



Agenda Item IX
Proposition 84
Healthy Forest Grant Guidelines

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Proposed Revision Areas

- ✓ Required pre-application
- ✓ Focus Area for eligible projects
- ✓ Prioritization of “on-the-ground” projects
- ✓ Funding limits for Category 1 and 2 grants
- ✓ Evaluation process and criteria
- ✓ No guaranteed allocation by Subregion
- ✓ One set of guidelines for both Category 1 and 2

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Public Comment Summary

- ✓ Re-investment of revenue generated from grant projects
- ✓ Environmental Site Assessments for toxics
- ✓ SNC as CEQA Lead Agency
- ✓ Use of Registered Professional Foresters
- ✓ Preferences in Project Category weighting
- ✓ Preferences in grant amount limits

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Decisions to be Made

Choose one of the following suggested weighting criteria point values to be assigned for Project Category Types:

✓ **Alternative One**

- Site improvement projects (5 points).
- Pre-project activities that ready on-the-ground site improvement projects (2 points).
- Acquisition of conservation easements (1 point).
- Pre-project due-diligence projects that ready the acquisition of conservation easements (0 points).

✓ **Alternative Two**

- Give priority to grant awards in this order:
- Site improvement projects (5 points).
- Pre-project due diligence projects that ready on-the-ground site improvements or the acquisition of conservation easements (2 points).
- Acquisition of conservation easements (0 points).

Staff recommends *Alternative One* be included in the final guidelines to match the four different grant type categories.

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Decisions to be Made

Choose a maximum grant amount for Category One grants:

- ✓ Alternative One \$5,000 to \$250,000, or
- ✓ Alternative Two \$5,000 to \$350,000

Staff recommends Alternative Two to accommodate the broadest range of viable projects.

Grant Application and Award Schedule

GRANT PROGRAM ELEMENTS	Target Date or Duration
RELEASE HEALTHY FOREST GUIDELINES AND GAPS - OPEN RFP	9/26/2011
OFFICIAL PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW PERIOD	9/26/2011 to 10/21/2011
FULL APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT PERIOD	11/16/2011 to 1/23/2012
FULL APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE	1/23/12
FULL APPLICATION REVIEW	1/23/12 to 5/15/12
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO SNC BOARD	6/7/2012

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Staff Recommendation

- ✓ Approve the Final Draft Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grants Guidelines, Fiscal Year 2011-12, and
- ✓ Authorize staff to implement the 2011-12 Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program.