

Agenda Item IX

Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program Proposition 1 DRAFT Grant Guidelines

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Proposition 1

- ✓ \$7.5 Billion Water Bond
- ✓ \$25 Million Allocation for SNC
- ✓ Numerous Other Agencies to Receive Proposition 1 Funds for Activities Consistent with SNC Mission

Program Focus

- ✓ \$10 million available to SNC in FYs 2015-16 and 2016-17
- ✓ BJ1 Focus on Forest Health Consistent with Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Plan
- ✓ Direct applicants with other project-types to other Proposition 1 funding sources

Applicants and Limits

Eligible applicants:

- ✓ Public Entities (Excluding Federal)
- ✓ Eligible non-profits
- ✓ Eligible tribal entities

Grant Limits:

- ✓ Category 1 Grants - \$500,000 maximum
- ✓ Category 2 Grants - \$75,000 maximum

BJ2

Eligible Projects

Category 1 Examples

BJ3

- ✓ Fuel treatments to reduce wildfire risks
- ✓ Utilization of biomass resulting from improving forest health
- ✓ Treatments to address forest pests and invasive species
- ✓ Reforestation activities after wildfire
- ✓ Forest management to improve habitat conditions
- ✓ Vegetation treatments to increase carbon sequestration
- ✓ Sustainable utilization of forest products, including saw logs, resulting from activities associated with improving forest health

Eligible Projects

Category 2 Examples

- ✓ Acquiring permits for future on-the-ground project
- ✓ Analysis to complete CEQA and/or NEPA
- ✓ Studies, assessments, and designs for a specific site or physical project
- ✓ Preparing plans for a specific project or a set of projects

Special Notes

- ✓ Emphasizes use of CCC crews when feasible
- ✓ Encourages use of new innovative technology
- ✓ Supports California Water Action Plan
- ✓ Supports California Bioenergy Plan
- ✓ Leverages support from other State agency programs

Key Dates

- ✓ Public Review Period Began – February 10, 2015
- ✓ DRAFT Grant Guidelines to SNC Board – March 5, 2015
- ✓ Three (3) Public Meetings – March 12 (Redding),
March 18 (Auburn), March 19 (Visalia)
- ✓ Deadline for Receiving Public Comments – March 27, 2015
- ✓ Natural Resources Agency Review – April 2015
- ✓ SNC Board Meeting – FINAL Guidelines – June 4, 2015
- ✓ Release of Request for Proposals – July 1, 2015
- ✓ First Applications Due – September 1, 2015

Questions and Comments