

# **Agenda Item XI**

## **FY 2011-12 and 2012-13**

### **Grant Program**



# Prop. 84 To Date

## FUNDS

- \$54 million from Prop. 84 to SNC
- \$30 million – authorized to date
- \$20 million – funds remaining
  - \$10 million this year
  - \$10 million over next two years

## PROCESS

- Competitive application process
- Fund distribution
  - equal Subregional pots
  - separate pot for Region-wide or non-geographic projects
- Initial goal = wide distribution in Region

# Future Grant Program

## SNC Statutory Program Areas

- Tourism & recreation;
- Physical, cultural, archaeological, historical, living resources;
- Working landscapes;
- Natural disaster;
- Water and air quality;
- Regional economy; and,
- Public use and enjoyment of public lands

## Prop 84/GO Bond Requirements

- Prop 84 focus on watershed protection/restoration
- GO Bond restrictions on eligible use of bond dollars, including:
  - a. tangible physical properties and/or infrastructure
  - b. certain equipment and other costs, eg. planning, engineering, project management, design, environmental work, etc.

# Staff Ideas for FY 2011-12+

- 2-year program
  - \$5 million in FY 11-12
  - \$5 million in FY 12-13
- Same guidelines/process both years
- Target funds to two Strategic Plan focus areas:
  - Year 1: Working Landscapes/Agricultural lands
  - Year 2: Healthy Forests/SNFCI
- Fund allocation (each year):
  - \$ 4 million for implementation (up to \$250,000)
  - \$ 1 million for project prep (up to \$50,000)
- Award strategically/programmatically
  - Consider geographic distribution rather than Subregional allocation

# Next Steps

## March 2011 Board Meeting

Present Initial Concepts to Board

Solicit input from stakeholders

Prepare proposal for Board action

## June 2011 Board Meeting

Review/Approve Grant Program Proposal

Revise Grant Guidelines and launch public comment period

Prepare final Guidelines for Board review/approval

## September 2011 Board Meeting

Review/Approve Final Grant Guidelines

Launch application solicitation, including public outreach regarding process/tools

Work with stakeholders and potential applicants on project development