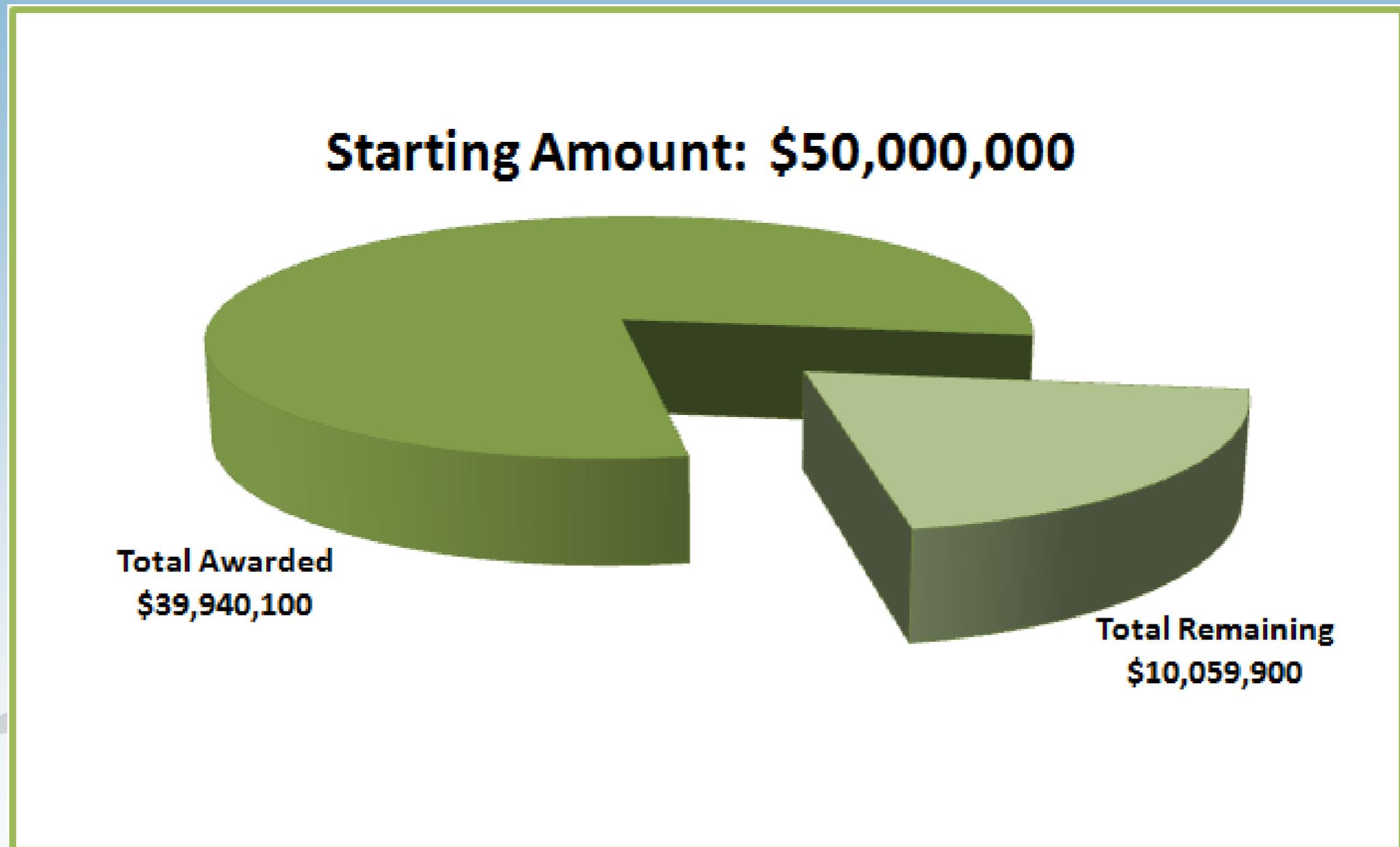


Agenda Item X

Fiscal Year 2011-12 and 2012-13
Grant Program



Grants Awarded To-Date



Summary of Awards by Project Category

Project Category	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Acquisition Projects	27	\$20,642,840
Site Improvement/Restoration Projects	49	\$9,053,497
Other Projects	145	\$10,243,763
Grand Total	221	\$39,940,100

Summary of Awards by Project Purpose

Project Purpose	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Climate Change/Carbon Sequestration	3	\$308,500
Habitat	20	\$7,421,944
Historical/Cultural	3	\$1,254,084
Natural Disaster Risk Reduction (Fire)	35	\$3,224,973
Natural Disaster Risk Reduction (Other)	2	\$152,635
Natural Resource	37	\$4,834,418
Recreation Use/Impact/Access	22	\$2,628,210
Resource Development	3	\$1,290,000
Resource Management	36	\$4,740,221
Water Quality	40	\$7,203,631
Working Landscapes	20	\$6,881,484
Grand Total	221	\$39,940,100

Acquisition Awards by Type

Acquisition Type	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Easement	14	\$10,275,190
Fee Title	13	\$10,367,650
Grand Total	27	\$20,642,840

Policy Level Questions

Should the SNC limit funding to only Category One Acquisition or Site Improvement projects, and discontinue funding of Category Two Pre-Project Due Diligence projects?

Policy Level Questions

- Within Category One (acquisition and site improvement projects) – should we prioritize funding of site improvement projects in one of the following ways?
 - Allocate a predetermined higher percentage of funds to be awarded to site improvement/restoration projects vs. acquisitions?
 - Consider not funding any acquisition projects with the remaining funds?
 - Use additional criteria or weighting of restoration vs. acquisition applications in the evaluation stage?

Policy Level Questions

If we continue funding acquisition projects at some level, should we limit awards to only fee title acquisition vs. conservation easements?

- Should we add or strengthen any specific criteria, such as level of threat of conversion, viability of ongoing agricultural operations, etc., to the evaluation of easement projects?

Staff Proposal

The following slides outline the SNC staff's proposal for modifications to the FY 2011-12 and 2012-13 Proposition 84 Grants Program

Program Duration

- Conduct as a two year program: FY 2011-12 and 2012-13
 - Use the same general guidelines across both years
- Split remaining funds evenly between the two years
- Focus area for each year

Eligible Projects

Limit eligible projects to those in one of the following two draft Strategic Plan Areas of Focus:

- Healthy Forests in FY 2011-12
- Ranching and Agricultural Lands in FY 2012-13

Project Categories

Give priority to high-benefit on-the-ground projects by:

- Focusing Category One projects on restoration and site improvement;
- Funding Category One projects before considering Category Two projects;
- Limiting eligible Category Two projects to compliance and other activities necessary to prepare future site improvement projects; and,
- Considering Phased projects where eligible Category Two preparatory activities are approved, followed by approval of Category One project implementation activities.

Funding Allocations / Subregional Pots

Award funding without a specific or guaranteed allocation by Subregion, however geographic distribution will be considered as part of the evaluation process.

Funding Caps

Limit individual grant awards to smaller amounts:

- Category One Awards: \$5,000 to \$250,000
- Category Two Awards (if allowed): up to \$50,000
- Phased grants (if allowed): \$5,000 to \$250,000

Pre-Application

Require a pre-application as a prerequisite to submitting a full application for the purpose of:

- Enhancing SNC staff assistance in developing competitive projects; and,
- Filtering the number of applicants invited to submit full applications.

Public Comment Results

