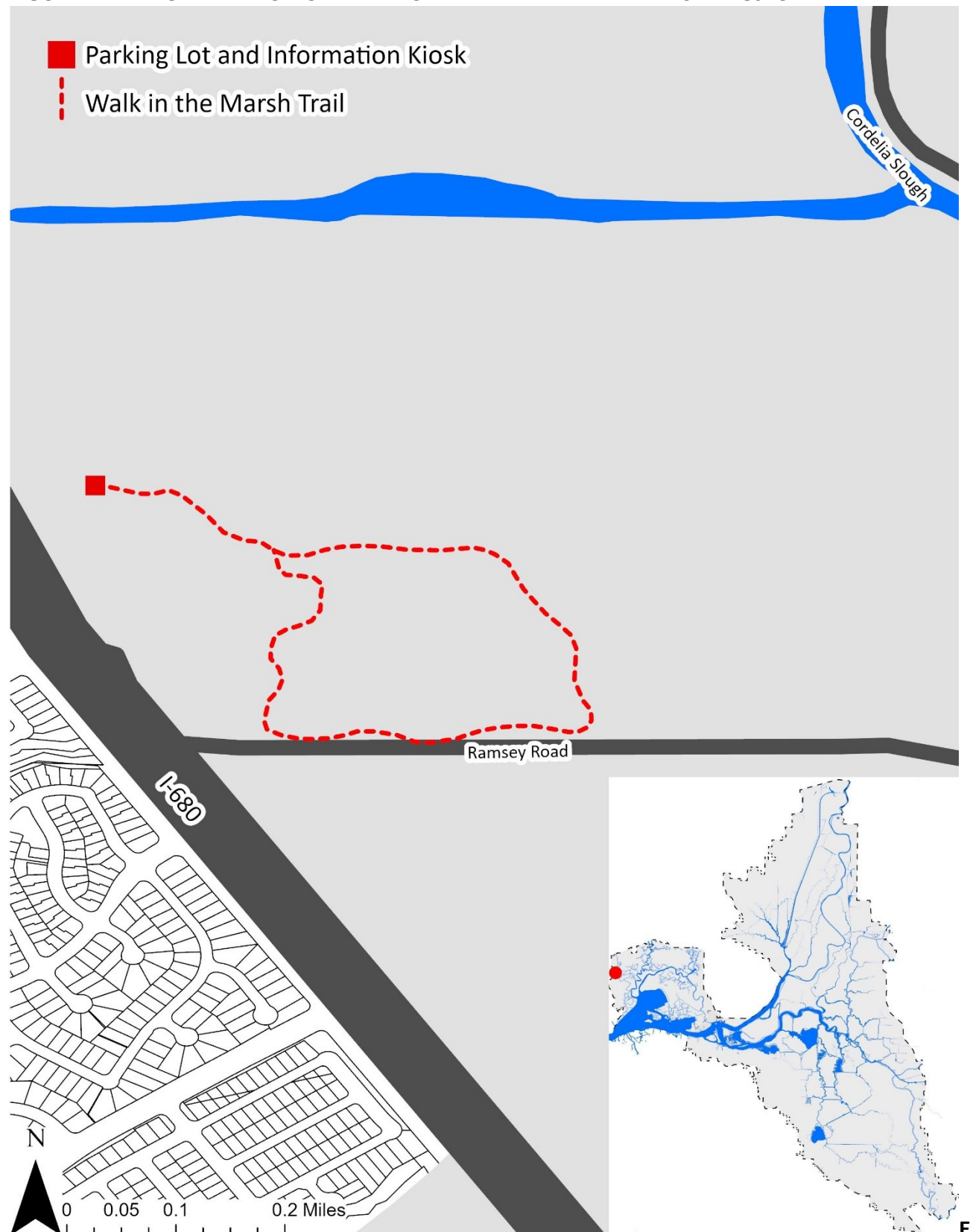
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FIGURE 1. MAP OF THE PACIFIC FLYWAY CENTER: WALK IN THE MARSH PROJECT AREA





RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY ADOPTING RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FOR THE PACIFIC FLYWAY: WALK IN THE MARSH.

Whereas, the Pacific Flyway: Walk in the Marsh (Project) is a proposal put forth by the Pacific Flyway Fund to build three miles of Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant hiking trails, boardwalks, and educational signage through restored wetlands in Suisun Marsh, along with a parking area, access road upgrades, a shade structure, decorative asphalt art, and a bike rack. The Walk in the Marsh will educate the public about the importance of the Pacific Flyway and the Suisun Marsh while conserving habitat; and

Whereas, the City of Fairfield is the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Res. Code, § 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR § 15000 et seq.); and

Whereas, the City of Fairfield prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA in order to analyze all potential adverse environmental impacts of the project; and

Whereas, the Pacific Flyway Fund has requested funding from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Delta Conservancy) for the Project; and

Whereas, the Delta Conservancy must, as a responsible agency, make certain findings prior to approving funding for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY AS FOLLOWS:

- a. The Delta Conservancy has, in its independent judgment, reviewed and considered the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the City of Fairfield, which may be accessed via the website links included below, and finds, as to those potential impacts within the Delta Conservancy's powers and authorities as a responsible agency, that the Mitigated Negative Declaration contains a complete, objective, and accurate reporting of the Project's potential impacts and that mitigation measures have been incorporated into the Project that avoid and/or substantially lessen any of the potentially significant effects of the Project.
- b. The Board further finds that no additional feasible mitigation measures within the Board's authority are necessary to reduce the environmental impacts of the project to less than significant levels.
- c. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings for this Resolution are available through the Delta Conservancy's website (<http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/>).

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY BOARD THIS OCTOBER 27, 2021.

VOTE

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

Don Nottoli, Board Chair

Supporting Documentation

- City Council of the City of Fairfield Approval of Mitigated Negative Declaration:
<https://eservices.fairfield.ca.gov/Weblink/0/doc/79794/Page1.aspx>
- Pacific Flyway Center Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration:
https://www.fairfield.ca.gov/gov/cd/planning_division/pacific_flyway.asp

Notice of Determination**Appendix D****To:**

☒ Office of Planning and Research
 U.S. Mail: _____ Street Address: _____
 P.O. Box 3044 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

☐ County Clerk
 County of: Solano
 Address: 675 Texas Street
 Fairfield, CA 94533

From:

Public Agency: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
 Address: 1450 Halyard Dr., Suite 6
 West Sacramento, CA 95691
 Contact: Dr. Rachel Wigginton
 Phone: 916-375-4994

Lead Agency (if different from above):
 City of Fairfield
 Address: 1000 Webster Street
 Fairfield, CA 94533
 Contact: Amy Kreimeier
 Phone: (707)428-7450

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2018072043

Project Title: Pacific Flyway Center

Project Applicant: Pacific Flyway Fund LLC., Claude Grillo

Project Location (include county): Ramsey Road, east of I-680 and south of the Gold Hill Rd/I-680 overpass

Project Description:

Request to fund the Pacific Flyway: Walk in the Marsh which would build three miles of Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant hiking trails, boardwalks, and educational signage through restored wetlands in Suisun Marsh, along with a parking area, access road upgrades, a shade structure, decorative asphalt art, and a bike rack; the Walk in the Marsh will educate the public about the importance of the Pacific Flyway and the Suisun Marsh while conserving habitat.

This is to advise that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy has approved the above
 (☐ Lead Agency or ☒ Responsible Agency)

described project on _____ and has made the following determinations regarding the above
 (date)
 described project.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Community Development Department - 2nd Floor City Hall, 1000 Webster Street, Fairfield, CA 94533

Signature (Public Agency): _____ Title: Chair, Delta Conservancy Board

Date: _____ Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



**Consideration of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy General Grant Guidelines
Draft for Public Review
Staff Report**

This agenda item requests Board approval of a draft of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy General Grant Guidelines for Climate Action Funds to be posted for public review.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy General Grant Guidelines for public review.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed General Grant Guidelines will guide the Conservancy in granting funds in the absence of the need for alternative grant guidelines that incorporate provisions required by a particular funding source, policy, or mandate. For example, the Conservancy has grant guidelines for the Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program and a different set of guidelines for the Community and different Economic Enhancement Grant Program, with each set of guidelines containing provisions specific to the requirements of the bonds that fund those programs.

The immediate need for these guidelines is to enable the Conservancy to provide grants using the \$5,250,000 appropriated to the Conservancy from the General Fund from Natural Resources Packages added to the 2021 Budget Bill by Senate Bill 170 (Skinner, Budget Act of 2021) to support climate, conservation, and public access projects. Both Governor Newsom and Secretary of Natural Resources, Wade Crowfoot, have placed a priority on implementing actions to address the critical needs for which this funding was appropriated.

Beyond the immediate need, the Conservancy will also use the General Grant Guidelines to provide grants that do not have specialized requirements. The General Grant Guidelines provide guidance for grants that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents, priorities for the Conservancy as specified by the Legislature in Public Resources Code Section 32322. The General Grant Guidelines are designed to provide guidance that is applicable for a variety of grants to address those priorities and ensure that funds are administered and expended appropriately. The draft General Grant Guidelines were developed by adapting Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines, which have proven effective.

NEXT STEPS

If approved by the Board, Conservancy staff will post the draft General Grant Guidelines on the Conservancy's website for public review for at least 30 days. Staff will consider all comments received during the review period and present a final draft of the General Grant Guidelines to the Board for consideration at its January 26, 2022 meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy has statutory authority to provide grants to state agencies, local public agencies, and nonprofit organizations to further the goals of the Conservancy (Pub. Resources Code, § 33264.5). On September 23, 2021 the Governor signed Senate Bill 170 which appropriates \$5,250,000 to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to support climate, conservation, and public access projects. Of that appropriation, five million dollars is allocated for local assistance grants and the remainder is for administration.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move that the Board approve the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy General Grant Guidelines Draft for Public Review.

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GENERAL GRANT GUIDELINES DRAFT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OCTOBER 27, 2021

A. Introduction

A1. Background

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Conservancy) is a primary state agency in the implementation of ecosystem restoration in the Delta and supports efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents. The Conservancy works collaboratively and in coordination with local communities, leading efforts to protect, enhance, and restore the Delta's economy, agriculture and working landscapes, and environment, for the benefit of the Delta region, its local communities, and the citizens of California.

A2. Purpose of Grant Guidelines

These General Grant Guidelines (General Guidelines) establish the process and criteria that the Conservancy uses to administer grants for which individual grant-specific guidelines have not been adopted. Each grant provided by the Conservancy will specify the governing grant guidelines. More information can be found at: <http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/grant-program/>.

A3. Contact Information

More information is available on the Conservancy's website at www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov . For questions or assistance, please contact the Delta Conservancy at (916) 375-2084 or contact@deltaconservancy.ca.gov.

B. What the Conservancy Will Consider Funding

The Delta Conservancy supports efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents, in accordance with statewide priorities. The Conservancy will not fund activities associated with regulatory compliance responsibilities. The Conservancy may limit any funding opportunity to one or more of the following activities that further the Conservancy's mission.

1. Protect and enhance habitat and habitat restoration.
2. Protect and preserve Delta agriculture and working landscapes.
3. Provide increased opportunities for tourism and recreation in the Delta.
4. Promote Delta legacy communities and economic vitality in the Delta, in coordination with the Delta Protection Commission.
5. Increase the resilience of the Delta to the effects of natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes, in coordination with the Delta Protection Commission.
6. Protect and improve water quality.

7. Assist the Delta regional economy through the operation of the conservancy's program.
8. Identify priority projects and initiatives for which funding is needed.
9. Protect, conserve, and restore the region's physical, agricultural, cultural, historical, and living resources.
10. Assist local entities in the implementation of their habitat conservation plans and natural community conservation plans.
11. Promote environmental education.

B1. Activity Types

The Conservancy may grant funds for the following types of activities.

Planning

Planning includes activities that prepare for and enable implementation activities. Receipt of a grant for planning activities does not guarantee that a grant will be provided for implementation activities.

Examples of planning activities include, but are not limited to:

- **Project scoping:** Partnership development, outreach to impacted parties, stakeholder coordination, negotiation of site access and land tenure
- **Planning and design:** Engineering design, planting plans, identifying appropriate best management practices
- **Environmental compliance:** Permitting, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) activities, Delta Plan consistency
- **Science:** Developing adaptive management and monitoring plans, baseline monitoring, biological surveys, and studies that will aid and inform the implementation activities

Pilot Projects

Pilot projects must be directly related to and inform eligible implementation activities. Pilot projects that are large in scale or duration may be considered implementation activities. The Conservancy recommends that applicants proposing a pilot project consult with Conservancy to determine the most applicable activity type.

Implementation

Implementation includes activities such as construction or improvement of a capital asset. Planning for implementation must be complete or near completion. Implementation activities that include a construction component must, at a minimum, have design plans completed to at least 65 percent level of development. Implementation activities that do not have a

construction component must have completed plans at a level that the Conservancy determines to be appropriate to the activities to be implemented. Implementation activities may include final design and permitting activities. The outputs of implementation specific to capital assets must be maintained for a minimum of 15 years.

CEQA and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance must be completed prior to grant award. CEQA and NEPA-related activities are not eligible for implementation funding.

Land Acquisition or Easement

Land acquisition is purchase of real property. An easement is a real estate ownership right (and encumbrance on the title) granted to an individual or entity to make a limited, but typically indefinite, use of the land of another. Activities that the Conservancy may choose to fund include, but are not limited to purchase, appraisals (including water rights appraisals), negotiation, due diligence, surveys, escrow fees, title insurance, and closing costs.

Research, Analysis, or Support

Research, analysis, and technical support activities provide information, data, and technical or capacity assistance that contributes to the Conservancy's mission, contributes to problem solving, advances best available science, and enables advancement of high priority initiatives. Research, Analysis, and technical assistance activities may or may not relate to specific grant-related planning or implementation activities.

B2. Grant Terms

Grant Funding Term: The period from the Effective Start Date through the Funding End Date listed on the grant agreement during which grantees may incur grant-related expenses. The Funding Term is typically three years.

Grant Term: The period, which may extend up to 15 years beyond the end of the Grant Funding Term, during which the outcomes of implementation activities must be maintained. Acquisitions and easements must comply with the Grant Term outlined in the applicable grant agreement.

For implementation, or land acquisition and easement activities, grantees must submit a final report and invoice at the end of the Grant Funding Term but will be held to the terms of the grant agreement until the end of the Grant Term.

Effective Start Date: The date that the grant agreement has been fully executed which entails being signed by both parties and completion of all noticing and filing required of the

Conservancy. The Conservancy will provide grantees written confirmation of the Effective Start Date of their grant.

C. Eligibility Requirements

C1. Eligible Geography

The Conservancy may fund activities within or benefitting the Delta and Suisun Marsh as defined in Public Resources Code section 85058 (a map can be found at this link:

<https://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/delta-plan/figure-1-1-delta-boundaries.pdf>).

The Conservancy may fund an action outside the Delta and Suisun Marsh if the Board makes all the findings described in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 (CWC, div. 35, §§ 85000 – 85350). Applicants applying for funds for activities outside of the Delta and Suisun Marsh must address the following:

- How the activities implement the ecosystem goals of the Delta Plan.
- How the activities are consistent with the requirements of any applicable state and federal permits.
- How the activities will provide significant benefits to the Delta.

C2. Eligible Grant Recipients:

Grants may be awarded to:

- State agencies
- Local public agencies
- Nonprofit organizations

C3. Ineligible Activities and Expenses

Activities that are not eligible for grant funding include but may not be limited to:

- Design, construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of water conveyance facilities.
- Activities dictated by a legal settlement or mandated to address a violation of, or an order (citation) to comply with, a law or regulation.
- Activities that subsidize or decrease the pre-existing mitigation obligations of any party.
- Monetary donations.
- Food or refreshments.
- Fees or expensed related to tours.
- Activities related to eminent domain processes.

- Subsidization or decrease the mitigation obligations of any party.
- Any other activities or expenses that the Conservancy deems inappropriate use of grant funding.

C4. Eligible Expenses

To be eligible for grant funding, activities must be conducted, and expenses must be incurred during the Grant Funding Term. Other than land acquisition costs, in all but the most extenuating circumstances, grant funding will be paid in arrears on a reimbursement basis. All expenses require supporting documentation and are subject to audit. With rare exception, funding for all grant related activities will be dispersed quarterly in arrears for all costs save for the cost of land acquisition, for which funds will be transferred into escrow once all requirements of the Land Acquisition Checklist have been met.

Direct Costs

Direct costs are for work specified in the scope of work, terms, and conditions of the grant agreement, and that are distinctly related to tasks and expenditures to implement activities as described in the grant agreement. The Conservancy will fund direct costs related to personnel services, operating expenses (general), operating expenses (subcontractor), operating expenses (equipment), land acquisition, and land easement costs.

Indirect Costs

Indirect costs do not have a specific direct relationship to the project but are required for completion of the grant activities. The Conservancy may elect to include or exclude indirect costs as an eligible expense for a specific funding opportunity.

D. Grant Proposal and Determination Process

Funding opportunities, along with instructions and any application forms and templates specific to each opportunity, will be available through the Conservancy's website.

Grants may be competitive or non-competitive in nature. The Conservancy may define a timeframe in which it accepts proposals or accept proposals on a continuous basis. If a timeframe for proposals is specified, only proposals submitted by the submission deadline will be considered.

The Conservancy will post notice of any public workshop opportunities on its website. For competitive grants, the Conservancy will post responses to questions of universal relevance on its website. The Conservancy Board has final decision-making authority regarding grants and grant funding.

The Conservancy may use a two-step process that consists of a concept proposal and a full proposal or a one-step process that requires only a full proposal. If concept proposals are required, full proposals will only be accepted if a concept proposal was submitted.

D1. Concept Proposal

Step 1: Concept Proposal Submittal: The applicant submits a concise proposal that describes at a high level the proposed activities and budget that will form the basis for a full proposal. Applicants may, and are encouraged to, consult with the Conservancy during the drafting of their concept proposal.

Step 2: Concept Proposal Review: Conservancy staff will review concept proposals and provide feedback to all applicants to aid them in assembling a complete, clear, and responsive full proposal. Concept proposals will not be scored. All applicants will be provided with written feedback regarding their concept proposals, as well as an opportunity to meet with Conservancy staff to discuss feedback. Feedback is provided on aspects such as:

- Description of Activities
- Project Team
- Budget
- Cost Share and/or Cost Leveraging
- Alignment with State Priorities
- Long Term Benefit
- Readiness
- Local Support
- Scientific Merit

D2. Full Proposal

Step 1: The applicant submits a proposal that comprehensively describes the proposed activities, budget, and applicant and others that will conduct activities through the grant. The full proposal provides the information upon which Conservancy staff and external reviewers, if applicable, base their scoring and/or recommendations for Board consideration. Each application must include the required attachments, in the specified file type (Word or Excel), and use the templates that the Conservancy provides. For more information on components of a full proposal, see Proposal Requirements section below.

Step 2: Administrative Review: After the submission deadline, the Conservancy will conduct an administrative review of all full proposals to check for eligibility, consistency with grant requirements, and completeness. Proposals that fail to meet the administrative review requirements may not receive further consideration.

Step 3: Site Visits: Conservancy staff will conduct site visits for all implementation, pilot, and land acquisition or easement grants. At its discretion, the Conservancy may conduct site visits for planning, or research, analysis, and support grants. Applicants may be required to accompany Conservancy staff on site visits. Adjustments will be made in consideration of public health as needed.

Step 4: Full Proposal Evaluation: Full proposals will be evaluated and may be numerically scored by Conservancy staff. As needed to ensure review and evaluation appropriate to the proposed activities, the Conservancy may utilize independent reviewers from state, federal, or local agencies, academia, non-profit organizations, or other entities or individuals with technical or subject matter expertise.

Proposals that do not provide enough information to allow reviewers to adequately evaluate them may not be considered.

Full proposals will be evaluated using criteria, which may or may not include numerical scoring, specific to the funding opportunity; evaluation criteria will be specified for each funding opportunity. The Conservancy may specify a minimum score that must be obtained in order for staff to consider recommending the Board fund the proposal. Achieving the minimum score does not guarantee that the proposal will be recommended for funding, that a grant award will be made, or that an applicant will receive the requested funding. The Conservancy may specify key evaluation criteria, each of which must be deemed adequate by reviewers, regardless of the adequacy of other components of the proposal, to be considered for funding.

D3. Board Consideration

All final determinations regarding grant funding will be made the by the Conservancy Board at a public meeting. Staff recommendations regarding grant funding, and final scores, if applicable, will be posted on the Conservancy's website and shared with all applicants in advance of the Board's consideration of grant funding. All applicants and members of the public will have the opportunity to appear before the Board at the public meeting. Any applicant whose proposal was not recommended for funding may contest the recommendations by notifying Conservancy staff in writing by 5:00 p.m. at least five business days prior to the Board meeting at which funding recommendations will be considered. The notification must describe the specific aspects of the staff recommendation that the applicant wishes to contest and provide information relevant to the grant proposal that they wish the Board to consider.

If proposals for a funding opportunity exceed the funds available, the Conservancy may choose to award partial funding to one or more proposals. The Board may also choose to designate for award proposals that were initially denied funding, should additional funding become available. If a proposal does not demonstrate strong local support or a lack of significant conflict from

local interests, the Conservancy reserves the right to not fund the activities or to require that the conflict is satisfactorily resolved before awarding funding. The Board may, within its discretion, approve a conditional award of funds.

D4. Grant Agreement

If funding for a grant proposal is approved, Conservancy staff will coordinate with the applicant to complete a grant agreement that specifies the scope of work, reporting requirements, specific performance measures, invoicing protocols, funding disbursement, and other terms and conditions of the grant.

E. Proposal Requirements

Required components of all full proposals includes, but are not limited to:

- Financial Management System Questionnaire and Cost Allocation Plan
- Schedule and List of Deliverables
- Line Item Budget by Task
- Justification of Expenses and How Determined to be Fair and Reasonable
- Funding by Source

The following attachments are required if relevant to the proposed activities:

- California Conservation Corps Consultation
- Acquisition Table
- Performance Measures Table

The following supplementary materials are required if relevant to the proposed activities:

- Authorization or Resolution to Apply
- Organizational documents
- Acquisition information (see **E12. LAND** Acquisition in this document for more information)
- Maps and site plans
- Letter from landowner/water rights holder (if not the applicant)
- Final CEQA documents
- Covered action checklist
- Letters of support and cost share commitment letters
- Resolutions of support from applicable local government agencies

E1. Conflict of Interest

Applicants are subject to state and federal conflict of interest laws. If an applicant has formerly worked for the Conservancy, presently works with the State of California, or has an existing or previous contract with the Conservancy and is contemplating applying for a grant, the applicant should consult with Conservancy staff to determine eligibility. Applicable statutes include, but are not limited to, Public Contract Code sections 10365.5, 10410, and 10411.

All proposals must identify current and prior relationships of all individuals or entities that will directly or indirectly receive grant funding or be responsible for substantive decision-making responsibility.

E2. Privacy Rights

Once an applicant has submitted a proposal to the Conservancy, any privacy rights, as well as other confidentiality protections afforded by law with respect to the application package, are waived. All proposals are public records under the California Government Code sections 6250-6276.48 and will be provided to the public upon request.

E3. California Conservation Corps

Funding opportunities may require applicants to consult with the California Conservation Corps and the California Association of Local Conservation Corps (Corps) to determine the feasibility of using their services to implement activities unless noted exceptions apply. Planning activities and acquisition activities are generally exempt. If an applicant submits a proposal to the Conservancy for activities for which it has been determined that Corps services can be used, the applicant must identify in the proposal the appropriate Corps and the component(s) of the activities in which they will be involved, and include estimated costs for those services, and enter into a contract with the Corps if awarded a grant. Even if not required, applicants are encouraged to consult with the Corps to explore opportunities for collaboration.

E4. Environmental Compliance

Grant funded activities must comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Delta Plan, and other environmental permitting requirements. Conservancy staff may be able to assist with the compliance process; however, the applicant is solely responsible for compliance. Applicants should be prepared to submit any permits, surveys, or reports that support the status of their environmental compliance.

For projects subject to CEQA, the Conservancy will not serve as a responsible agency unless there is no other public agency responsible for carrying out or approving the project for which

the applicant seeks funding, in which case the Conservancy may serve as the lead agency. If the Conservancy is proposed to act as the lead agency for the project, the applicant must coordinate with the Conservancy, beginning at the concept proposal stage if concept proposals are applicable to the funding opportunity.

For proposed activities that include an action that is likely to be deemed a covered action pursuant to the California Water Code section 85057.5, the applicant is responsible for ensuring consistency with the Delta Plan. The Conservancy encourages all applicants to communicate with the Delta Stewardship Council to understand if their activities will need to certify their consistency with the Delta Plan. For all implementation activities, a covered action checklist must be submitted with the full proposal. For those activities that will need to certify consistency, the proposal shall include a description of how consistency will be achieved and may include in its budget the funding necessary to complete related tasks, including the development of an Adaptive Management Plan. The activities must be certified as consistent with the Delta Plan before funds are disbursed for construction or the physical implementation of the activities. If the Conservancy is proposed to act as the covered action lead agency for the proposed activities, the applicant must coordinate with the Conservancy, beginning at the concept proposal stage if concept proposals are applicable to the funding opportunity.

E5. Water Rights

Funded activities that address stream flows and water use shall comply with the Water Code as well as any applicable state or federal laws or regulations. Any activities that would require a change to water rights, including, but not limited to, bypass flows, point of diversion, location of use, purpose of use, or off-stream storage shall demonstrate in their grant proposal an understanding of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) processes, timelines, and costs necessary for approvals by SWRCB and the ability to meet those timelines within the grant funding term. In addition, any activities that involve modification of water rights for an adjudicated stream shall identify the required legal process for the change as well as associated legal costs. Proposals to acquire a permanent dedication of water must be in accordance with section 1707 of the Water Code. Specifically, the SWRCB must specify that the water proposed for acquisition is in addition to the water that is needed to meet regulatory requirements (CWC, § 79709(a)). Applicants may apply for funding from the Conservancy to complete the section 1707 petition process, but the SWRCB must approve the petition prior to the dispersal of funds for any other activities. Prior to its completion, any water right acquisition must be supported by a water rights appraisal approved by the Department of General Services, Real Property Services Section.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to comply with SWRCB regulations regarding the diversion and use of water, including ensuring that the applicant has adequate water rights to

complete the activities and that the activities will not reduce or otherwise affect the rights of other water rights holders (CWC, § 79711(d)). For implementation activities and pilot projects that require water application (e.g., restoration, working lands enhancements, etc.), applicants must submit a statement number or application number for the water right they propose to use, as well as a short narrative demonstrating that the activities' water use has been considered, is reasonable, and that there is sufficient water to implement and maintain the activities without causing adverse impacts to downstream users or surrounding landowners. Conservancy staff will consult with the office of the Delta Watermaster regarding activities that propose to use water. The Delta Watermaster will review the water rights affiliated with the proposed activities and will provide an informal opinion as to whether these water rights appear to be subject to challenge. When considering if a proposal should be recommended for funding, Conservancy staff will consider the Watermaster's input and any issues identified during review.

If applicable, applicants must provide a letter of support from the entity providing water for implementation activities. The letter must verify that the water rights holder has the right to deliver water to the property on which the proposed activities will be implemented, and that the water rights holder recognizes its obligation to provide water to that property for the purposes of implementing the proposed activities. The Conservancy may at any time request that an applicant or grantee provide additional proof that it has a legal right to divert water and sufficient documentation regarding actual water availability and use.

E6. Best Available Science

All proposals with a scientific component will be evaluated on the scientific basis of the proposed activities. Applicants must provide a description of the scientific foundation of their activities, including scientific literature, studies, or expert opinion that they have consulted. Applicants must use the best available science when planning and implementing their proposed activities. A more complete review of best available science can be found in [Appendix 1A of the Delta Plan](#).

Applicants proposing ecosystem restoration and enhancement activities are encouraged to take into account the landscape considerations and guidelines discussed in A Delta Renewed: A Guide to Science-Based Ecological Restoration in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (A Delta Renewed, SFEI-ASC, 2016) when determining appropriate habitat restoration or enhancement actions. All applicants are encouraged to consult relevant climate change related resources, which include, but are not limited to: [California Natural Resources Agency's Safeguarding California Plan: 2018 Update](#) (particularly the Biodiversity and Habitat Section), [Cal-Adapt](#) (includes climate tools, data, and resources), the [California Climate Commons](#), Point Blue Conservation Science's [Climate-Smart Restoration Toolkit](#), Adapting to Rising Tides ([Bay Area](#),

[Eastern Contra Costa County](#), and [Contra Costa County](#)), [Delta Adapts](#), and the Ocean Protection Council's [2017 Rising Seas in California: An Update on Sea-Level Rise Science](#).

E7. Adaptive Management

Adaptive management is a framework and flexible decision-making process that advances scientific understanding and increases the likelihood for activities to achieve desired goals, objectives, outcomes, and outputs in the face of uncertainties such as climate change or ecological response to management decisions. Long-term management is related to adaptive management, and the two terms are frequently conflated. Adaptive management describes the scientific process in which an entire project is embedded, whereas long-term management deals with the ongoing stewardship and maintenance. The process for collecting and analyzing science-based information – a critical component of adaptive management – should be a factor in long-term management planning and decisions. The Conservancy will require all applicants, as relevant, to develop and utilize science-based adaptive management that is consistent with the [Delta Plan's Nine-Step Adaptive Management Framework](#). Resources and support can be found through the [Interagency Adaptive Management Coordination](#) webpage.

Depending on the status and type of proposed activities, adaptive management expectations will vary. Planning, research, analysis, or support activities may not have all nine steps fully developed but are expected to describe how they will be considered and incorporated as the activities progress. Conservation easement proposals must describe the application of an adaptive management framework but may not have much leeway to alter easement terms. Activities that employ well-established best management practices do not carry the same burden of proof as those attempting new, untested approaches. Since the adaptive management approach should be integrated throughout activities, its description will be incorporated into many sections of the proposal. Where relevant, applicants will be asked to summarize their approach to adaptive management in the Scientific Merit section of the full proposal.

E8. Performance Measures

Performance measures are used to track progress toward project goals and objectives. They provide a means of reliably measuring and reporting the implementation and effectiveness of a project and how it contributes value to the Delta, Suisun Marsh, and the state. Performance measures will be developed to reflect the unique benefits of individual projects. Conservancy staff may help in development of performance measures. All implementation, land acquisition, land easement, and pilot project proposals must include a performance monitoring and assessment framework that identifies the performance measures that will be used to demonstrate public benefits for the required length of time years following the end of the

Grant Funding Term, how they will be monitored and assessed, and how monitoring data will be reported.

E9. Monitoring and Assessment Framework

In addition to identifying performance measures and long-term management, some funding opportunities may require applicants to describe their approach to monitoring and assessing performance. Applicants should incorporate standardized monitoring approaches, where applicable, into their monitoring and assessment frameworks and evaluate opportunities to coordinate with existing monitoring efforts or produce information that can readily be integrated into such efforts. If an applicant determines that the use of standardized approaches is not appropriate, the proposal must provide a clear justification and a description of the proposed approach. Examples of standardized methods and related data portals for environmental activities include:

- **Wetland and riparian restoration:** [Wetland and Riparian Area Monitoring Program](#) (WRAMP) framework for data collection, [EcoAtlas](#) for data reporting
- **Water quality, toxicity, and bioassessment data:** [Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program](#) (SWAMP) for standardized methods and data collection, [California Environmental Data Exchange Network](#) (CEDEN) for data reporting
- **Coastal salmonids:** [California Coastal Monitoring Program](#) for both methods and reporting

Grantees must add projects into [EcoAtlas Project Tracker](#) as relevant and provide periodic updates.

Environmental data and information collected through Conservancy grants must be made visible, accessible, and independently understandable to general users in a timely manner, except where limited by law, regulation, policy, or security requirements. All data collected and created is a required deliverable.

E10. Long-Term Management

The Conservancy may require applicants to describe future management activities, explaining how the activities, once implemented, will be stewarded for the required timeframe up to 15 years for capital asset improvements. Properties restored, enhanced, or protected, and facilities constructed or enhanced with funds provided by the Conservancy shall be operated, used, and maintained consistent with the purposes of the grant.

E11. Land Tenure

For all activities conducted on land that is not owned by the grantee, the grantee must demonstrate that they have adequate site control prior to the disbursement of grant funds. At the time of application, all proposals for activities that require site access must describe the status of site control. Applicants must provide a letter of support from the landowner(s) of the activities site(s) if the applicant is not the landowner. Once funds are awarded, all grantees must submit documentation showing that they have adequate site control to implement the proposed activities. For implementation activities, grantees must submit documentation proving that they have adequate control to improve or restore the site, and to maintain the outputs of the activities for the required timeframe. Grantees may assign the responsibility to implement, monitor, and maintain activities and their outputs, but will still be accountable for any assigned tasks. If the grantee owns the land on which the activities are being conducted, the grantee must record the grant agreement against the deed of the property. At the discretion of the Conservancy, a Notice of Unrecorded Grant Agreement may be substituted for recording the grant agreement against the deed of the property. If the grantee does not own the land on which the activities will be implemented, a landowner access agreement will be required as a condition of the grant agreement and must be executed and recorded before funds are disbursed. The landowner access agreement must be signed by the grantee and the landowner(s) and must include a legal description of the land on which the activities are being conducted; the Conservancy will approve as to form. A landowner access agreement template can be found on the Conservancy's [Grant Program web page](#). Grantees opting not to use the template must submit an alternate agreement that conforms to the terms of the template. Costs associated with the development of the land tenure agreement may be included in the grant budget but cannot be reimbursed until the landowner access agreement is approved as to form by the Conservancy. For lands being acquired with Conservancy grant funds, the Land Acquisitions section, below, describes land tenure requirements.

E12. Land Acquisition

The Conservancy may award grant funds for land acquisition. Land acquisitions must adhere to the following requirements.

- Property must be acquired from a willing seller and in compliance with current laws governing acquisition of real property by public agencies in an amount not to exceed fair market value, as approved by the state.
- If a signed purchase and sale or option agreement is unavailable to be submitted with the application, a Willing Seller Letter is required from each landowner indicating they are a willing participant in the proposed real estate transaction. The letter should clearly identify the parcels to be purchased and state that "if grant funds are awarded, the

seller is willing to enter into negotiations for sale of the property at a purchase price not to exceed fair market value.”

- Once a proposal is submitted, another property cannot be substituted for the property specified in the application. Therefore, it is imperative that the applicant demonstrate that the seller is negotiating in good faith, and that discussions have proceeded to a point of confidence.
- The Department of General Services (DGS) must review and approve all appraisals of real property. Appraisals must comply with section 5096.510 of the Public Resources Code. The Conservancy will not directly pay the Department of General Services to review and approve the required appraisal; the grantee must pay DGS directly for this expense and seek reimbursement from the Conservancy.

Land acquisitions are also subject to a specific set of additional requirements that must be met prior to and immediately after closing escrow. The Conservancy will provide a Land Acquisition Checklist to assist applicants and grantees. Note that the Conservancy will do an assessment of mineral rights based on information provided by the applicant. Based on its assessment, the Conservancy will determine whether the risk posed by exercising existing mineral rights and the related consequences for intended conservation purposes is acceptable to the Conservancy. If the Conservancy determines that the risk is not acceptable and the risk cannot be reduced to an acceptable level within a reasonable amount of time, then the Conservancy may rescind the grant award.

In addition to the purchase of real property, applicants may seek reimbursement for costs associated with personnel time, appraisal and appraisal review, due diligence costs, closing costs, and other costs related to the acquisition of real property. In total, other costs related to the acquisition of real property may not exceed 10 percent of the land acquisition cost that is being requested from the Conservancy. The cost of land acquisition may not be factored into the indirect cost calculation. With rare exception, funding for all grant related activities will be dispersed quarterly in arrears for all costs save for the cost of land acquisition, for which funds will be transferred into escrow once all requirements of the Land Acquisition Checklist have been met.

Land acquisitions must address all requirements pertinent to implementation activities, including the development of scientific outputs and outcomes and a performance monitoring and assessment framework. The following additional information is required at the time of application:

- A table including parcel numbers, acreage, willing seller name and address, breakdown of how the funds will be budgeted, and an acquisition schedule (a template is available on the Conservancy’s web page)

- Copy of the Purchase and Sale or Option Agreement, or Willing Seller Letter(s)
- Appraisal or justification of estimated Fair Market Value
- Map showing lands that will be acquired, including parcel lines and numbers

Proposals for acquisition of real property must also address:

- The intended use of the property
- The manner in which the land will be managed
- How the cost of ongoing operations, maintenance, and management will be provided, including an analysis of the maintaining entity's financial capacity to support those ongoing costs
- How payments will be provided in lieu of taxes, assessments, or charges otherwise due to local government, if applicable

E13. Budget

Using the Budget Tables provided with the full proposal application materials, applicants must identify all expenses for which Conservancy funds are being requested. **All budget numbers must be fair and reasonable, consistent across budget tables, and fully explained and justified.** All expenses must be eligible and be organized by to the following cost categories.

- **Personnel Services:** Personnel rates may only include salary and wages, fringe benefits, and payroll taxes. Compensation for personnel services includes all compensation paid by the organization for services of employees during the Grant Funding Term. The expenditures are allowable to the extent that the total compensation for individual employees is supported and reasonable for the services rendered. Fringe benefit expenses may include holidays, vacation, sick leave, actual employer contributions or expenses for social security, employee insurance, workmen's compensation insurance, and pension plan costs. Grantees must provide timesheets with 100 percent time accounting to the Conservancy to support invoices.
- **Operating Expenses (General):** General Operating Expenses include all materials and supplies, such as field supplies, office supplies, permits and fees, travel expenses, and other general expenses required to directly implement grant activities. All costs should be allocated according to the most equitable basis practical. During invoicing, all expenses must be supported by receipts or other documentation payment has been made (not just incurred).
- **Operating Expenses (Subcontractor):** Subcontractor expenses, including equipment rentals, are allowable if work to be completed or services to be provided are directly linked to the proposed activities and are consistent with the tasks and schedule provided in the proposal. Note that subcontractor expenses may not be factored into

the indirect cost calculation. Grantees must provide copies of all contracts to the Conservancy.

- **Operating Expenses (Equipment):** Equipment includes nonexpendable, tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and a unit price of \$5,000 or more, as well as theft-sensitive items of equipment costing less than \$5,000 (such as electronics). All equipment purchased or built by the Grantee is owned by the Grantee during the Funding Term. The Conservancy will only reimburse for a cost proportionate to the usage of the equipment for the activities being funded by the Conservancy. Equipment purchases are allowable, if specified as a requirement for the completion of the activities. However, justification for the purchase of equipment must be provided at the time of application. The Grantee is required to maintain accountability for all property purchased and to keep, and make available to the Grantor, adequate and appropriate records of all equipment purchased with grant funds. Grantees must keep an inventory record including the date acquired, total cost, serial number, model identification, and any other information or description necessary to identify said equipment for the duration of the Grant Funding Term. Note that equipment expenses may not be factored into the indirect cost calculation.
- **Acquisition Cost:** The acquisition cost includes only the purchase of real property or conservation easement. In total, appraisal and appraisal review, personnel time, due diligence costs, closing costs, and other costs related to the acquisition of real property or conservation easement may not exceed 10 percent of the acquisition cost that is being requested from the Conservancy. Note that the acquisition cost may not be factored into the indirect cost calculation.
- **Indirect Costs:** Indirect costs that do not have a specific direct relationship to the grant activities but are a requirement for the completion of the activities may be eligible for reimbursement. If allowed, indirect costs may only be applied as a percentage of personnel services and will be limited to the percentage set by the Conservancy, not to exceed twenty percent of personnel services. Indirect costs must be reasonable, allocable, applicable, and must provide benefit to the grant funded activities. Indirect costs may include expenses such as administrative support (e.g., personnel time for accounting, executive, information technology, or other staff who support the implementation of the proposed activities but are not directly billing their time to the grant) and office-related expenses (e.g., insurance, rent, utilities, printing/copying equipment, computer equipment, and janitorial expenses), and other similar expenses that are not direct expenses and are included in the hourly rate for personnel services that are a direct expense for the grant. Indirect rates are strictly enforced for all applicants. Applicants must provide their indirect cost rate, explain the methodology for

calculating it, and describe the cost pool used to calculate the indirect cost rate. Indirect costs are subject to audit and must be documented by the grantee.

Budget Tables should include costs for the tasks described in the full proposal and must demonstrate how grant management and reporting costs will be funded, either by the Conservancy grant funds or by cost share or state-leveraged funds. Applicants should review other Conservancy requirements that may be eligible for Conservancy grant funding (e.g., Delta Plan consistency, developing a landowner access agreement, etc.) and include these in their budgets where applicable.

Applicants must also identify cost share contributions if receiving funding for the activities from a source other than the Conservancy.

E14. Cost Share and State-Leveraged Funds

Cost share is the portion of the cost for proposed grant activities borne by private, local, and/or federal funding partners (other state funds may not count toward the cost share). Cost sharing encourages collaboration and cooperation and the Conservancy may require cost share for grant funding opportunities. Even if cost match is not required for a particular funding opportunity, applicants are encouraged to cost share to support their proposed activities. Cost share percent is calculated by dividing the total cost share from federal, local, or private sources by the total dollar amount requested from the Conservancy.

In-kind contribution is defined as all non-cash contributions to the grant activities from private, local, and/or federal funding partners, that have an assigned value; this may include volunteer time, supplies, and equipment. The Conservancy may require that in-kind contributions be matched with cash cost share at a one-to-one ratio (for example, if a grant has \$25,000 of cash cost share, the maximum qualifying in-kind contribution is \$25,000).

The Conservancy will also consider, and may provide points if scored, for the leveraging of state funds. Leveraged funds do not count toward cost share. Applicants stating that they are leveraging other state funds must include commitment letters from leverage partners when submitting the full proposal, and funds must be spent during the Grant Funding Term. The Conservancy may require that in-kind contributions from state leveraged sources be matched with cash cost share at a one-to-one ratio.

Only commitments made explicitly for the proposed activities may count as cost share, in-kind contribution, or leveraged funds. Applicants stating that they have a cost share, in-kind, or leveraged funds must include commitment letters from partners at the time the full proposal is submitted; the letters must specifically confirm the dollar amount and/or in-kind cash value

committed. The Conservancy may require that Cost share, in-kind contributions, and leveraged funds be spent during the Grant Funding Term.

E15. Financial Management Systems Questionnaire and Cost Allocation Plan

A Financial Management Systems Questionnaire and Cost Allocation Plan form is required from all applicants at the time of full proposal (a template will be available through the Conservancy's website). The information provided will be used to assess the applicant's financial capacity for managing the proposed grant.

The Cost Allocation Plan should be tailored to fit the specific policies of the applicant. The plan requires information about how the applicant allocates costs to ensure an equitable distribution of costs to programs. Recipients must have a system in place to equitably charge costs.

E16. Demonstration of Local Support

Applicants are expected to demonstrate local support by describing in their proposals both public and institutional support for the activities, including how the community and stakeholders are engaged in the activities. Letters of support may also be included. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact, seek support from, and coordinate with applicable state agencies, cities, counties, local districts, other public and private stakeholders, and surrounding landowners. If an applicant has a specific resolution of support from the affected city, county, or local district, it should be included with the full proposal to facilitate the overall assessment process. A resolution of support from the Board of Supervisors from the county in which the activities are proposed to be conducted may be required as part of the full proposal.

E17. Local Notifications

The Conservancy will notify local government agencies – such as counties, cities, and local districts – and tribal organizations about eligible grant activities in their area being considered for funding. The Conservancy will also notify the applicable public water agency, levee, flood control, or drainage agency (when appropriate). The individual Conservancy Board members representing each of the five Delta counties will also be notified and may wish to communicate with the affected entities. For land acquisitions, the Conservancy will coordinate and consult with the Delta Protection Commission and the city or county in which a grant is proposed to be implemented or an interest in real property is proposed to be acquired. The Conservancy will work with the grantee to make all reasonable efforts to address concerns raised by local government entities.

E18. Consultation and Cooperation with State and Local Agencies

It is the responsibility of grantees to coordinate and cooperate with the appropriate state and local agencies with interests in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. State Departments may include, but are not limited to: the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, the Delta Stewardship Council, the California Natural Resources Agency's EcoRestore program, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Delta Protection Commission (grantees are encouraged to utilize their Good Neighbor Checklist as relevant).

If activities are proposed to be funded by multiple agencies or entities, the Conservancy strongly encourages applicants to contact the applicable agencies or departments prior to applying for funding to discuss options for funding activities. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that proposals submitted to each potential funder describe the specific work that will be funded by all applicable entities. The proposed scope of each proposal must be distinct and without overlap. Applicants must describe the overall project and how the proposals relate.

E19. Disadvantaged and Severely Disadvantaged Communities

Many communities in the Legal Delta and Suisun Marsh are considered disadvantaged communities (DAC) or severely disadvantaged communities (SDAC). A DAC is a community with a median household income less than 80 percent of the statewide average (based on the U.S. Census). Applicants must identify any disadvantaged communities that overlap with the footprint of the proposed activities or would be served by the proposed activities. Mapping resources available for the purpose of identifying SDACs and DACs by census tract and/or block group are available on the Parks for All Californians website (<http://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities>) and the Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool (<https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>). The Conservancy may consider other means of identifying SDACs and DACs as well.

F. Requirements if Funded

F1. Grant Provisions

For each awarded grant, the Conservancy will develop an individual grant agreement with detailed provisions and requirements specific to approved activities.

- Grant awards are conditional upon funds being available from the state (see Loss of Funding section, below).
- For implementation activities, funds for construction or physical implementation will not be disbursed until all required environmental compliance and permitting documents

have been received by the Conservancy, including certification of consistency with the Delta Plan.

- As part of the grant agreement, the grantee is required to certify that it is the grantee's responsibility to comply with all federal, state, and local laws that apply to the activities.
- Grant funds will not be paid if any of the following conditions occur:
 - The grantee has been non-responsive or does not meet the conditions outlined in the grant agreement.
 - The activities have received alternative funding from other sources that duplicates the portion of work or costs funded by a Conservancy grant.
 - The activities have changed and is no longer eligible for funding.
 - Work was conducted outside of the grant funding term.
 - The applicant requests to end the grant.

F2. Reporting

All grantees must to provide regular progress reports and a final report. The final report must be approved by Conservancy staff prior to the release of the final disbursement of grant funds. Specific reporting requirements will be included in the grant agreement.

F3. Amendments

Applicants should very carefully consider the Scope of Work and budget for the proposed activities as amendments to grant agreements will generally only be considered by the Conservancy for unavoidable circumstances where no other feasible solution exists. If an unanticipated situation arises which jeopardizes the approved activities, it is imperative that the grantee contact the Conservancy Grant Manager as soon as possible to discuss options.

F4. Signage and Recognition

Grantees shall inform the public of activities received funds through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy. Grantees shall recognize the Conservancy on signs, websites, press or promotional materials, advertisements, publications, digital content, or exhibits that they prepare or approve and that reference grant-funded activities. For implementation activities, grantees shall post signs at activity sites acknowledging the source of the funds. Size, location, number of signs, and draft design shall be approved by the Conservancy. Whenever possible, Grantees shall notify the Conservancy at least ten working days prior to any public event or media feature publicizing the accomplishments and/or results of the activities and provide the opportunity for attendance and participation by Conservancy representatives.



**Consideration of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan for 2022 to 2027 Draft
for Public Review
Staff Report**

This agenda item requests Board approval of a draft of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan for 2022 to 2027 to be posted for public review.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan for 2022 to 2027 Draft for public review.

DESCRIPTION

The Conservancy updates its Strategic Plan at five-year intervals. Based on input received at the July 28, 2021 Board meeting, staff produced a draft of the Plan, which if approved by the Board, will be posted for public review and comment for 30 days.

NEXT STEPS

Conservancy staff will consider comments received during the review period and present a final draft of the Strategic Plan for 2022 to 2027 for the Board for consideration at its January 26, 2022 meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Conservancy's enabling statute requires the Conservancy to adopt a strategic plan to achieve the goals of the Conservancy (Public Resources Code section 32376). The plan must be consistent with the Delta Plan; the Delta Protection Commission's resources management plan; the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan; the Suisun Marsh Preservation Act of 1977; and the Habitat Management, Preservation and Restoration Plan for the Suisun Marsh. The Board determined that the Strategic Plan should be updated every five years. The initial plan was adopted in 2011 and covered the period of 2012 to 2017. The Board adopted the second plan in 2016 to cover 2017 to 2022. The Board approves an annual Implementation Plan that describes Conservancy programs, work products, and metrics for the upcoming year and how they support the goals and objectives described in the Strategic Plan.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move that the Board approve the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan for 2022 to 2027 Draft for Public Review.

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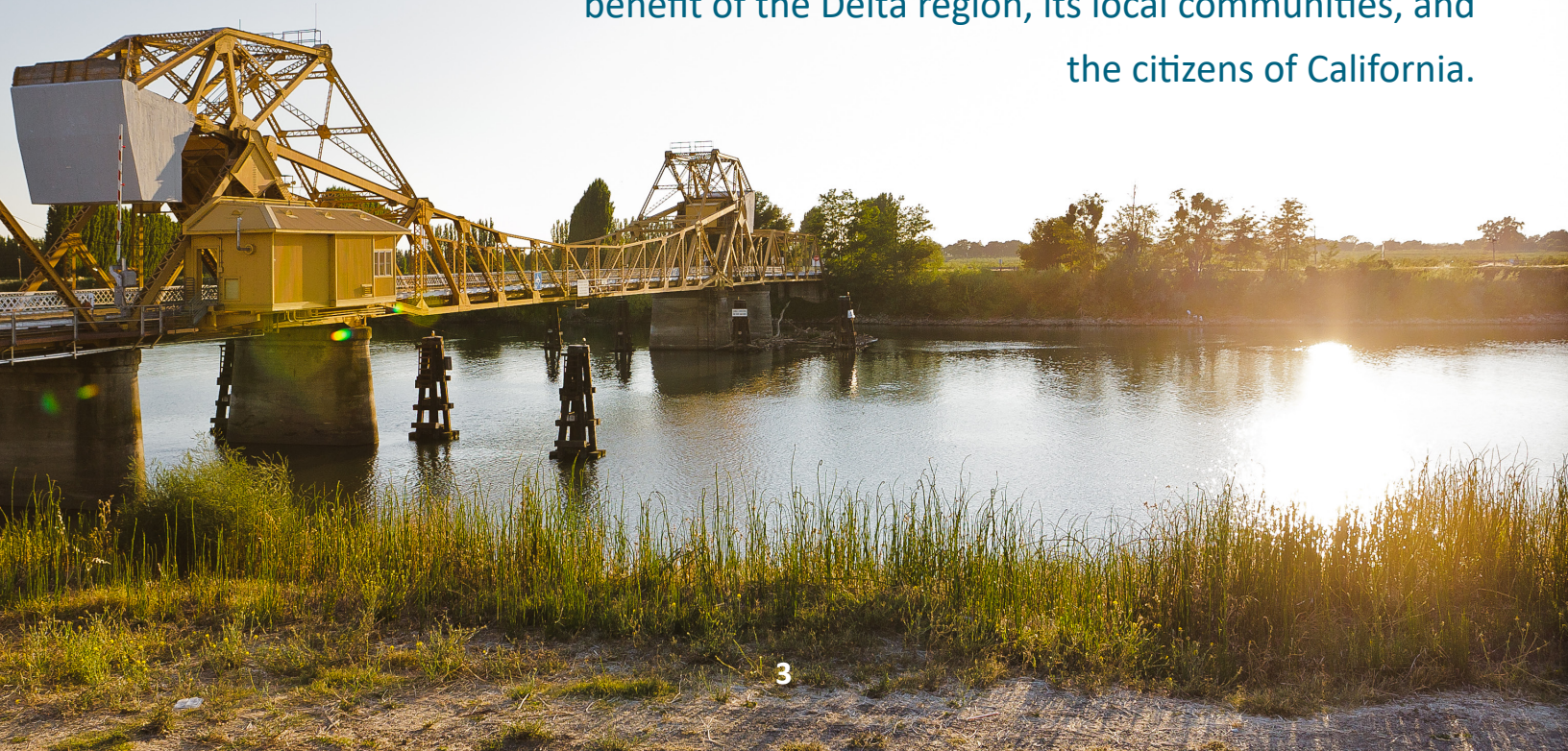
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The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy’s Mission:
Working collaboratively and in coordination with local communities, the Conservancy will lead efforts to protect, enhance, and restore the Delta’s economy, agriculture and working landscapes, and environment for the benefit of the Delta region, its local communities, and the citizens of California.



I. Introduction

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Reform Act of 2009 established the statutory framework for the Delta Conservancy to oversee actions that would result in mutual benefits to the Delta and Suisun Marsh ecosystems and economies. With hard work and diligence, the Conservancy continues to meet this statutory mission. This Strategic Plan not only acts as a roadmap for enhancing the ecosystem and economy of the Delta and Suisun Marsh, but also builds off past successes to carry the Conservancy's mission forward during the next five years (2022 to 2027).



Community Involvement, Outreach, and Engagement — A Guiding Principle

The Conservancy's success in implementing this plan is centered on a commitment to meaningful involvement of the Delta community. This commitment has been a guiding principle for the Conservancy since it was established and is at the heart of its identity as a reliable collaborator, effective convener, and valued partner. The fundamentals of partnering and coordinating with the Delta community are interwoven with the goals, objectives, and performance measures that comprise this plan.

Conservancy's Guiding Principles:

- Acts in collaboration with the communities of the Delta and Suisun Marsh to implement multi-benefit initiatives.
- Operates with integrity in a transparent and accessible manner.
- Supports efforts that advance both environmental protection and the economic well-being in a complementary manner.
- Uses best available science.
- Recognizes and values the unique nature of the history, culture, communities, and ecosystems of the Delta and Suisun Marsh.
- Believes that access to natural resources, the benefits of ecological health, and the advantages of economic growth should be equitably distributed and accessible for all.
- Is committed to creating an inclusive workplace that promotes and values diversity.

A Foundation of Future Success

The Conservancy's successes since it was established in 2010 serve as the foundation for decision-making and action during the next five years. Key accomplishments include the following.



Proposition 1 Grant Program

Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, allocated \$50 million to the Conservancy to support multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities. The Conservancy Board and staff established a successful grant program focused on 1) ecosystem protection, restoration, and enhancement, (2) water quality, and (3) water-related agricultural sustainability.

The Conservancy has administered four rounds of grants, awarding approximately \$39 million for 29 projects, including: restoration of upland, floodplain, and wetland ecosystems; invasive species control; water related enhancement of agricultural land; acquisition of flood and conservation easements; and planning efforts for water quality improvements on working lands and restoration projects. Awards for the fifth, and perhaps final, grant solicitation are scheduled to be completed in early 2022.



Proposition 68 Grant Program

Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Park, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, allocated \$12 million to the Conservancy to support projects that enhance Delta communities and strengthen their economies. The Conservancy established a grant program to support 1) recreation and tourism, (2) historic and cultural preservation, and (3) environmental education. As of October 2021, the Conservancy has awarded \$514,000 for two projects. Activities that have been funded include planning and implementation projects that are improving existing and developing new community park facilities, establishing trail systems, and supporting renovation of a historic building.



Delta Carbon and Subsidence Management

The Conservancy has been a lead coordinator for a large partnership working to reduce subsidence and associated carbon emissions in the Delta. This effort has resulted in the development of a carbon protocol that incentivizes landowners to consider rice cultivation or creation of managed wetlands in the deeply subsided areas of the central Delta. In late 2019, the first wetland carbon credits were certified in the Delta and many pilot projects are in development, which could result in significant conversion of lands in the coming years.

Collaborative Planning

The Conservancy has led several comprehensive regional planning efforts for the advancement of Proposition 1 eligible projects. There remains a need to continue this planning for other Delta subregions and to support the development of restoration strategy that integrates habitat restoration, water quality enhancements, regional flood improvements, and sustainable agriculture in an effort to identify projects that would be eligible for future funding in support of Delta Plan ecosystem restoration targets.

The Conservancy stands ready to lead or support sister agencies and the Delta community in future planning efforts.

Delta Science

The Conservancy supports Delta-related science projects through the acquisition of competitive grant funding. These efforts include the creation of the Delta Aquatic Resource Inventory and the implementation of the Fish Friendly Farming program. Conservancy staff facilitate and co-chair the Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination Team. In addition, staff participate in the Interagency Adaptive Management Integration Team, the California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup, and the forthcoming Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee's restoration sub-committee. Staff also provide comment and participate in co-creation of updates to the Delta Science Plan and the Science Action Agenda. Through these and future efforts, Conservancy scientists bring best available science to all the Conservancy's programs and contribute to the advancement of the Delta science enterprise.

II. Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: *Enhance ecological conservation, restoration, and climate adaptation in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh*

OBJECTIVES

- 1A. Increase visibility, diversity, and resilience of the Delta and Suisun Marsh ecosystems
- 1B. Adapt landscapes to be resilient to climate change

METRICS

Acres and types of landscapes restored, enhanced, or conserved, and actions taken to support strategies identified in Delta Adapts: Creating a Climate Resilient Future, Pathways to 30x30, Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy, and the Delta Plan.

Goal 2: *Support economically and ecologically sustainable working lands in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh*

OBJECTIVES

- 2A. Increase implementation of sustainable and ecologically beneficial farming and agricultural practices
- 2B. Reduce and reverse land subsidence and associated carbon emissions

METRICS

Actions taken to support sustainable and ecologically beneficial uses and management practices, reduce or reverse land subsidence, reduce carbon emissions, and further carbon market engagement.

Goal 3: *Support and enhance communities and economies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh*

OBJECTIVES

- 3A. Foster robust and sustainable economies in the Delta and Suisun Marsh
- 3B. Preserve, enhance, and increase awareness of the unique history, culture, and values of the Delta and Suisun Marsh
- 3C. Increase public access to Delta and Suisun Marsh landscapes, communities, and cultural resources

METRICS

Actions taken to increase public access to and enhancements of recreation and tourism opportunities and natural landscapes, and engagements with those opportunities and landscapes.

Goal 4: *Enrich understanding of the ecological, cultural, and historical value of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh; the importance of resilience, diversity, and inclusivity; and the need for stewardship*

OBJECTIVES

- 4A. Broaden opportunities for education about the Delta and Suisun Marsh ecosystems, and cultural, and historical values among individuals, groups, organizations, and decision makers
- 4B. Strengthen the Conservancy's role as a collaborative state and community partner

METRICS

Educational opportunities presented; engagements with organizations, decision makers, and the public; educational outcomes realized; and collaborative partnerships supported.

Goal 5: *Maintain an effective, sustainable, adaptable, and inclusive organization*

OBJECTIVES

- 5A. Provide a safe, creative, inspiring, equitable, and inclusive working environment at all levels
- 5B. Establish and maintain adequate resources and efficient operations and structure

METRICS

Opportunities provided for employee development; evaluative staff measurement of the Conservancy as a safe, creative, inspiring, equitable, and inclusive environment; and actions taken to support organizational effectiveness and sustainability.



III. Preparing this Strategic Plan

This Plan reflects extensive input gathered through the development of the two previous strategic plans (2012 to 2017 and 2017 to 2022) and input from Conservancy Board members and members of the public via a 30-day public comment period. The document has been prepared by Delta Conservancy Staff.

This Plan is consistent with the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan, the Delta Protection Commission's Land Use and Resource Management Plan, the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, the 2011 Suisun Marsh Habitat Management Plan, and the Suisun Marsh Preservation Act.

A copy of this Strategic Plan can be found at the Conservancy's website:

<http://www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov>. A printed copy may be requested by contacting the Conservancy by email at **contact@deltaconservancy.ca.gov** or by telephone at (916) 375-2084.



Appendix A:

Important Delta Conservancy Documents

The Delta Conservancy's 2022 Strategic Plan was developed with the following documents serving as a foundation and a guide.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy 2012 Strategic Plan and 2017-2022 Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan:

- http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/docs/Delta_Conservancy_Strategic_Plan_Designed_20June2012.pdf
- http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2017-2022-Strategic-Plan_12-11-19.pdf

The Conservancy's enabling legislation requires its Strategic Plan to be consistent with each of the following documents.

The Delta Conservancy's Governing Statutes:

<http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/about-delta-conservancy/>

The Delta Plan:

<https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-plan/>

The Delta Protection Commission's Land Use and Resources Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta:

<http://delta.ca.gov/land-use/management-plan/>

The Central Valley Flood Protection Plan:

<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Flood-Management/Flood-Planning-and-Studies/Central-Valley-Flood-Protection-Plan>

The Suisun Marsh Management Plan:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regions/3/Suisun-Marsh>

The Suisun Marsh Preservation Act:

https://bcdca.gov/plans/suisun_marsh_preservation_act.html

Appendix B:

Statutory Responsibilities

The Delta Conservancy was established as part of SBX7 1, enacted in November 2009, to carry out two mandates beginning in February 2010:

- Act as a primary state agency to implement ecosystem restoration in the Delta (Public Resource Code §32320(a)), and
- Support efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents (Public Resource Code §32320(b)).

For the Delta Conservancy, supporting efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of the Delta residents can be thought of as “coequal” responsibilities.

The Legislature entrusted the Conservancy with responsibility for supporting efforts that:

1. Protect and enhance habitat restoration.
2. Protect and preserve Delta agriculture and working landscapes.
3. Provide increased opportunities for tourism and recreation.
4. Promote Delta legacy communities and economic vitality in the Delta, in coordination with the Delta Protection Commission.
5. Increase the resilience of the Delta to the effects of natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes, in coordination with the Delta Protection Commission.
6. Protect and improve water quality.
7. Assist the Delta regional economy through the operation of the Conservancy’s Program.
8. Identify priority projects and initiatives for which funding is needed.
9. Protect, conserve and restore the region’s physical, agricultural, cultural, historical, and living resources.
10. Assist local entities in the implementation of their Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP) and Natural Community Conservation Plans (NCCP).
11. Facilitate take protection and safe harbor agreements under the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. §1531 et seq.), the California Endangered Species Act (Chapter 1.5, commencing with §2050, of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code) for adjacent landowners and local public agencies.
12. Promote environmental education through grant funding.

The Legislature also directed the Conservancy to “undertake efforts to enhance public use and enjoyment of lands owned by the public” when supporting such efforts. (Public Resource Code §32322(c)).





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Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy 2021 Implementation Plan Status Update Staff Report

This item presents the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy's (Conservancy) progress toward meeting the goals of the 2021 Implementation Plan.

DESCRIPTION

Annually, staff provides the Board with a mid-year status update on work identified in the Implementation Plan. The Conservancy has made steady progress toward the 2021 Implementation Plan goals and, overall, work is progressing according to the timelines.

The effects of COVID-19 continue, but the diligence and hard work of staff as they have continued to carry out the Conservancy's mission have minimized negative impacts and further demonstrated that the organization is resilient and adaptive. Staff continue telework essentially full time; however, plans are being formulated to enable in-office work, with significant teleworking as a permanent option, as the public health outlook improves.

BACKGROUND

The 2027-2022 Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan was adopted by the Board in July 2017 and a draft of the 2022 to 2027 plan for public review is an item for the Board's consideration at this meeting. The Strategic Plan provides a high-level road map and sets objectives and performance measures to achieve them. The annual Implementation Plan, which provides a more detailed accounting of the tasks the Conservancy will undertake this year to implement the Strategic Plan, was adopted by the Board in January 2021.

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Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy 2021 Implementation Plan: Status Update

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

2021 PROJECT GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Continue accepting concept proposals	Ongoing	Ongoing	Proposals are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Assist applicants to develop full proposals	Ongoing	Ongoing	Conservancy staff are assisting six applicants in developing comprehensive (full) proposals.
Manage awarded grants	Qtr 2-4	On Track	One grant is active, and a second grant has been awarded.
Implement outreach plan	Qtr 1 & 2	Ongoing	Prior outreach resulted in the submission of numerous concept proposals: two have been awarded funding, three are on the October 2021 Board meeting agenda for consideration of funding, and staff is working with five applicants to further develop their proposals. Staff will conduct additional outreach as needed.

DELTA MARKETING

2021 PROJECT GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Distribute recreation maps	Ongoing	Ongoing	Delayed due to COVID-19. If conditions allow, in early 2022, staff will coordinate with the Delta Protection Commission to begin distributing maps.
Develop sustainable management plan for visitCADelta.com	Ongoing	Completed	Upon agreement by all involved parties, management of VisitCADelta.com will be incorporated into the Communications Management Plan for the recently designated Natural Heritage Area.
Install 11 signs per Delta Sign Plan	Qtr 2	Delayed	COVID-19 decreased the capacity of Prison Industries Authority Association resulting in delayed fabrication of the signs. Fabrication should be complete in Quarter 4, followed by installation by the CA Conservation Corps at 11 locations around the Delta in early 2022.

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION & WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM

2021 PROJECT GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Manage active and closed grants	Ongoing	On Track	As of October 1, staff are managing 22 active and six closed grants and are in the process of executing one new grant agreement.
Plan Cycle 5 solicitation	Ongoing	On Track	The Cycle 5 solicitation opened July 1, 2021. Twelve applicants submitted concept proposals. Staff is providing feedback to those applicants in advance of releasing the full application on October 26, 2021. Full proposals are due by December 15, 2021.
Adjust granting processes based on audit results	As Required	On Track	The Conservancy has implemented changes to the granting process based on audit findings.

INVASIVE SPECIES COORDINATION, CONTROL, AND RESTORATION

2021 PROJECT GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Lead planning and execution of 2021 Delta Invasive Species Symposium (Symposium)	Ongoing	Ongoing	The Delta Invasive Species Symposium will take place on December 15, 2021 and focus on early detection and rapid response to invasions.
Coordinate Arundo control and restoration activities	Qtr 2	Complete	With its partners, the Conservancy completed Arundo management and control in fulfillment of its agreement with Department of Water Resources (DWR). Staff coordinated with colleagues at DWR and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to connect them with herbicide applicator teams for Arundo control in the Delta.
Facilitate quarterly Delta Inter-Agency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) meetings	Ongoing	Ongoing	The first and second quarter DIISC meetings were held on February 9 and June 15, 2021, respectively. The third quarter meeting was canceled to allow the Symposium planning team and the Early Detection and Rapid Response Working Group to advance their efforts, which will be shared at the fourth quarter DIISC meeting on November 16, 2021.
Develop draft Delta interagency collaboration strategy for early detection and rapid response (EDRR) to invasive species	Ongoing	Ongoing	The Delta community may review and provide feedback on the draft EDRR Framework for the Delta at the invasive Species Symposium on December 15, 2021. The working group plans to hold a workshop with experts in the first quarter of 2022 to get additional input on the draft EDRR Framework.

LAND OWNERSHIP, EASEMENT, AND MANAGEMENT

2021 PROJECT GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Refine draft ownership/management white paper	Ongoing	Ongoing	The white paper will be continuously updated as new information is gathered. At present, there is not an immediate need for the Conservancy to manage an easement. Once final, easements that are being established by sister agencies will provide a guide for the Conservancy.
Present findings from exploration of easement management requirements to Board	Qtr 4	Ongoing	Staff will provide findings to the Board as they are developed.
Provide updates to the Board	Ongoing	Ongoing	Staff will provide updates to the Board as new information is available.

PROJECT TRACKING, REPORTING AND IMPROVED DATA INTEGRATION AND ACCESS

2021 PROJECT GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Work with restoration project managers to enter or update project information in EcoAtlas	Ongoing	Ongoing	Staff reviews EcoAtlas entries as they are created or updated by project proponents.
Final update to the Delta Aquatic Resource Inventory (DARI) mapping Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and protocols for submitting data and maintaining the DARI base map	Qtr 2	Delayed	Due to COVID-19 impacts, staff worked with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to extend the term of the grant awarded to the Conservancy and with the Aquatic Science Center to extend due dates in their contract with the Conservancy to perform the technical tasks. The project is on track to deliver a finalized DARI dataset in the first quarter of 2022, in accordance with the amended agreement.
Integrate DARI into EcoAtlas	Qtr 3	Delayed	The project is on track to deliver a publicly available DARI dataset via EcoAtlas in the first quarter of 2022 in accordance with the amended agreement described above.

PESTICIDES MANAGEMENT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

2021 PROJECT GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Conduct Fish Friendly Farming (FFF) workshops for landowners	Qtr 3	Ongoing	The contractor, California Land Stewardship Institute (CLSI), held two Zoom webinars with landowners to solicit enrollment in the program. Small group meetings with landowners will be held in the third quarter of 2021 and another workshop is planned for the second quarter of 2022.
Train certifying agency (National Marine Fisheries Service, local resource conservation districts, and others) representatives, as needed, on details of the Fish Friendly Farming Program's best management practices, assessment practices of the properties, and certification process.	Qtr 4	Ongoing	The contractor, CLSI, met with the Agricultural Commissioners in Sacramento and San Joaquin counties to begin certification training.

DELTA WATERWAY CLEANUPS

2021 PROJECT GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Plan and conduct clean-up events	Ongoing	Inactive	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Conservancy has not participated in clean-up events.
Collect data on types and amounts of trash in the Delta	Ongoing	Inactive	Trash data collection is a component of clean-up events; therefore, it has been suspended until public health conditions enable the Conservancy to resume participation in clean-up events.

DELTA CARBON MANAGEMENT

2021 PROJECT GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Support two additional pilot projects through the carbon estimation/validation process	Ongoing	Ongoing	There are increasing numbers of pilot projects and the Conservancy is providing technical assistance for project development and estimation/validation.
Seek funding to support future projects	Ongoing	Ongoing	Recently signed Climate Action legislation includes \$5,250,000 for the Conservancy for climate, conservation, and public access projects. Staff are currently developing grant guidelines for Board consideration.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

2021 PROJECT GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Conduct education and outreach for Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Week	Qtr 3	Inactive	With significant public health and budgetary priorities to attend, the Legislature did not designate Delta Week in 2021. Conservancy staff will confer with Legislative representatives next year to determine if designating a 2022 Delta Week is feasible.
Education and outreach via social media, events, and other opportunities	Ongoing	Inactive	Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Conservancy has not participated in the Students and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship (SLEWS) program in 2021. The Conservancy looks forward to hosting SLEWS field trips and workdays at restoration sites once it is safe to do so.
Develop fact sheets for Conservancy programs	Ongoing	Delayed	Planned development of fact sheets to highlight Proposition 1 Grant Program projects, the Proposition 68 Grant Program, and the Delta Carbon Program were delayed due to staffing constraints. A new Communications Analyst is anticipated to start with the Conservancy in November 2021 and creating fact sheets is among the tasks they will undertake.

JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

2021 PROJECT GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Develop Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Guidelines	Qtr 2	Delayed	Additional time is needed to develop a meaningful approach. An internal committee is developing recommendations for actions that can be taken in the near-term while work continues on comprehensively shaping the Conservancy's engagement.
Continue implementation of the JEDI curriculum	Ongoing	On Track	The committee continues to facilitate collaborative learning discussions for all Conservancy staff.
Develop an outreach plan for engaging with organizations representing diverse communities within the Delta	Qtr 3	On Track	Conservancy staff continue to collaborate with other state agencies as a component of developing engagement strategies.

ADMINISTRATION

2021 PROJECT GOALS		TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Submit and update State Leadership Accountability Act Implementation Plan and Biannual Implementation Plan		As Required	Ongoing	The Implementation Plan was submitted in June 2021 and accepted by the Department of Finance. The Biannual Implementation Plan is due by December 31, 2021.
Update internal work plans		Qtr 2	Delayed	Delayed due to staffing constraints. Updates are planned for the first Quarter of 2022.
Release Request for Proposal and contract for an organizational assessment		Qtr 2	Complete	A Request for Quotes was released in Quarter 2. A contractor was selected and plans to complete the assessment by December 2021.
Develop records retention schedule		Qtr 3	Delayed	Delayed due to staffing constraints. This will be a priority to complete once vacancies are filled.
Establish legislative tracking system		Qtr 3	Delayed	Executive staff monitors bills that relate to matters within the Conservancy's jurisdiction. Establishing a formal tracking mechanism has been delayed due to staffing constraints and other urgent priorities such as COVID-19 response.
Submit indirect cost rate proposal		Qtr 4	Complete	The Conservancy submitted an Indirect Cost Rate Proposal, which the Conservancy's cognizant agency, the U.S. Department of Interior, approved in October 2021.
Develop Workforce Plan and Succession Plan		Qtr 4	On Track	A draft Workforce Plan and Succession Plan anticipated to be complete by December 31, 2021.
Develop new/update existing policies and procedures		Qtr 4	On Track	Through a contract with the Department of Human Resources (CalHR) the Conservancy is developing and/or updating approximately 10 core policies. Upon completion of those, work will continue on additional policies.
Reorganize shared drive		Qtr 4	On Track	The Conservancy plans to use student assistant, retired annuitant, or existing staffing to complete this task.
Ensure accessibility of Conservancy web content		Ongoing	On Track	All content posted on the web site is compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility requirements.
Submit financial reports and information (such as Governor's budget building, bond accountability reporting)		As Required	Ongoing	All reports have been completed and submitted on time.

2021 PROJECT GOALS		TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Fulfill human resource related mandates (such as Disability Advisory Committee)		As Required	Ongoing	The Disability Advisory Committee meets quarterly and is drafting recommendations for committee functions for executive staff consideration.
Various administrative and operational requirements (e.g. State Agency Recycle Campaign and State Agency Reporting System reports, Contracting Activity Report and Improvement Plans, Continuity Plan)		As Required	Ongoing	The State Agency Recycle Campaign Report was submitted on May 1, 2021. The Contracting Activity Report and State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign reports will be submitted on or before the October 31, 2021 due date for both. The Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Subcontracting Report will be submitted by the November 1, 2021 due date.
Participate in Audits (e.g. Dept. of Finance audits of bond funded grant programs, State Personnel Board audit of human resources practices, General Services audit of purchasing and procurement)		As Required	Complete	The Department of Finance (DOF) issued a report of findings from their audit of the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Program. The Conservancy submitted a Corrective Action Plan to address the two findings and is implementing actions accordingly. The Conservancy completed the Accreditation Maintenance phase of the Department of General Services (DGS), Procurement Division's Purchasing Authority Accreditation Process and remains accredited at Tier 1. Staff will update the Conservancy's Procurement Policies and Procedures Manual and submit it to DGS by December 17, 2021.
Submit required COVID-19 pandemic reports and drills for health and safety, human resources, budgets, and planning.		As Required	Ongoing	There has been a significant human resource and budgeting related workload associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.



Potential Agenda Items for the January 26, 2022 Board Meeting

Staff is seeking input from the Board regarding additional agenda items for the January 26, 2022 Board meeting.

- Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant(s)
- Consideration of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan for 2022 to 2027
- Consideration of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy General Grant Guidelines

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