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DELTA CONSERVANCY

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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

July 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Delta Conservancy Conference Room

1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento, CA 95691

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and Introductions**
3. **Public Comment** (New Business)
4. **Board Elections** (Action Item)
5. **Consent Calendar** (Action Item)
 - Approval of May 24, 2023 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items (Attachment)
 - Consideration of Amendment to Term of Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaption Grant Agreement for the Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project (Attachment)

6. **Executive Officer's Report**, Campbell Ingram
 - Program Update (Attachment)
 - Budget and Expenditure Report (Attachment)
7. **Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaption Grant Program Update**, Anjali Shakya (Attachment)
8. **Consideration of Amendment to Budget of Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaption Grant Program Agreement for the Stone Lakes Habitat Restoration Project**, Dr. Trevor Fox (Attachment) (Action Item)
9. **Community Enhancement Grant Program Update**, Maya Garrett (Attachment)
10. **Consideration of Amendment to Budget of Community Enhancement Program Agreement for Discover the Delta Education Center Planning Project**, Maya Garrett (Attachment) (Action Item)
11. **Consideration of Amendment to Budget and Term of Community Enhancement Program Agreement for Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh**, Martha Ozonoff (Attachment) (Action Item)
12. **Consideration of Amendment to Budget and Term for Select Grant Agreements for the 2023 Delta Drought Response Pilot Program**, Martha Ozonoff (Attachment) (Action Item)
13. **Nutria Eradication Project Update**, Valerie Cook (Attachment)
14. **Delta Conservancy 2023 Implementation Plan Status Update**, Karen Buhr (Attachment)
15. **EcoRestore Update**, Charlotte Biggs
16. **Delta Stewardship Council Update**, Amanda Bohl
17. **Delta Protection Commission Update**, Bruce Blodgett
18. **Delta Conveyance Update**, Carrie Buckman
19. **Potential Agenda Items for the October 25, 2023 Board Meeting**, Campbell Ingram (Attachment)
20. **Public Comment**
21. **ADJOURN**
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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 listed expressly for action, may be deliberated upon and subject to action at the discretion of the Delta Conservancy Board.



May 24, 2023 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

Video and audio of the meeting is available here: [May 24, 2023 Audio and Video Recording](#)

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair Mashburn.

Agenda Item 2 – Welcome, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Introductions

After roll call, agenda items were heard by the Board in the order indicated below.

Board Members Present:

- Mitch Mashburn
- Diane Burgis
- Pat Hume
- Sandi Matsumoto – arrived after consent calendar vote at 9:09 a.m.
- Michele Perrault
- Jim Provenza – teleconference
- Amanda Martin
- Leo Winternitz

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- None

Liaison Advisors and Counsel Present:

- Marge Kolar
- Bruce Blodgett
- Steve Chappell
- Nicole Rinke, Counsel

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

Motion: Supervisor Burgis moved, seconded by Board member Winternitz that the Board approve the following:

- March 22, 2023 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 7 ayes.

Vice Chair Matsumoto arrived after the consent calendar vote at 9:09 a.m.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer briefly highlighted several items on the staff report. Deputy Executive Officer Karen Buhr was appointed as Executive Officer to the San Joaquin River Conservancy for a four-month assignment starting in May. Alex Valencia started on May 14th as our new Office Technician, and the new Fiscal & Board Analyst will be starting on June 14th. The Bagley Keene Open Meetings Act telework exemptions expired on July 1, 2023. Board members who want to participate remotely will need to provide a meeting location and have that location accessible. Nutria eradication efforts continue with the start of nutria sniffing dog trials. Liaison Advisor Steve Chappell noted that two nutria were detected in the Suisun Bay.

Agenda Item 6 – Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaption Grant Program Update

Conservancy staff highlighted items from the staff report, which included projects from three funding sources: Proposition 1 Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act (Prop 1); Climate Resilience, Community Access, and Natural Resource Protection (CAR); and Nature Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration (NBS: WR). Three new grants and three new amendment requests were executed since the last Board meeting, three proposals are in process, and an additional amendment request was included in Agenda Item 7.

Agenda Item 7 – Consideration of Amendment to Budget of Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaption Grant Program Agreement for Ulatis Creek Habitat Restoration Project

The project requested \$53,947 to cover inflation-related cost increases.

Motion: Supervisor Hume moved, seconded by Vice Chair Matsumoto, that the Board approve a pre-execution amendment to the grant agreement with Solano County Resource Conservation District for Project ID P1-2208 to award an additional \$53,947 in project funding.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

Agenda Item 8 – Community Enhancement Grant Programs Update

Conservancy staff highlighted items from the staff report, which included projects from two funding sources: Proposition 68 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Prop 68) and CAR. Both funding sources accept proposals on an ongoing basis. Since the last Board meeting several inquiries were received for potential projects. Agenda Item 9 addressed a new grant award request.

Agenda Item 9 – Consideration of Award of Climate, Access, and Restoration (CAR) Grant Funds for the Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility Upgrade Implementation Project

Conservancy staff highlighted items from the staff report for this implementation grant request where the planning component was completed through a previous Conservancy grant. The project seeks to revitalize the Pittsburg waterfront park and boat launch facility.

Motion: Supervisor Burgis moved, seconded by Board Member Winternitz, to award funding up to \$3,544,395 to the City of Pittsburg from the Climate Access and Resource (CAR) Grant Program for the Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility Upgrade Implementation Project.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 8 ayes.

Agenda Item 10 – Consideration of Award of Nature Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration Grant funds for Wetland Mosaic Landscape on Webb Tract

Conservancy staff presented this proposed two-phase project, planning and implementation, to design and construct up to 3,500 acres of managed wetlands and up to 1,500 acres of rice cultivation on Webb Tract in Contra Costa County. The grantee will work with local interested parties, farmers, and a design firm to develop the mosaic of expected land uses that are consistent with the existing topography. There was considerable discussion and input from Board members, which can be reviewed in the video and audio recording of the meeting link at the top of this page.

Motion: Supervisor Hume moved, seconded by Board Member Winternitz, to award funding up to \$3,221,199 for the planning phase and moved to conditionally award \$17,686,172 for the implementation phase, subject to further review and approval by the Conservancy Board, to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California from the Nature Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration Grant Program for the Wetland Mosaic Landscape on Webb Tract Project. With the added condition that the funds being released will not be used for mitigation requirements of the Delta Conveyance program.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

Agenda Item 11 – Potential Agenda Items for the July 26, 2023 Board Meeting

- Board elections
- Implementation Plan update
- Consideration of Amendment Requests to Community Enhancement Grant Program Awards
- Consideration of Award of Nature Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration Grants
- Overview of Nutria Dog Detection Project

Agenda Item 12 – Public Comment

None

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Invite grantee for the nutria eradication project to update the Board on the nutria eradication efforts in the Delta.
- Provide the Board with reporting contacts for nutria sightings.

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Mashburn at 10:30 a.m.

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**Consideration of Amendment to Term of Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Agreement for the Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project
Staff Report**

Grantee	East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy
Project ID	P1-1709
Award Year	2018
County	Contra Costa
Category	Planning
Original Award Amount	\$1,225,000
Request	Term Amendment

This agenda item presents a request to extend the duration of the grant funding term by one year. It does not propose a change to the budget or scope of work.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve an extension of the grant funding end date from November 30, 2023 to November 30, 2024 as presented in this report.

DESCRIPTION

The Grantee requests to add 12 months to the grant’s funding end date to incorporate new information regarding conditions at the project site.

High water from storm events occurring from December 2022 through February 2023 resulted in changes to the conditions at the project site, bringing new information to the project team. The Grantee is requesting additional time to incorporate this information into the project design and to conduct additional project refinements, which would address site conditions at adjacent and nearby locations. Conservancy staff have determined that furthering and refining design documents are an appropriate and efficient use of grant funds already awarded to the grantee.

If the funding term is not extended, the grantee would not be able to complete a shovel-ready project design. This would result in an interim design product that would not be ready to move forward into the implementation phase.

BACKGROUND

At the March 28, 2018 Board meeting, the Board awarded funding of up to \$1,225,000 to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy for the Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project. This project involves planning for wetland and habitat restoration, as well as stormwater management and treatment. The main goals of the project are to restore habitat for special status

species, provide flood protection for the community of Knightsen, and improve Delta water quality through output flows. This is the third amendment requested for this project. In May of 2020 the Board awarded \$10,000 of additional funding to increase the project scope to expand community outreach and extend the funding term by 12 months. In January of 2022, the Board approved an extension to the funding end date of 12 months and an additional \$200,000 of funding for hydraulic and hydrologic modeling as well as additional community outreach.

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Executive Officer's Report

July 26, 2023

PROGRAM UPDATE

STAFFING UPDATE

Please welcome Jiantie (Jenny) Hou, our new Fiscal & Board Analyst who started with the Conservancy on June 14th. She has worked in accounting and analytics in both China and the United States with her last position in the fiscal section for the California Department of General Services.

DELTA DROUGHT RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAM (DDRPP) UPDATE

Conservancy staff continue to verify and evaluate outcomes from water conservation practices implemented by the 61 DDRPP grantees during the 2023 water year. The DDRPP 2023 Oversight Committee, co-chaired by staff from the Conservancy and the Office of the Delta Watermaster, has been meeting regularly to build on insights from last year's report and to update the analysis methodology for this year. Site visits to verify water-saving practices and to ensure an open line of communication with grantees are in progress and will be completed by the close of the 2023 water year. Through the Conservancy's interagency agreement with UC Davis, installation of eddy covariance systems at six DDRPP sites began in June. Installation is expected to be completed by the end of this month. Measurements collected by this equipment will help to "ground truth" the satellite-based evapotranspiration estimates provided by OpenET. Agenda Item 12 of this Board meeting presents an amendment request for the six DDRPP sites that have been selected to host this equipment.

DELTA CONSERVANCY FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION UPDATES

The Conservancy received a one-time General Fund allocation of \$6,000,000 for wildfire prevention. Staff are in the initial phase of exploring how best to deploy this funding to reduce wildfire-related water quality impacts to the Delta. We anticipate bringing a solicitation notice to the Board in early 2024. The Nature Based Solutions allocation included in the May revise was eliminated. All baseline funding for facilities and operations remains.

NUTRIA ERADICATION

Please see the most recent update from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife included in this agenda item. A more detailed update will be provided during Agenda Item 13 of this Board meeting.

DELTA SCIENCE

Fish Friendly Farming:

The Conservancy, supported through a 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. A total of 10,752 acres of farmland has been enrolled in the Delta FFF Program. A contract is now in place to implement the second water quality improvement project recommended by the FFF Technical Advisory Committee. The project, which is located on 3D Farms on Roberts Island in the southern Delta, will reduce pesticide drift by installing a tree windbreak and reduce return flows by providing cost-share on installation of water conserving irrigation. This project will improve water quality by reducing transport of chemicals off-site and into nearby waterways. The Delta FFF Technical Advisory Committee met on April 10, 2023 to discuss the best management practices that will be included in the farm plans for the enrolled properties, and this feedback is being used to finalize the farm plans for all enrolled areas. Site visits and enrollment certification will take place over the next six months.

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 continue work to co-lead the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC) restoration subcommittee (subcommittee) with colleagues from the Delta Stewardship Council. Planning has begun for the second Delta Restoration Forum, currently planned for late fall 2023. This event would build on the first forum in February of this year by providing additional project-specific information to attendees. The planning team, including representatives from the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians, environmental consulting groups, Restore the Delta, and the California Natural Resources Department, met on June 15, 2023 to begin work on this second forum. The next subcommittee meeting will take place on August 17, 2023; information about meeting time and location will be shared over the Stewardship Council and Conservancy listservs once finalized.

The Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) Team, facilitated by Conservancy staff and co-led by staff from the Delta Stewardship Council, the Department of Water Resources, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, has its third quarterly meeting in August. The DIISCT has been coordinating with the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC), which advises the Invasive Species Council of California (ISCC). The ISCC represents the highest level of leadership and authority in state government regarding invasive species. Currently, DIISCT members are working to have a Delta site highlighted in CISAC's planned invasive species tours for legislators and funders across the state. The first planning meeting for the 2023 Delta Invasive Species Symposium took place on June 1, 2023. The Symposium is being planned for December of 2023 and will be held as a hybrid event. The planning team is currently working to determine a theme and set the Symposium's exact date and location. Information about past Symposiums can be found [on the Conservancy's website](#). Conservancy staff worked with DIISCT members to promote California Invasive Species Action Week, which was June 3-11, 2023.

The Interagency Adaptive Management Integration Team (IAMIT) met on June 16, 2023. The group was briefed on the 2020-2022 monitoring work performed by UC Davis on Delta Levee Projects sites (Cosumnes River Preserve, Grizzly Slough, McCormack-Williamson Tract, Twitchell Island, Sherman Island, and Dutch Slough). The group also heard an update on the first day of the Adaptive Management Forum, which took place on May 4, 2023 and focused on adaptive governance. Staff attended day one of the Adaptive Management Forum, and day two, which took place on June 27, 2023. Day two focused on breakout group discussions where participants developed long-term, aspirational goals for adaptive governance.

On June 6, 2023, staff met with UC Davis students studying soil evolution for a field trip on Staten Island. Staff presented to students about the work of the Conservancy and the importance of Delta soils and preventing subsidence.

MEDIA MENTIONS

[The Stockton Record](#) covered an event held in May to publicize the recently approved Delta Aquatic Center of Stockton planning project in which the Delta Conservancy is providing up to \$2.5 million.

[The Reporter](#), a news outlet covering Solano County, and [website Contra Costa News](#) covered the groundbreaking for the Pacific Flyway Center. The Delta Conservancy is one of the funding agencies for the Pacific Flyway Center's Walk in the Marsh project.

[The East Bay Times](#) and other Bay Area News Group outlets covered the Conservancy's recent approval of Webb Tract Wetland Mosaic project.

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

1. Invite grantee for the nutria eradication project to provide an update on the nutria eradication efforts in the Delta.
 - Valerie Cook from California Department of Fish and Wildlife will be providing an update in Agenda Item 13.
2. Provide the Board with reporting contacts for nutria sightings.
 - This information was put into the chat of the Board meeting, "Suspected observations or potential signs of nutria in California should be photographed and immediately reported to CDFW ONLINE, by email to Invasives@wildlife.ca.gov, or by calling (866) 440-9530." The Conservancy will bring nutria identification pamphlets to the July Board meeting.

DELTA CONSERVANCY BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE UPDATE

Agenda Item 6 (2): Budget and Expenditure Report

CORRESPONDENCE

The Conservancy received communications from a member of the public regarding the Webb Tract Mosaic Landscape project (NBS01). The correspondence requested that Conservancy staff inform Board members of the individual's assertion that islands owned by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) are, "an extension of the state and land held in its name is state-owned land; therefore, a member of the public has the right to access and fish from Bouldin Island, Bacon Island, Holland Island and the Webb Tract (section 25 article I California Constitution)." Conservancy staff are working with MWD staff to address this concern on Webb Tract and other MWD-owned islands in the Delta.

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Nutria Eradication Program Update

Field Update July 13, 2023

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

1. Completed full and/or rapid assessments on over 1.8 M acres
2. Executed entry permits with 4,600 landowners for over 9,800 parcels in 14 counties
3. Set up 8,427 camera stations (1,392 currently active)
 - o Conducted 72,818 camera checks
4. Detected nutria in 815 sites (40-acre cells)
5. Deployed 9,922 trap sets (414 currently active) for a total of 115,131 trap nights
6. Taken or accounted for the take of 3,582 nutria (since March 2017)
 - o Merced - 2,109
 - o Stanislaus - 970
 - o Fresno - 338
 - o San Joaquin - 110
 - o Solano - 26
 - o Sacramento - 16
 - o Mariposa - 12
 - o Madera - 1 (San Joaquin River; Fresno County line)

Of 3,461 necropsies, the data has shown:

- o 1.14 sex ratio (M:F)
- o Of the females captured:
 - 22% of juvenile (2-6 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 62% of subadult (6-14 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 67% of adult (>14 months of age) females have been pregnant
- o 4,066 fetal nutria have been removed from the population
- o Litter size ranged from 1-13, with an average of 5.9
 - 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 July 13, 2023.

Year	Total (unique) 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	145	703	4.9
2022	112	579	5.2
2023	54	201	3.7
Total Across Years	444	3582	8.0

**SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY
BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE REPORT
July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023**

Line Number	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Personal Services (PS)	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
1	Salaries & Wages	\$1,358,900	\$1,242,855	\$116,045	91%
2	Temporary Help	\$73,207	\$71,076	\$2,131	97%
3	Benefits	\$756,015	\$682,148	\$73,867	90%
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	\$2,188,122	\$1,996,079	\$192,043	91%

Line Number	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Operating Expenditures and Equipment (OE & E)	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
5	General Expense	\$13,362	\$3,812	\$9,550	29%
6	Printing	\$2,916	\$1,171	\$1,745	40%
7	Communications	\$12,012	\$5,137	\$6,875	43%
8	Postage	\$152	\$121	\$31	80%
9	Travel-In State	\$5,833	\$2,214	\$3,619	38%
10	Training	\$22,938	\$7,400	\$15,538	32%
11	Facilities Operation	\$107,950	\$98,257	\$9,693	91%
12	Contracts & Personal Services-External	\$194,000	\$177,582	\$16,418	92%
13	Contracts & Personal Services-Interdepartmental	\$1,583,735	\$59,363	\$1,524,372	4%
14	Information Technology	\$37,512	\$359	\$37,153	1%
15	Central Administrative Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
16	Non-Capital Asset Purchases	\$1,300	\$0	\$1,300	0%
17	Indirect Cost Recovery-Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
18	Unallocated Operating Expense & Equipment	\$221,598	\$0	\$221,598	0%
	Multi Year Support Appropriation-Unallocated		\$0		
19	Proposition 1 Program Support	\$392,474	\$0	\$392,474	0%
20	Proposition 68 Program Support	\$445,457	\$0	\$445,457	0%
21	Delta Drought Response Pilot Program Support	\$860,747	\$0	\$860,747	0%
22	Nature Based Solutions	\$2,070,392	\$0	\$2,070,392	0%
24	Grants and Subventions	\$65,714,500	\$5,692,683	\$60,021,817	9%
25	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES & EQUIPMENT	\$71,686,878	\$6,048,099	\$65,638,779	8%

Line Number	TOTALS	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
26	TOTAL PS & OE & E	\$73,875,000	\$8,044,178	\$65,830,822	11%
27	REIMBURSEMENT	(\$11,897,000)	(\$11,883,761)	(\$13,239)	100%
28	GRAND TOTAL	\$61,978,000	(\$3,839,583)	\$65,817,583	-6%



**Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Program Update
Staff Report**

BACKGROUND

The Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation (ERCA) Grant Program refers to a collection of projects that support multi-benefit ecosystem restoration, watershed protection, and climate adaptation projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh. Projects in this program are currently supported through several funding sources: Proposition 1 Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act; Climate Resilience, Community Access, and Natural Resource Protection (CAR); and Nature Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration (NBS:WR). The Proposition 1 Grant Program is designed to support multi-benefit ecosystem, watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities. The CAR is a General Fund allocation and promotes multi-benefit projects within the areas of climate resilience, community access, and natural resources protection. The NBS:WR is a General Fund allocation supporting wetland restoration projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The Grant Program requires both a concept proposal and a full proposal. Full proposals are subject to a rigorous review and evaluation process by staff and external professional reviewers (when applicable) and are recommended for funding based upon review, evaluation, and funding availability.

Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Program Funding Sources. CEP refers to the Community Enhancement Grant Program (Agenda Item 9). Amounts listed in millions of dollars.

Funding Source	Total Allocation	Minimum Amount Available for Grants	Total Amount Allocated for Grants	Amount Remaining to be Allocated	Allocation Date	Encumbrance Date	Program(s) Supported by Funding Source
Proposition 1	\$50.0	\$42.5	\$42.4	\$0.1	8/13/2014	Variable	ERCA
CAR	\$5.25	\$4.99	\$4.99	\$0	9/23/2021	6/30/2024	ERCA and CEP
CAR	\$6.125	\$5.82	\$5.35	\$0.47	9/6/2022	6/30/2025	ERCA and CEP
NBS: Wetland Restoration	\$36.0	\$34.2	\$20.9	\$13.3	9/6/2022	6/30/2025	ERCA

PROGRAM UPDATE

As of July 19, 2023, there are 19 active projects, one awarded project with grant development underway, and 16 closed projects.

APPROVED PROJECTS (TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$20,907,371)

Of the Board-approved projects, one project from Nature Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration is in grant agreement development.

Project Name	Wetland Mosaic Landscape on Webb Tract (Planning, Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$20,907,371
County	Contra Costa
Project ID	NBS01
Grantee	Metropolitan Water District
Overview	Design and construct up to 3,500 acres of managed, flooded wetlands and up to 1,500 acres of rice fields on Webb Tract. The main objectives are to stop ongoing organic soil subsidence, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated, develop sustainable agriculture opportunities, investigate sustainable water management practices, and study how managed wetlands may augment the Delta pelagic food web.
Grant Agreement Status	In Progress
New Information	Grant agreement in development. Expected to be executed October 2023.

WORKING PROPOSALS (TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$13,292,629)

Project ID	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	Proposal Status
NBS02	Delta Rice Conversion Project	The Nature Conservancy	Implementation	\$4,700,000	San Joaquin and Contra Costa	In Review
NBS03	Hoover Ranch Wetland Restoration Project	John Muir Land Trust	Acquisition	\$2,025,000	Contra Costa	In Review
NBS04	Staten Island Wetland Restoration Project	The Nature Conservancy	Planning, Implementation	\$6,567,629	San Joaquin	In Review

ACTIVE PROJECTS

CAR– Fiscal Year 2021-2022

The Board awarded \$390,000 for one planning project.

Project Name	Big Break Regional Shoreline Restoration and Public Access Planning Project (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$390,000
County	Contra Costa
Project ID	CAR03
Grantee	East Bay Regional Park District
Overview	Create planning documents to support public access and the long-term sustainability of 1,648 acres of open water, wetlands, and upland habitat.
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/14/2022
New Information	Project work anticipated to begin August 2023.

Proposition 1 Cycle 5 – Fiscal Year 2021-2022

The Board awarded approximately \$3.0 million for six projects (two planning and four implementation). Six grant agreements have been executed.

Project Name	Little Franks Tract Invasive Weed Removal and Restoration Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$427,706
County	Contra Costa
Project ID	P1-2204
Grantee	Contra Costa Resource Conservation District
Overview	Test and identify workable solutions to remove invasive weeds, improve habitat value, and prevent further spread of invasive plants in the Franks Tract State Recreation Area.
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 4/21/2023
New Information	Project is ongoing.

Project Name	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project, Phase Two (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$887,516
County	Yolo
Project ID	P1-2207
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited
Overview	Constructing hydrological improvements that will restore 220 acres of seasonal wetland, enhance management of 1,803 existing seasonal wetland, and improve water management to 1,180 acres of wildlife friendly agricultural wetland.
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 3/16/2023
New Information	Project on hold pending appointment of new Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area manager by fall 2023.

Project Name	Ulatis Creek Habitat Restoration Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$413,586
County	Solano
Project ID	P1-2208
Grantee	Solano County Resource Conservation District
Overview	Create 20 acres of riparian woodland area along the north bank of Ulatis Creek. A total of 1,880 native trees/shrubs and 25,000 forb/sedge plugs will be planted, 100 pounds of wildflowers will be seeded, and invasive non-native plants (including <i>Arundo donax</i>) will be controlled throughout the project site resulting in an increase in native habitat area.
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/13/2023
New Information	Grant agreement executed as of 6/13/2023. Work has started on the project.

Project Name	Improving Hydrological Resiliency of Managed Wetlands in the Suisun Marsh (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$542,546
County	Solano
Project ID	P1-2209
Grantee	Suisun Resource Conservation District
Overview	Improve habitat conditions in the Suisun Marsh by installing new hydrological infrastructure at four project sites that will benefit 3,000 acres of managed wetlands.
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 03/27/2023
New Information	Project is ongoing.

Project Name	Marsh Creek Reservoir Restoration and Total Mercury Reduction Project (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$550,000
County	Contra Costa
Project ID	P1-2211
Grantee	Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Overview	Design a shovel-ready multi-benefit project that would restore the Marsh Creek Reservoir system, provide ecological benefit, improve flood capacity, and enhance public recreation opportunities.
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 5/23/2023
New Information	A project kick-off meeting was held 06/21/2023.

Project Name	Van Buskirk Multi-Benefit Ecosystem Restoration Planning Project (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$467,848
County	San Joaquin
Project ID	P1-2212
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Multi-benefit ecosystem restoration planning project that will integrate nature-based design solutions and multi-benefit flood protection concepts, as well as work with partners to seek implementation funding for future projects at the site.
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/22/2022
New Information	Project is ongoing.

Proposition 1 Cycle 4 – Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The Board awarded approximately \$14.9 million for 10 projects (eight planning and two implementation). One project was withdrawn after receiving an award. To date, one project has closed.

Project Name	Mello/Jensen Heirs Sandhill Crane Preserve Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$2,263,472
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	The project team is reviewing the final draft conservation easement.

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	Progress at the 12 planning sites is ongoing. Implementation funding secured for sites 1, 2, 10, and 11 (Ulatis Creek, Schwarz Farm, McCormick Ranch).

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 submitted Final Report and Invoice. Project closes 7/31/2023.

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	Project is ongoing.

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	Progress on the Planting Design, Habitat Restoration Plan, and Cost Estimate deliverables continues. Grantee has been meeting with the landowners, River Islands and Reclamation district to further clarify project constraints.

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	Grantee is continuing with hydraulic and sediment transport modeling, along with additional work on agency outreach.

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	Project is ongoing. Refer to Agenda Item 13 for detailed update.

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	A survey to solicit community input on the design of a pedestrian bridge has been made available to the public. Additional project work is ongoing.

Proposition 1 Cycle 3 – Fiscal Year 2017-2018

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

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	Grantee has recently submitted the final invoice.

Project Name	Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$1,435,000
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	Conservancy staff prepared a staff recommendation for Board consideration to extend the grant's funding term (Agenda Item 5.2).

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	Amendment to extend grant term to 03/31/2026 was executed 06/15/2023.

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	Conservancy staff prepared a staff recommendation for Board consideration for an amendment to the project budget (Agenda Item 8.1).

Proposition 1 Cycle 2 – Fiscal Year 2016-2017

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

Proposition 1 Cycle 1 – Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

CLOSED PROJECTS

To date, a total of sixteen projects funded by Proposition 1 have fully closed (seven planning, nine 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	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,026,814 (\$3,299 unspent)
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	Closed as of 03/31/2022
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

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 10/9/2020
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 3/1/2019
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review. Design plans are still current. Waiting for Phase II to be completed.

Project Name	Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project (Implementation)
Amount Spent	\$826,666 (\$9,743 unspent)
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	Closed as of 4/1/2022
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

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
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Wildlife Corridors for Flood Escape on the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Project (Implementation)
Amount Spent	\$829,183 (\$7,051 unspent)
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	Closed as of 3/7/2023
New 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
New 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 P1-1814 grant.

Project Name	Dutch Slough Revegetation (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,900,000 (\$270 unspent)
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	Closed as of 07/15/2022.
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Petersen Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$444,464 (\$1,398 unspent)
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	Closed as of 2/11/2022
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

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 1/28/2021
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Investigations of Restoration Techniques that Limit Invasion of Tidal Wetlands (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$104,452 (\$21,398 unspent)
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	Closed as of 11/30/2021
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Bay Point Habitat Restoration Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,100,000 (\$13,718 unspent)
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	Closed as of 12/31/2021
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project #2 (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$990,543 (\$46 unspent)
County	Contra Costa
Project ID	Prop 1-1711
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	This agreement has been cleared to expire on 6/30/22.
Grant Agreement Status	Funding ended 06/30/2022.
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Bees Lakes Habitat Restoration Plan (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$592,500 (\$886 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 4/27/2021
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review. Grantee awarded Climate, Access, and Restoration for funds at July 2022 Conservancy Board meeting.

Project Name	Nutria Eradication Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$1,125,577 (\$6,120 unspent)
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	Closed as of 04/05/2023
New Information	Closed; a final report available for review.

Project Name	Blacklock Restoration: Phragmites Control Study (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$387,440 (\$0 unspent)
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	Closed as of 04/25/2022
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS**P1-1803: Blacklock Restoration: Phragmites Control Study (Planning)**

The purpose of this project was to determine the best method of controlling the invasive non-native plant species, *Phragmites*, to enhance habitat at Blacklock, a multi-benefit ecosystem restoration site in Suisun Marsh. *Phragmites* is a highly invasive wetland reed. *Phragmites* control methods have been established in some habitats, but little information exists on control methods in tidal habitats, such as the Blacklock site. In order to inform the future implementation of site-wide *Phragmites* control measures within the Blacklock restoration site, this planning project characterized the feasibility, efficacy, and environmental impacts of *Phragmites* control methods in a tidal habitat on a small scale. Control methods, including glyphosate and imazapyr herbicide applications, and mechanical mowing, were performed on established *Phragmites* stands. Individual methods were tested, as well as several in combination. All five tested treatment methods exhibited reduced *Phragmites* growth with minimal negative off-target impacts to neighboring and resident plants, water quality, and the aquatic food web.



Grantee's staff monitoring treatment site by kayaks.



Small spikerush population growing among the new tule shoots on the edge of the treatment area.



Native Tule Pea growing in the restoration area.



Dense colony of native Mason's Lilaeopsis and small Spikerush shoots growing among Tules.

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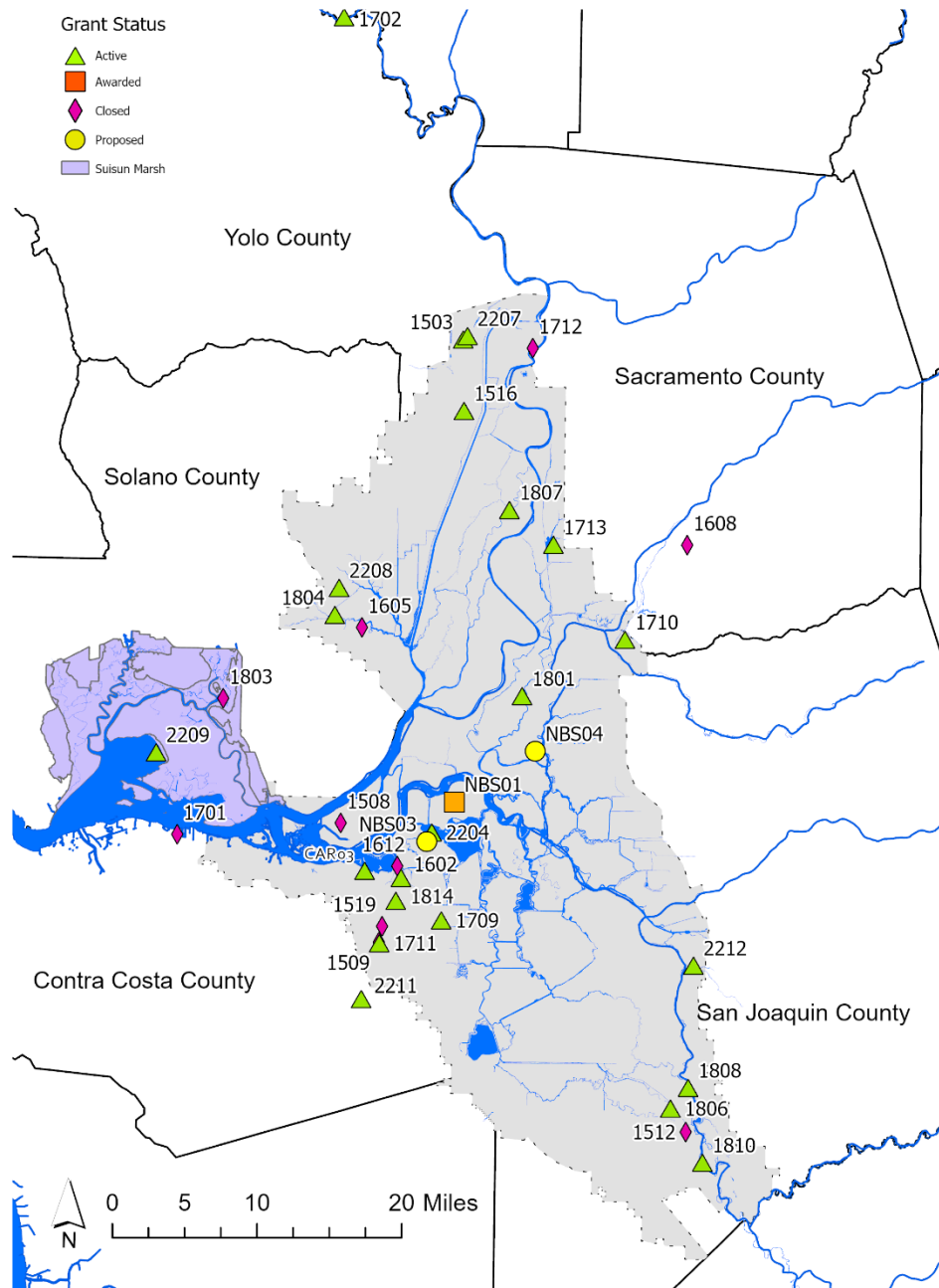
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7.1. MAP OF ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROJECTS



One active project (P1-1813) and two closed projects (P1-1505 and P1-1718) are not mapped due to their large spatial coverage.



**Consideration of Amendment to Budget of Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant
Program Agreement for the Stone Lakes Habitat and Restoration Project
Staff Report**

Grantee	Ducks Unlimited
Project ID	P1-1713
Award Year	2019
County	Sacramento
Category	Planning
Original Award Amount	\$635,573
Amended Request Amount	\$673,846
Request	Budget Amendment

This agenda item presents a request to increase the budget of the grant. It does not propose a change to the term or scope of work.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve a budget increase of \$38,273 for additional costs for required permits and personnel services.

DESCRIPTION

The Grantee is requesting an additional \$38,273 to cover additional costs for required permits and additional staff time to complete closeout of the Stone Lakes Habitat Restoration Project. The requested funds will cover: CEQA compliance documentation by Sacramento County (\$27,380), a Lake and Streambed Alterations Agreement from California Department of Fish and Wildlife and a wastewater discharge permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (\$7,277), and additional personnel services for project completion (\$3,616). The Grantee is increasing their cost share contribution by \$5,000 through in-kind services of staff time to complete the project.

The Grantee indicated that if the Conservancy is unable to provide additional funds, they will be unable to pay Sacramento County's invoices and it will put the environmental permitting tasks of the project at risk of failure.

BACKGROUND

Stones Lakes Habitat Restoration Project (Project ID P1-1713) is a planning project designed 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. This project was awarded \$635,573 of Proposition 1 funds to the Grantee in 2019. This is the Grantee's first amendment request requiring Board consideration. Conservancy staff have reviewed and approved

two prior amendment requests to extend the grant term and shift funding between budget line items. The project is on track to be completed by December 31, 2023, when the grant expires.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move that the Board approve an amendment to the grant agreement with Ducks Unlimited for P1-1713 to increase the budget by \$38,273 for additional costs for required permits and personnel services.

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**Community Enhancement Grant Program Update
Staff Report**

BACKGROUND

The Community Enhancement Grant Program (CEP) refers to a collection of projects that support and enhance communities and economies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh. Projects in this program are currently funded through Proposition 68 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 and the Climate Resilience, Community Access, and Natural Resource Protection (CAR) funds. The Proposition 68 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. The CAR is a General Fund allocation and is designed to promote multi-benefit projects within the areas of climate resilience, community access, and natural resource restoration.

The Grant Program requires both a concept proposal and a full proposal. Full proposals are subject to a rigorous review and evaluation process by staff and external professional reviewers (when applicable), and are recommended for funding based upon review, evaluation, and funding availability.

The below table highlights the allocations for Proposition 68 (bond funds) and CAR (general funds). Each funding source has funds allocated for both administration and grants. The amount remaining to be allocated are funds available for new grants.

Community Enhancement Grant Program Funding Sources. ERCA refers to the Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Program (Agenda Item 6). Amounts listed in millions of dollars.

Funding Source	Total Allocation	Minimum Amount Available for Grants	Total Amount Allocated for Grants	Amount Remaining to be Allocated	Allocation Date	Encumbrance Date	Program(s) Supported by Funding Source
Proposition 68	\$12.0	\$8.7	\$3.9	\$4.8	6/8/2018	Variable	CEP
CAR	\$5.25	\$4.99	\$4.99	\$0	9/23/2021	6/30/2024	ERCA and CEP
CAR	\$6.125	\$5.82	\$5.35	\$0.47	9/6/2022	6/30/2025	ERCA and CEP

PROGRAM UPDATE

As of July 19, 2023, there are 10 active projects and two awarded projects. In the following tables, the DAC/SDAC designations indicates whether the project serves a disadvantaged community (DAC) or a severely disadvantaged community (SDAC), as confirmed by the Delta Conservancy SDAC policy. Proposition 68 requires that 20 percent of the allocation go to projects that support SDAC communities; 20 percent of the Delta Conservancy’s allocation is \$2,400,000. Of the \$3,937,368 for active, awarded, or requested Proposition 68 projects, \$3,559,505 (91 percent) is expected to support SDAC communities.

APPROVED PROJECTS (TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$6,089,120)

Project Name	Delta Aquatic Center of Stockton (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$2,544,725
County	San Joaquin
Project ID	CAR05
Grantee	San Joaquin Community Foundation
Overview	Complete design and construction documents for an ADA compliant, world class aquatic center along the Delta so all, regardless of income level, may access the water through small human powered boat.
Grant Agreement Status	In Progress
New Information	Project was awarded funding at the March 22, 2023 Board meeting and the grant agreement is in progress.

Project Name	Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility Upgrade Implementation Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$3,544,395
County	Contra Costa
Project ID	CAR06
Grantee	City of Pittsburg
Overview	Construction of recreational and safety enhancements to the Boat Launch Facility & Central Harbor Park.
Grant Agreement Status	In Progress
New Information	Project was awarded funding at the May 24, 2023 Board meeting and the grant agreement is in progress.

ACTIVE PROJECTS (TOTAL AMOUNT OBLIGATED: \$7,797,218)

Project Name	Land Acquisition for the Clarksburg Schoolhouse & Delta Welcome Center (Acquisition)
Amount Awarded	\$310,373
County	Yolo
Project ID	P6802
Grantee	Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse
Overview	Acquire 1.13-acre parcel to serve as the permanent home of the restored 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse.
DAC/SDAC	SDAC
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 05/02/2022
New Information	The Grantee is working on completing remaining deliverables to close out the project.

Project Name	Southport Levee Recreational Trail (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$337,863
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	Active as of 12/20/2021
New Information	The Grantee has started environmental technical studies.

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	SDAC
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 10/01/2021
New Information	The Grantee is working on completing remaining deliverables to close out the project.

Project Name	Isleton Museum in the Bing Kong Tong Building (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$44,500
County	Sacramento
Project ID	P6805
Grantee	Isleton Museum
Overview	Purchase museum-quality display cases to house historical artifacts within the Isleton Museum, located in the newly renovated Bing Kong Tong Building.
DAC/SDAC	SDAC
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/17/2022
New Information	The Grantee is finalizing an updated scope of work in preparation for an amendment request.

Project Name	Discover the Delta Education Center (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$223,456
County	Sacramento
Project ID	P6806
Grantee	Discover the Delta Foundation
Overview	Update 2009 building plans to meet current building codes and obtain updated approvals and permits to implement construction of the Delta Education Center.
DAC/SDAC	SDAC
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/27/2022
New Information	Conservancy staff prepared a staff recommendation for Board consideration to increase the budget (Agenda Item 10).

Project Name	Freeport, Delta Gateway Monuments (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$223,277
County	Sacramento
Project ID	P6808
Grantee	Sacramento County
Overview	Create planning documents in preparation of the installation of two gateway monuments and one interpretive sign in Freeport.
DAC/SDAC	SDAC
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 9/21/2022
New Information	The Grantee has completed three community planning meetings.

Project Name	Asian American Heritage Park Development (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$554,772
County	Sacramento
Project ID	P6811
Grantee	Delta Educational Cultural Society
Overview	Create a .07-acre park that will include culturally relevant objects and interpretive exhibits on the history and heritage of the Chinese and Japanese immigrants who once occupied the Asian American Historic District of Isleton.
DAC/SDAC	SDAC
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 03/11/2022
New Information	The Grantee is working on an amendment request to increase the budget and extend the grant funding term.

Project Name	Clarksburg Schoolhouse Restoration and Delta Welcome Center (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$2,070,972
County	Yolo
Project ID	P6813
Grantee	Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse
Overview	Restore the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse (fully restored building, interior and exterior displays, and landscaping) and develop a Delta Welcome Center.
DAC/SDAC	SDAC
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 7/18/2022
New Information	The Grantee has entered into an agreement with a construction subcontractor and started construction.

Project Name	Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$1,486,050
County	Solano
Project ID	CAR01
Grantee	Pacific Flyway Fund
Overview	Build three miles of ADA-compliant hiking trails, boardwalks, and educational signage throughout restored wetlands in Suisun March.
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 03/22/2022
New Information	Conservancy staff prepared a staff recommendation for Board consideration to increase the budget and extend the grant's funding term (Agenda Item 11).

Project Name	Bees Lake Public Access (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$2,373,800
County	Yolo
Project ID	CAR02
Grantee	Bees Lake Public Access
Overview	Remove and control invasive species and reestablish native species. Build 700 square foot viewing platform and 1,395 linear feet of ADA-compliant access to riparian forest.
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 7/29/2022
New Information	The Grantee is working on permit applications, signage design, and made decisions for 100 Percent Design Plans.

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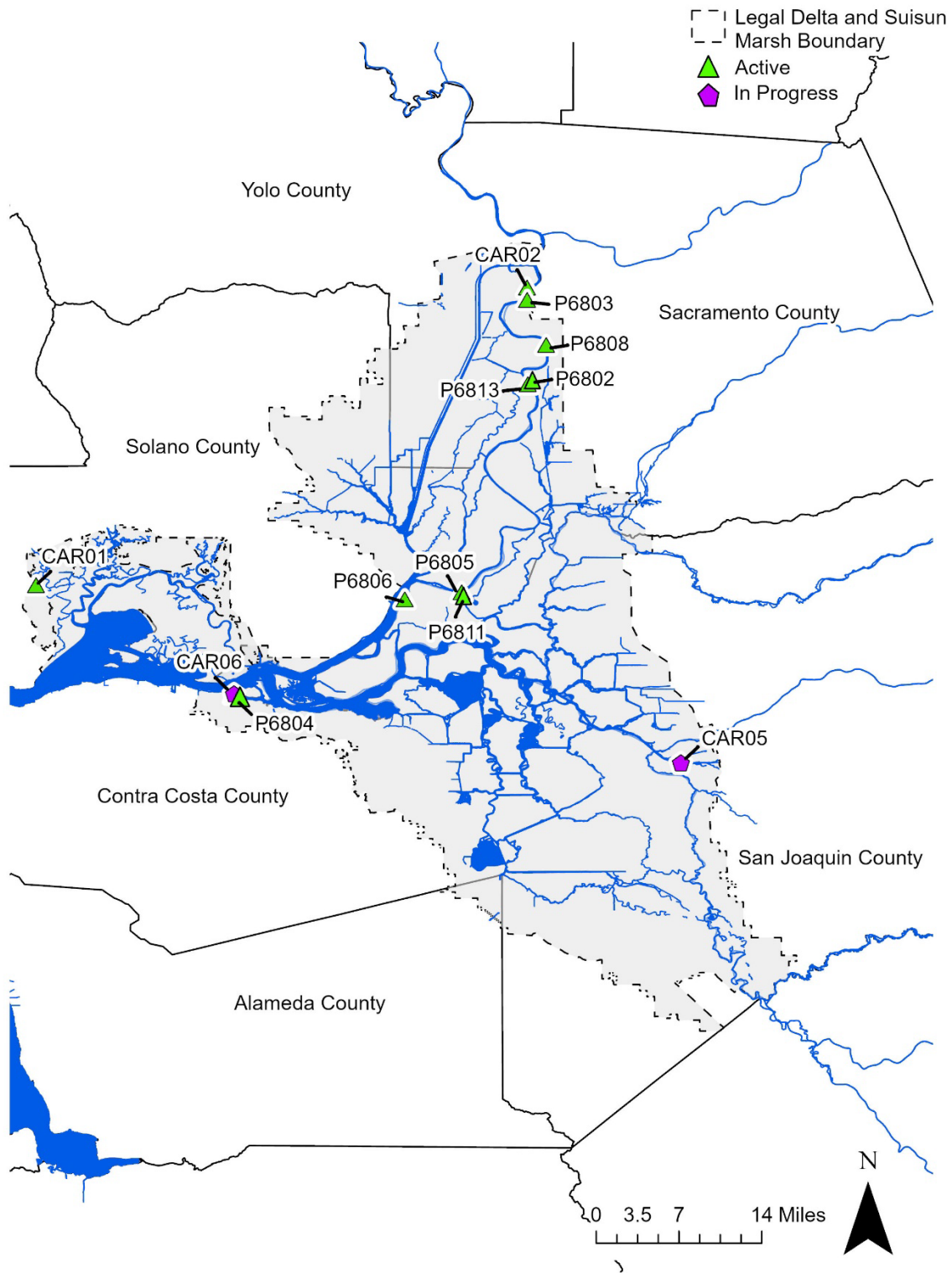
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FIGURE 8.1. MAP OF LOCATION AND STATUS OF COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM PROJECTS





**Consideration of Amendment to Budget of Community Enhancement Program Agreement for Discover the Delta Education Center Planning Project
Staff Report**

Grantee	Discover the Delta Foundation
Project ID	P6806
Award Year	2022
County	Sacramento
Category	Planning
Original Award Amount	\$223,456
Amended Request Amount	\$284,978
Request	Budget Amendment

This agenda item presents a request to increase the total budget of the grant agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve an amendment to increase the budget by \$61,522 as explained in this report.

DESCRIPTION

The Grantee requests an addition of \$61,522 (27.5 percent increase) to the grant award to accommodate increases in 1) permit fees from Sacramento County (\$10,525), 2) building plan review requirements from Sacramento County (\$5,994), and 3) engineering costs to address additional review requirements (\$45,003).

The original budget included engineering costs for minor updates to the building plan for the Delta Education Center. However, Sacramento County has required more substantial updates to the building plans, additional design work, separate permits for specific portions of the project, and additional documentation and communication between the Grantee, the engineering firm, and Sacramento County Planning staff. The Grantee’s amendment request is necessary to complete the building plans and receive approval from Sacramento County; without this additional funding the project is at risk of failure.

BACKGROUND

Discover the Delta Education Center Planning Project (Project ID P6806) is a planning project designed to update building plans and to process a new building permit, including payment of required Sacramento County feeds. This project was awarded \$223,456 of Proposition 68 funds to the Grantee in 2022. This is the Grantee’s first amendment request. The project is on track to be completed by March 15, 2025, when the grant expires.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move that the Board approve an amendment to increase the budget by \$61,522 to Discover the Delta Foundation from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for Discover the Delta Education Center Planning Project.

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**Consideration of Amendment to Budget and Term of Community Enhancement Program Agreement
for Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh
Staff Report**

Grantee	Pacific Flyway Fund
Project ID	CAR01
Award Year	2022
County	Solano
Category	Implementation
Original Award Amount	\$1,486,050
Amended Request Amount	\$1,936,050
Request	Budget and Term Amendment

This agenda item presents a request to increase the total budget and extend the term of the grant agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve an amendment to increase the budget by \$450,000 and extend the grant term to March 15, 2027 as explained in this report.

DESCRIPTION

The Grantee requests an addition of \$450,000 (30 percent increase) to the grant award to complete the boardwalk trail. The original estimate for the boardwalk was \$757,315, but the Grantee obtained an updated estimate in 2023 for \$12,767,600. The Grantee adjusted their plans to change the material for most of the boardwalk to decomposed granite since the updated material costs were untenable. The new estimate for the boardwalk using decomposed granite is \$1,649,160, which is \$891,845 more than the original agreement amount. The Grantee is aware this request exceeds remaining CAR funds and is requesting \$450,000 to help bridge the costs and will use private donor funds to pay the remaining amount. The Grantee also requests a term extension of two years, from March 15, 2025 to March 15, 2027, due to delays from weather-related events, permitting, pandemic events, and unforeseen material availabilities.

The additional funding outlined in the Grantee’s amendment request is necessary to complete the project. The boardwalk is the main focal point of the project and without this additional funding the project is at risk of failure.

BACKGROUND

Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh Project (Project ID CAR01) is an implementation project designed to build three miles of Americans with Disability Act-compliant hiking trails, boardwalks, and educational signage through restored wetlands in Suisun Marsh, along with parking area, access road

upgrades, a shade structure, decorative asphalt art, and a bike rack. This project was awarded \$1,486,050 of CAR funds to the Grantee in 2021. This is the Grantee's first amendment request and the first amendment request for the CAR program.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move that the Board approve an amendment to increase the budget by \$450,000 and extend the grant term to March 15, 2027 to Pacific Flyway Fund from Climate, Access, and Resource (CAR22) funding for Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh.

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**Consideration of Amendment to Budget and Term for Select Grant Agreements
for the 2023 Delta Drought Response Pilot Program
Staff Report**

This agenda item presents a request to increase the budget and extend the term of the following Delta Drought Response Pilot Program (DDRPP) grant agreements to continue water saving practices and support the University of California (UC) Davis micrometeorological analysis of the Program. The amendments requested are to DDRPP23-34, DDRPP23-55, DDRPP23-90, DDRPP23-104, DDRPP23-113, and a sixth agreement to be determined at a later date.

Grantee	Project ID	UC Davis Study Acres	Original Award Amount	Budget Increased by Amount	Amended Request Amount
Wallace Chan Farms, Inc.	DDRPP23-34	50 acres	\$103,500	\$73,500	\$177,000
Dutra Hay & Grain	DDRPP23-55	96 acres	\$93,960	\$141,120	\$235,080
Ross Rasmussen	DDRPP23-90	73 acres	\$303,750	\$107,310	\$411,060
Louis Biagioni	DDRPP23-104	72 acres	\$97,250	\$105,840	\$203,090
John C. Baker Estate	DDRPP23-113	54 acres	\$86,925	\$79,380	\$166,305
To Be Determined (TDB)	TBD	Up to 90 acres	TBD	Up to \$132,300	TBD

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve the amended budget by allocating \$639,450 in DDRPP funding and extending the grant term to December 31, 2026 for six agreements as detailed in this report.

DESCRIPTION

In November 2022 the Conservancy Board approved funding for 64 grants. Due to project-specific conditions, the Conservancy did not enter into three grant agreements. As a result, there was \$504,675 in unallocated grant funds for Water Year (WY) 2022-2023. Conservancy staff identified \$32,903 in unallocated grant funds from WY 2021-2022, and \$102,389 in savings from the UC Davis micrometeorological study. Together this left \$639,967 in unallocated funds.

Conservancy staff consulted the Department of Water Resources, the funding agency for the DDRPP, to discuss options for the remaining funds. Conservancy staff propose to use the unallocated funds to incentivize grantee’s hosting UC Davis research equipment on their property to continue water savings

practices for an additional three water years. By extending the grant term and water savings practices, the UC Davis research team will gather a more robust dataset that will better inform the state and Delta community on the effectiveness of the DDRPP. Conservancy and UC Davis staff worked directly with farmers to pick sites throughout the Delta that represented a variety of water saving practices and different field types. Based on the available funds, Conservancy staff propose offering the participating farmers up to \$490 per acre annually to continue their water saving practices through September 2026. Six sites were identified, but one of those sites is no longer viable, as reflected in the above table identifying the sixth site as To Be Determined. Based on the \$490 per acre price point, the program can enroll up to 90 acres for a sixth site, which would result in up to \$132,300 in additional funds being awarded.

BACKGROUND

The Delta Drought Response Pilot Program is funded through an Interagency Agreement with the Department of Water Resources; originally executed in January 2022 for \$10,000,000 and amended in November 2022 to bring the total program amount to \$21,700,000.

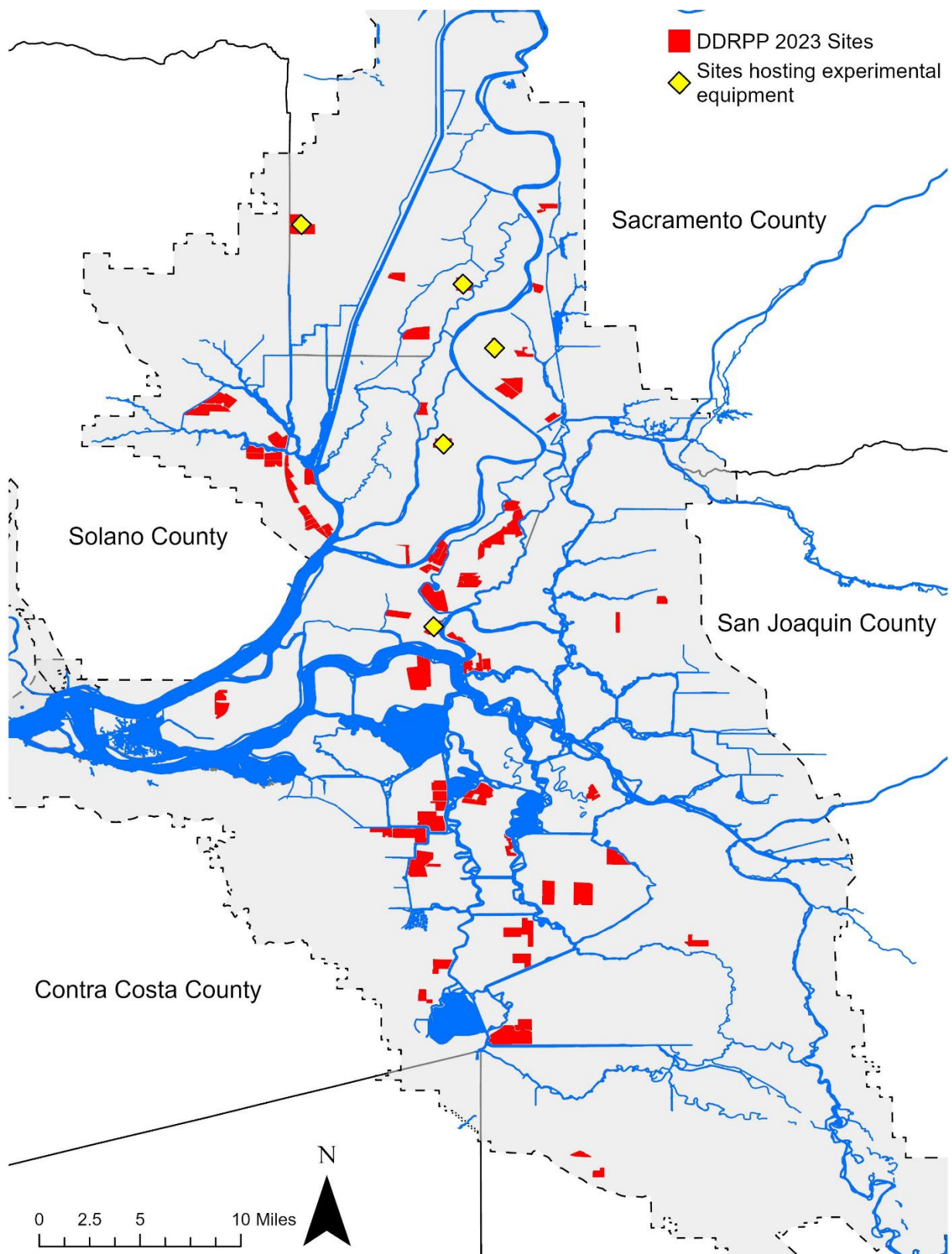
SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move to approve amendments to increase the budget and extend grant terms to December 31, 2026 for the five identified Delta Drought Response Pilot Program grant agreements, with a sixth to be determined, allocating the remaining \$639,450 in DDRPP funding per the table provided in this document.

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FIGURE 1. MAP OF 2023 DELTA DROUGHT RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAM PROJECT AREA WITH SITES HOSTING EXPERIMENTAL EQUIPMENT HIGHLIGHTED





Delta Conservancy 2023 Implementation Plan Status Update Staff Report

This item presents the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy's (Conservancy) progress toward meeting the goals of the 2023 Implementation Plan.

DESCRIPTION

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 2023 Implementation Plan goals and, overall, work is progressing according to the timelines. A summary of progress in achieving 2023 Implementation Plan goals is detailed in Agenda Item 14.2.

BACKGROUND

The [2022-2027 Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan](#) was adopted by the Board in January 2022. 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 2023.

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**Delta Conservancy 2023 Implementation Plan
Status Update**

2023 AT A GLANCE

Project Initiation

- Three projects awarded
- 70 new grant and contract agreements executed

Project Management

- 250 invoices processed
- Eight amendments processed
- Three projects closed out

2023 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATES

Table 1: 2023 Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation (ERCA) Program Strategy Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
The Conservancy will fully utilize the Resource Agency Project Tracking and Report Software (RAPTR) by the end of 2023	Q4	All ERCA Projects have been uploaded into RAPTR. Conservancy staff are serving as first testers of RAPTR proposal process.
The Conservancy will fully implement a grant monitoring procedure	Ongoing	Staff have identified priority areas to create and update procedures.
Staff intends to recommend projects for the remaining \$7.125 million of Climate, Community Access, and Natural Resource Protection (CAR) funds and \$36 million of Nature Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration (NBS: WR) funds	Ongoing	Staff recommended and the Board approved \$6.6 million of CAR funds and \$21 million of NBS: WR through June 30, 2023.

Table 2: Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination Team (DIISCT) 2023 Strategy Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Deliver a Delta Invasive Species Symposium that brings together academics, practitioners, and community members to better understand invasive species in the Delta	Q4	First planning meeting occurred on June 1. Symposium scheduled and on track to occur December 2023.
Continue to identify high-priority research topics to better inform conservation work	Ongoing	Planning to begin updates on DIISCT Research Needs Table in second half of this year.
Utilize the early detection and rapid response framework if new threats emerge	Ongoing	Staff worked with the Delta Stewardship Council and California State University Long Beach to propose a project to advance the EDRR framework. Agreement to support the work was executed between CSULB and DSC in Q2.

Table 3: Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC) 2023 Strategy Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Begin implementing the DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee work plan	Ongoing	Staff and Delta Stewardship Council staff have advanced goals 1 (Provide forums for meaningful community participation in Delta restoration efforts) and 2 (Increase interagency collaboration to streamline restoration implementation) of the workplan through organizing regular subcommittee meetings, holding the first Delta Restoration forum, and inviting representatives from various agencies to present on their work on regulatory efficiencies.
Create and host the first Delta Restoration Forum	Q1	The first Delta Restoration Forum was held at the Conservancy office on February 8, 2023. There were approximately 50 in-person attendees and another 100 virtual attendees.

Table 4: Ecosystem Data Access 2023 Strategy Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Continue to add Conservancy-funded projects to Project Tracker	Ongoing	Staff continue to work with new grantees of restoration implementation projects to enter data into Project Tracker.
Coordinate with regional data managers to identify needed updates to datasets and data collection techniques	Ongoing	Staff participated in estuary-wide meeting of regional data managers in March.

Table 5: Delta Carbon and Subsidence Management 2023 Strategy Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Identify and develop projects that will result in a significant reduction of subsidence and resulting carbon emissions	Ongoing	Board awarded \$21 million for Webb Tract restoration (5,000 acres). Projects in review for Board consideration include 426 acres on Staten Island, 5,000 acres of exiting agriculture to rice, and planning for 600 acres on Bethel Island. All projects are on organic peat soils to stop subsidence and reduce carbon emissions.

Table 6: 2023 Land Ownership, Easements, and Management Strategy Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Be prepared to engage in further exploration of easement requirements if the need arises	Ongoing	Fall 2023

Table 7: Delta Drought Response Pilot Program (DDRPP) 2023 Strategy Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Use water efficiency knowledge gained from 2022 and 2023 DDRPP projects to inform 2024 selections should the program be continued	Q3	Preliminary analysis of enrolled project sites using data collected from OpenET is on track to begin in August 2023. In coordination with UC Davis, six sites have been selected to host micro-meteorological stations; installation is scheduled to be completed by the end of July 2023.
Work with partners to evaluate the efficacy of practices and produce a final report that will share results	Ongoing	The DDRPP Oversight Committee — made up of partners from the Delta Watermaster’s Office, Department of Water Resources, The Nature Conservancy, University of California (UC) at Merced, and UC Cooperative Extension — is meeting regularly to build on the results from last year’s pilot program to refine the 2023 analysis methodology approach. Subcommittees have been formed and each subcommittee will draft a portion of the 2023 final report.

Table 8: Delta Fish Friendly Farming 2023 Strategy Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Certify acres committed to within the grant agreement	Ongoing	Preparations are on track for final certifications to be submitted to the Conservancy and State Water Resources Control Board in January 2024.
Create best management practice plans for farms	Ongoing	The final Technical Advisory Committee meeting took place in April and feedback was provided on draft best management practices. Revisions are currently underway and farm plans are being finalized.

Table 9: 2023 Community Enhancement Grant Program (CEP) Strategic Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Proactively identify and recommend projects that enhance the Delta community especially disadvantaged communities	Ongoing	Staff continue to meet with potential applicants. The Board approved funding for two new projects in March and May, respectively. Staff met with five potential applicants and are expecting several concept proposals in the coming months.
Staff intends to recommend projects for the remaining \$7.125 million of CAR funds	Ongoing	Staff recommended and the Board approved \$6 million in CAR funds for the Delta Aquatic Center of Stockton and the Pittsburg Central Harbor Park.
The Conservancy will fully utilize RAPTR by the end of 2023	Q4	All CEP Projects have been uploaded into RAPTR. Conservancy staff are serving as first testers of RAPTR proposal process.

Table 10: 2023 Delta Marketing Strategic Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Install 11 signs per the Delta Sign Plan	Q2	As of late-June, three signs have been installed and eight more sign locations are planned throughout the Delta along I-5, I-580, Highway 12 and Highway 4.
Continue to raise awareness of Delta tourism and recreational opportunities	Ongoing	Conservancy staff assists in amplifying content that encourages people to visit and learn about the Delta.

Table 11: 2023 Delta Week Strategic Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Expand on Delta Week efforts with a community event that involves other Delta agencies	Q3	Currently engaging with local groups to coordinate event(s).
Create a vision for Delta Week	Q1 and Q2	Developing collateral that expands upon last year’s social media campaign and outreach.

Table 12: 2023 Waterway Cleanup Strategic Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Organize a Delta cleanup that involves local community groups	Q3	Currently engaging with local groups to coordinate event(s).

Table 13: 2023 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Update Disability Advisory Committee bylaws (if needed), set annual goals, and meet quarterly	As Required	The committee is actively working on 2022-2023 goals, including holding informational workshops for staff, an annual review of our office space to ensure physical accessibility, and drafting an internal procedure for creating accessible maps. The committee continues to meet quarterly.
Conduct DEI Working Group meetings to implement the DEI Action Plan	Ongoing	Initial meeting held, committees formed, guidance given to staff.
Continue to engage with agencies and partners for shared learning, best practices, and opportunities to advance equity	Q4	Staff participate in California Natural Resource Agency’s (CNRA) Tribal Liaisons and embedding equity working groups and a Delta Tribal Coordination working group.

Table 14: 2023 Administrative Strategic Goals

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Update processes, procedures, and policies, and create division manuals	Q4	Received the remaining policies from CalHR Legal and will be reviewing them shortly. Staff are creating and updating procedures.
Update Conservancy’s website and ensure accessibility on the website and public-facing documents	Ongoing	The biennial website accessibility certification has been uploaded to the website, and work will continue to ensure that future content meets accessibility standards.
Reorganize the Conservancy’s shared drive	Q4	Emailed Request for Quotes to four companies from Cal eProcure to contract for file management services. Received two responses and will be setting up meetings to discuss options.
Submit administrative and operational reports, plans, and proposals (e.g., State Agency Recycle Campaign (SARC) and State Agency Waste Management Annual Reports, Contracting Activity Report (CAR) and Improvement Plans, Continuity Plan, State Leadership Accountability Act (SLAA) Biannual Implementation Plan, Federal Indirect Cost Rate Proposal, Workforce Plan, Succession Plan, budget building, Bond Accountability Reporting, and human resources.	As Required	SARC, SABRC, SLAA, Workforce Plan, Succession Plan, Bond Accountability Reports, and various HR reports have been submitted. The CAR and Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise Report are due on November 1, 2023, and staff have begun trainings to prepare for completing the report.
Participate in audits (e.g., Department 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	Continue working on the Corrective Action Response for the Prop 1 Bond Audit. Our goal is to submit it by July 31, 2023. The SBP Audit Corrective Action Response was approved on April 7, 2023.

2023 Goals	Timeline	Updates
Increase enrollment in professional development trainings and initiate team-building activities	Ongoing	Scheduled a team building training called Thinking Styles for June 26, 2023, and CPR training for September 18, 2023. Deputy Executive Officer will also facilitate a strength-based leadership training to all staff. Continue to encourage staff to enroll in trainings by sharing opportunities and deadlines. Set up optional luncheons with team-building activities and exercises.
Establish legislative tracking system	Q4	Continuously review CNRA and DSC legislative updates. Identified new Delta legislators and conducted meet-and-greets with four members.



Potential Agenda Items for the October 25, 2023 Board Meeting

Staff is seeking input from the Board regarding additional agenda items for the October 25, 2023 Board meeting.

Potential items include:

- Board Member Ethics Training reminder for 2023
- Consideration of Award of Nature Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration Grants
- Consideration of Amendment to Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Program Agreements
- Consideration of Draft Solicitation Notices for the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Appropriation
- Project site visit

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