

ACTION ITEMS

Discussion Calendar

OATH OF OFFICE
(Required by Article XX, Constitution of California)

State of California, }
County of Riverside } *ss* *STACY KUHN*

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and Constitution of the State of California; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Signature: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me

Address: _____

1/18/2018

Date

[Signature]
Signature of Authorized Official

President

Title

**FILE THIS OATH OF OFFICE WITH THE COUNTY CLERK PROMPTLY
BEFORE ENTERING UPON DUTIES OF OFFICE.**

**APPLICATION FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
(P.R.C. § 9314; E.C. § 10511)**

EMARCD TEAM RCD
(Name of District)

Pursuant to section 9314 of the California Public Resources Code, no election will be held for the purpose of electing directors to term ending offices. In lieu of election, the governing board has requested that the County Board of Supervisors appoint a qualified candidate from the list of persons who have filed an application.

I, Stacy M Kuhns, hereby declare that I am a qualified applicant for the office of director and that I meet the qualifications as follows: (check the appropriate boxes)

x	1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A registered voter of the state in the county of <u>Riverside</u> and
x	2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Resident landowner within the district or
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Designated agent of _____, Resident Landowner (letter attached)
			<u>42405 Indian Hill Trail, Aguanga, Ca 92536</u> and _____ (Landowner's qualifying address) (Parcel Number)
	3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate Director for the district for 2 years or more

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: November 20 2017 at 42405 Indian Hill Trail, Aguanga, Ca 92536

Stacy M Kuhns
Signature of Applicant

909-633-1705
Telephone Number(s)

42405 Indian Hill Trail, Aguanga, Ca 92536
Residence address of Applicant

Mailing address if different from residence

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

STATEMENT OF Stacy M Kuhns

APPLICANT FOR APPOINTMENT TO DIRECTOR OF: EMARCD
(Name of District)

OCCUPATION Territory Sales Manager AGE
(Optional)

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: (in not more than 200 words, please indicate below what you feel are your qualifications for holding this office and what you hope to contribute to the direction of the Resource Conservation District)

(Please type, or write plainly)

I am honored to be considered for a seat on the board of EMARCD.

With my personal background, I believe in being a good steward and conservation of our natural resources.

My background is agriculture. Dairy industry in the 70's and 80's then to my current employment for the last 24 years at a local family owned feed manufacturer.

I have been involved in the community through a volunteer organization Backcountry Horseman of California. I have been on the executive board for number of years as 2nd VP. I am now in charge of the education side of the organization. Two years ago I became a Master Educator for LNT.Org (national Organization) To teach people the importance of our resources.

I understand being part of a team and how to work together through good communications. I have held many meetings and understand environmental rules and regulations. I have been a leader on many projects through my employment and through my personal commitment with Backcountry Horseman.

Feel free to contact me with any questions, thank you for considering me

Stacy M Kuhns 909-633-1705 stacy@starmilling.com

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM
2.2
(ID # 5922)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 3:

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR CHUCK WASHINGTON: Appointment of Stacy M. Kuhns as a Third District Representative to the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District within Riverside County. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve the appointment of Stacy M. Kuhns as a Third District Representative to the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District within Riverside County.

Council Members:

Stacy M. Kuhns
42405 Indian Hill Trail
Aguanga, CA 92563
909-633-1705

Term of Appointment:

Stacy M. Kuhns appointed to fill an underlying term ending 11/30/2020.

ACTION: Consent


Supervisor Chuck Washington 12/5/2017

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

BACKGROUND/APPOINTEE INFORMATION:

I support the appointment of Stacy M. Kuhns as a Third District Representative to the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District within Riverside County. As a long time resident of Aguanga, Ms. Kuhns has an excellent working knowledge of the conservation district and environmental regulations.

DRAFT LETTER – FVS
HAND-OUT

DRAFT LETTER

FVS



October 31, 2017

Mr. Karl L. Osmundson
HELIX Environmental Planning
7578 El Cajon Boulevard
Suite 200
La Mesa, CA 91942

Mr. Jason Keller
Mission Pacific Land Company
4100 Newport Place, Suite 480
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Re: Funding Agreement for Conservation Easement Management at the Benton Channel for the French Valley South Tentative Tract 30837 Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Osmundson and Mr. Keller:

On October 12, 2017, the Board of Directors of Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District ("TEAM RCD") considered the proposed Funding Agreement, in the form of a Letter dated October 10, 2017, between FVS Partners, LLC ("FVS"), a Delaware limited liability company, and TEAM RCD ("Funding Agreement") regarding FVS' contribution of \$90,000 ("Endowment") to TEAM RCD for its ongoing management within TEAM RCD's existing Conservation Easement in the Benton Channel regarding the above-referenced Project.

Our legal counsel has reviewed the proposed Funding Agreement and requests that FVS include in the Funding Agreement all provisions set forth below. TEAM RCD's acceptance of the Funding Agreement is conditioned on the approval of TEAM RCD's Board of Directors.

1. FVS agrees that TEAM RCD shall not be liable for compliance with any requirements relating to Permit Number SPL-2014-00594-PJB issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") to FVS.
2. FVS agrees that TEAM RCD shall not be liable for compliance with any and all Notifications of Lake or Streambed Alteration Nos. 1600-2015-0106-R6, 1600-2014-

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0129-R6 and 1600-2004-0020-R6 and any and all modifications to such Notifications by FVS to California Department Fish & Wildlife ("CDFW").

3. FVS shall indemnify and hold harmless TEAM RCD, its directors, officials, officers, employees, consultants, subcontractors, volunteers, agents and representatives (hereinafter referred to as "Indemnified Parties") from any liability whatsoever including but not limited to, property damage, bodily injury, or death, based or asserted upon, arising out of or in any way relating to this Funding Agreement. FVS shall defend, at its sole expense, and pay all costs and fees including, but not limited, to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards, on behalf of the Indemnified Parties in any claim or action based upon such liability.
4. FVS shall provide the Endowment in the amount of \$90,000 to TEAM RCD by no later than March 1, 2018. TEAM RCD's performance of its obligations under this Funding Agreement is conditioned on TEAM RCD's receipt of the Endowment by no later than March 1, 2018.
5. TEAM RCD's performance as described in the Scope of Work shall commence on April 1, 2018. TEAM RCD's Scope of Work is defined in and attached to TEAM RCD's Letter dated October 6, 2017, which is incorporated herein by this reference.
6. TEAM RCD agrees to submit its annual report relating to its Scope of Work to the Corps by the 1st of April of each year, commencing on April 1, 2019, at the address set forth below.

To Corps at:

US Army Corps of Engineers
Orange and Riverside Counties Section
1451 Research Park Drive, Suite 100
Riverside, California 92507
Attn: Peggy Bartels

7. TEAM RCD agrees to submit its annual report relating to its Scope of Work to CDFW by the 1st of April of each year, commencing on April 1, 2019, at the address set forth below.

To CDFW at:

California Department Fish and Wildlife
Inland Deserts Region
3602 Inland Empire Blvd., Suite C-220
Ontario, CA 91764
Attn: Jeff Brandt

8. Any notice and communication that either FVS or TEAM RCD is required to give to the other Party pursuant to the Funding Agreement shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the appropriate address set
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Ph: 951-387-8992 ♦ www.TEAMRCD.org

forth below. Either FVS or TEAM RCD may change the name or address to which its notices are sent by delivering written notice to the other Party at the address listed in this Section.

To TEAM RCD at:

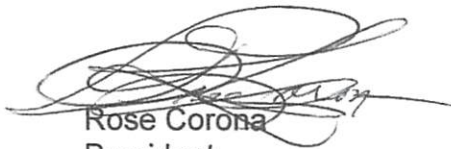
Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta
Resource Conservation District
P.O. Box 2078
Temecula, CA 92593
Attn: Rose Corona, Board President

To FVS at:

<FVS to designate contact info:

9. FVS certifies that each individual signing the Funding Agreement on behalf of FVS has the authority to execute the Funding Agreement on behalf of FVS, and may legally bind FVS to the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement, including any and all attachments to the Funding Agreement and any and all amendments and/or addendums to the Funding Agreement.
10. This Funding Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any legal action related to the performance or interpretation of this Funding Agreement shall be filed only in the Superior Court of the State of California located in Riverside, California, and the parties waive any provisions of law providing for a change of venue to another location. In the event any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.
11. This Funding Agreement, including any attachments, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous representations, proposals, discussions and communications, whether oral or in writing. This Funding Agreement may be changed or modified only by the written amendment signed by both FVS and TEAM RCD.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.



Rose Corona
President

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

TEAM RCD STRATEGIC PLAN

TEAM RCD

2018-2022 Strategic Plan

Introduction

TEAM RCD is a public agency organized under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code and authorized to provide conservation work within its boundaries. TEAM has the legal authority to cooperate with the United States, the State of California, counties, cities, public districts, other resource conservation districts, persons, associations, and corporations. With the consent of the owner, TEAM also has the authority to construct on privately- or publicly-owned lands necessary work for the prevention and control of soil erosion and water conservation. The expenditure of public funds for planning, designing, or implementing resource conservation work constitutes expenditure for the general public benefit.

The RCD was organized to provide a number of services, including soil, water, and related resource conservation and restoration and technical assistance in open space, agricultural areas, urbanized areas, wildlife habitats, and recreational developments. The district is managed by non-paid volunteer directors who are landowners in the district and who have an understanding of local concerns.

The Elsinore Murrieta Anza Resource Conservation District was organized in June 1949, by special election called for by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, to the State Soil Conservation Commission, by private landowners. The district is currently called Temecula-Anza-Elsinore-Murrieta (TEAM) RCD. The district boundary encompasses a service area of 505,000 acres (789 square miles) in western Riverside County, including the communities of Elsinore, Murrieta, Wildomar, Temecula and Anza, and the Santa Margarita and Santa Ana watersheds.

2018-2022 Strategic Plan

TEAM RCD has adopted a strategic plan to guide the work and the investments of resources of the organization over the next five years. The plan has two elements: the Strategic Direction and the Five-Year-Plan.

The **Strategic Direction** includes the organization's vision of success, its mission statement, the goals it wants to achieve over the next five years, and the strategies it will use to accomplish its goals. TEAM RCD has defined two broad goals:

- Increase the reach and influence of TEAM RCD
- Increase the impact and sustainability of TEAM RCD

The **Five-Year-Plan** identifies the specific activities that staff and board members will undertake each year over the life of the strategic plan, and identifies success measures TEAM RCD will use to assess its progress toward goals.

Vision and Mission

It is the vision of TEAM to be Relevant, Excellent, and Visible, a "go-to" hub for natural resource conservation and agriculture on public and private lands in its service area. TEAM RCD serves as an important local infrastructure that will provide high-quality, relevant service to its communities by:

- Providing meaningful, quantifiable conservation benefits to the district's natural resources through high quality, timely, and applied scientific programs on the ground.
- Upholding excellent operational management through having appropriate technical capacity and retaining quality key staff.
- Serving as critical partners in an active agricultural and local natural resource network
- Serving as a reputable education and information source on natural resource conservation.

Vision: It is the vision of TEAM RCD to grow into a full-capacity organization that can serve as a strong advocate, technical resource, and partner to public and private landowners in their service area, including strategic partnerships with private and public agencies and organizations

Mission: TEAM RCD promotes the conservation of soil, water and other natural resources through cooperation with landowners, local, state and federal agencies, the agricultural community, conservation and community groups. It is our continued mission to provide leadership and education to all residents of the district to insure quality of life, economic benefits and encouragement to conserve our natural resources for tomorrow's generations.

Values and Beliefs of Team RCD

TEAM RCD is at the forefront helping landowners, agencies and organizations solve their service areas most pressing conservation and agricultural challenges.

- Conservation and stewardship of agricultural and natural resources have significant environmental, economic and societal value, and TEAM RCD plays a critical role in these efforts.
- Voluntary, locally-led conservation is an effective and efficient strategy.
- Locally led conservation requires good relationships with and among local communities, landowners and partners; TEAM RCD should be the best entities to make these connections.
- TEAM RCD needs resources to realize its core values, create resource conservation benefits, and support agriculture in their service area.
- There is greater impact working collectively than working alone.
- Decision-makers who are educated about natural resources, agriculture, and the important role of TEAM RCD make better decisions.



- Landowners, RCDs, and partners require responsive, innovative, transparent support that meets their needs and addresses today's environmental challenges. TEAM RCD believes in and supports a diversity of participation and ideas that are essential for effective resource conservation and agriculture in their service area.

In order to fulfill our vision, mission and values, TEAM RCD will implement the following goals and strategies:

Goals and Strategies

Program Goals

1. Increase the reach and influence of TEAM RCD
 - a. Foster collaborations and information sharing among partners
 - b. Build public and government support and understanding for the work of TEAM RCD
 - c. Build awareness and backing for resource conservation in TEAM RCD service area

Organizational Goals

2. Increase the impact and sustainability of TEAM RCD
 - a. Develop significant, sustainable revenue streams
 - b. Develop a strong team within the organization
 - c. Develop business plans, systems, and infrastructure to support the organization

Benchmarks

Driven by the strategic plan, the following benchmarks will be used to evaluate TEAM RCD performance.

1. INCREASE THE REACH AND INFLUENCE OF TEAM RCD
 - a. Foster collaboration and information sharing among partners

Long-term Outcome: TEAM RCD has strategic partnerships with public agencies and private organizations.

One-Year Benchmarks

- i. Existing, signed MOUs and Working Agreements
 - Mission RCD
 - Antelope Valley RCD
 - Inland Empire RCD
 - Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA)
 - Riverside-Corona RCD
 - Riverside Conservation Authority
 - Rivers and Land Conservancy (pending)



ii. Potential new Contract

- Riverside County Flood Control District

Three-Year Benchmarks

- i. Signed MOUs and working agreements with ten strategic partners

Five-Year Benchmarks

- i. Signed MOUs and working agreements with twelve strategic partners

b. Build public support and understanding for the work of TEAM RCD

Long-term Outcome: Residents in the service area know and support TEAM RCD

One-Year Benchmarks

- i. Create a consistent process of education on policies, procedures, and general information regarding TEAM RCD and its history for all current directors and associate directors to enable them to speak confidently to potential clients, organizations, governmental agencies, and residents about TEAM RCD, its services and its goals.

Three-Year Benchmarks

- i. Program materials from projects for public dissemination

Five-Year Benchmarks

- i. Events at successful projects (for friend-raising and fundraising purposes)

c. Build awareness and backing for resource conservation in TEAM RCD service area.

Long-term Outcome: Public understand the benefits of resource conservation to the quality of their lives.

One-Year Benchmarks

- i. No specific benchmarks for year one, as TEAM concentrates its limited resources in building a sustainable business. It will revisit benchmarks for this Program Goal after year one of this plan.

Three-Year Benchmarks

- i. To be determined

Five-Year Benchmarks

- i. To be determined

2. GROW THE CAPACITY OF TEAM RCD

a. Develop significant, sustainable revenue streams

Long-term Outcome: Revenue for TEAM has met the operations and program requirements of the strategic plan



One-Year Benchmarks

- i. Continue existing programs with Rancho California Water District–\$33,000
- ii. Establish a program with Riverside County Flood Control District–\$20,000 (est.)
- iii. Strengthen the purpose and management of Endowment Funds for current and future conservation easements.
- iv. Decide purpose and management of past mitigation funds and owned lands.

Three-Year Benchmarks

- i. Revenue from projects–\$50,000

Five-Year Benchmarks

- i. Revenue from projects–\$75,000
- b. Develop a strong team within the organization

Long-term Outcome: TEAM has built and supported a professional staff and Board of Directors that can meet the goals and vision of the board and fulfill its strategic plan.

One-Year Benchmarks

- i. Board Development
 - Clarification on the Brown Act
- ii. Add two Associate Board Members
- iii. Part-time administrative support (create job description and hire)

Three-Year Benchmarks

- i. Full-time Administrative Assistant

Five-Year Benchmarks

- i. Full-time Administrative Assistant
- ii. Full-time District Manager (create job description and hire)
- c. Develop plans, systems, and infrastructure to support the organization

Long-term Outcome: TEAM's programs, systems and plans build and maintain its efficiency, effectiveness and accountability

One-Year Benchmark

- i. Complete Tier 1 accreditation with CA Department of Conservation (DOC)
- ii. Create and implement cloud infrastructure for TEAM RCD documents
- iii. Set up, improve and re-style website to provide more informative, creative presentation of TEAM RCD goals and work
- iv. Monitor progress against strategic plan goals and benchmarks



Three-Year Benchmarks

- i. Complete Tier 2 accreditation with DOC
- ii. Website review/revision
- iii. Monitor/update strategic plan

Five-Year Benchmark

- i. Complete Tier 3 accreditation with DOC
- ii. Website review/revision
- iii. Monitor/update strategic plan



TEAM RCD 2018 Work Plan

1. INCREASE THE REACH AND INFLUENCE OF TEAM RCD

- a. Foster collaboration and information sharing among partners
 - i. Existing, signed MOUs and Working Agreements
 - Mission RCD
 - Antelope Valley RCD
 - Inland Empire RCD
 - Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA)
 - Riverside-Corona RCD
 - Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)
 - Rivers and Land Conservancy (pending)
 - ii. Potential new Contract
 - Riverside County Flood Control District
- b. Build public support and understanding for the work of TEAM RCD
 - i. Create a consistent process of education on policies, procedures, and general information regarding TEAM RCD and its history for all current directors and associate directors to enable them to speak confidently to potential clients, organizations, governmental agencies, and residents about TEAM RCD, its services, and its goals.
- c. Build awareness and backing for resource conservation in TEAM RCD's service area
 - i. NA for 2018 (see strategic plan)

2. GROW THE CAPACITY OF TEAM RCD

- a. Develop significant, sustainable revenue streams
 - i. Continue existing programs with Rancho California Water District—\$33,000
 - ii. Establish a program with Riverside County Flood Control District—\$20,000
 - iii. Strengthen the purpose and management of Endowment Funds for current and future conservation easements
 - iv. Decide purpose and management of past mitigation funds and owned lands
- b. Develop a strong team within the organization
 - i. Board development—clarification of the Brown Act
 - ii. Add two associate Board members
 - iii. Part time administrative support (establish job description and hire)
- c. Develop plans, systems, and infrastructure to support the organization

- i. Complete Tier 1 accreditation with CA Department of Conservation (DOC)
- ii. Create and implement cloud infrastructure for TEAM RCD documents
- iii. Set up, improve and re-style website to provide more informative, creative presentation of TEAM RCD goals and work
- iv. Monitor progress against strategic plan goals and benchmarks



		TEAM RCD 2018-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN		
GOAL 1. INCREASE THE REACH AND INFLUENCE OF TEAM RCD				
	Sub-strategies	Year One-2018	Year Three-2020	Year Five-2022
Strategy A. Foster collaboration and information sharing among partners	MOUs, Working Agreements & Contracts	6 Existing/Pending MOUs and 1 potential project contract	10 MOUs	12 MOUs
Strategy B. Build public support and understanding for the work of TEAM RCD	Education/Outreach	Education process for Board & Associates on workings and importance of TEAM RCD, its services and goals	Create program materials from projects for public declination	Events at successful projects for friendraising and fundraising
Strategy C. Build awareness and backing for resource conservation in service area	Communications	No specific benchmark. Will revisit after year one.	To be determined	To be determined
GOAL 2. GROW THE CAPACITY OF TEAM RCD				
Strategy A. Develop significant, sustainable revenue streams	Project Income	Rancho CA Water District-\$33,000	Revenue from Projects-\$50,000	Revenue from Projects-\$75,000
		Establish program with Riverside County Flood Control District-\$20,000 (estimate)		
	Working funds	Endowment Funds management and purpose policies	To be determined	To be determined
		Decide purpose and management of mitigation funds and fee lands	To be determined	To be determined
Strategy B. Develop a strong team	Board development	Clarification of Brown Act	To be determined	To be determined
		2 new Associate Board members	To be determined	To be determined
	Staff	Part-time administrative support	Full-time Administrative Assistant	Full-time Administrative Assistant
Strategy C. Develop plans, systems, and infrastructure	Technology	Create/implement cloud infrastructure for documents	To be determined	To be determined
		Set up, improve and re-style website to provide more informative, creative presentation of TEAM RCD goals and work	Website review/revision	Website review/revision
	Planning	Complete Tier 1 accreditation	Complete Tier 2 accreditation	Complete Tier 3 accreditations
		Monitor progress against strategic plan goals and benchmarks	Monitor/update strategic plan	Monitor/update strategic plan

POTENTIAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY COLLABORATIONS

Subject **FW: Opportunities For Watershed Organizations
To Gather Needed Information On The Homeless**



From Judy Mitchell <judy@missionrcd.org>
To 'rose. corona' <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Date 2017-12-11 14:18

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From: lyris@swrcb18.waterboards.ca.gov
[mailto:lyris@swrcb18.waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Judith Mitchell
Subject: Opportunities For Watershed Organizations To Gather Needed
Information On The Homeless

California Water Quality Monitoring Council
<[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/images/cwqmc_lo
go.jpg](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/images/cwqmc_logo.jpg)> California Water Quality Monitoring Council

Opportunities For Watershed Organizations To Gather Needed Information On
The Homeless.

Many unsheltered people live along the California's rivers and their
tributaries. Their presence is often treated as a water quality and flood
risk, impacts to public access and recreation, and habitat degradation.
Homelessness is a pressing social challenge that requires the attention of
the entire community.

Opportunities exist for strengthened collaborations between homeless service
providers, watershed organizations and other water sector members. This is
particularly true in light of California's Human Right to Water, which
recognizes that "every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable,
and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary
purposes."

During the 2018 Point-In-Time Count (PIT) it may be possible for your
organization to partner with a county social service agency. Due to your
knowledge of a local waterbody, your organization could collect valuable
information. Contact your local social service agency for collaborative
opportunities where your staff would be properly trained and escorted during
the PIT by a local law enforcement officer.

Point-In-Time Count (PIT)

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered
homeless persons on a single night in January. Each count is planned,
coordinated, and carried out locally.

www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/guides/pit-hic/#general-pit-guides-and-too

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Homelessness Data Exchange website

<http://www.hudhdx.info/>

Find a county social services office

www.cdss.ca.gov/County-Offices

Human Right to Water Web Portal

This website serves as web portal to help the public find information related to efforts to address the state's drinking water safety and affordability issues.

www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/hr2w/

Crowdsourcing Drinking Fountain Information

WeTap improves awareness, access and use of public drinking fountains, reducing dependence on single-use plastic, while improving public health. Use the WeTap App to map a drinking fountain that you've found in order to share it with others. <http://wetap.org/>

Erick Burres

Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

Clean Water Team - Citizen Monitoring Coordinator

CWQMCN: Facilitator

Safe-to-Swim Work Group: Co-Facilitator

Clean Water Team c/o LARWQCB

320 West 4th Street, Suite 200

Los Angeles, CA 90013

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eburres@waterboards.ca.gov

Clean Water Team

www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cwt_volunteer.shtml

www.youtube.com/cleanwaterteamvideos

<http://creekwatch.researchlabs.ibm.com/>

California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network

www.waterboards.ca.gov/mywaterquality/monitoring_council/collaboration_network/index.shtml

www.youtube.ca.gov/CWQMCN

Safe-to-Swim

www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/

www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/swim_workgroup/

Email Subscriptions

www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/

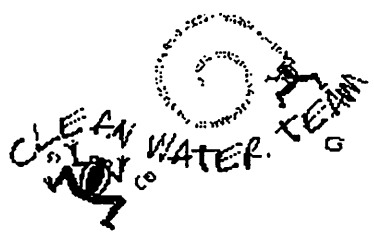
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Subject **[CARCD Updates] 2017 Proposition 1 Grant Awards Announced**
From Karen Buhr <CARCD_Updates@carcd.memberclicks.net>
Sender <CARCD_Updates@carcd.memberclicks.net>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <karen-buhr@carcd.org>
Date 2017-12-07 08:32



Congratulations to Gold Ridge and Western Shasta RCDs!!

Keep up the good work!!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **CDFW Grants** <watershedgrants@wildlife.ca.gov>
Date: Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 1:12 PM
Subject: 2017 Proposition 1 Grant Awards Announced
To: karen-buhr@carcd.org



CDFW Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Programs



Proposition 1 Awards Announced

CDFW today announced the award of \$39.7 Million to fund 39 ecosystem and watershed restoration projects under its Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Programs.

CDFW received 116 proposals requesting more than \$164 million in funding in response to its 2017 solicitation for proposals.

See the the press release for details and a list of the awarded projects.

CDFW Watershed Restoration Grants Branch
1416 9th Street, 12th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814
(916) 445-0411

CDFW Grants, 1416 9th Street, 12th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

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Thanks,
Karen Buhr
Executive Director
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
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Subject **[Funding Opportunity] Funding available for watershed project proposals submitted to Reclamation**



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Hi everyone,

The Bureau of Reclamation has announced its 2018 funding opportunity for Phase I of the Cooperative Watershed Management Program.

This would be a great opportunity to pursue if you are looking to fund watershed-related work, like forming a watershed group, completing watershed restoration planning activities, or designing watershed management projects.

Proposals are due January 31, 2018. To view this funding opportunity, please visit www.grants.gov and search for funding opportunity number BOR-DO-18-F005.

Thank you,

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Cooperative Watershed Management Program

The Cooperative Watershed Management Program (CWMP) contributes to the WaterSMART strategy by providing funding to watershed groups to encourage diverse stakeholders to form local solutions to address their water management needs. By providing this funding, Reclamation is promoting the sustainable use of water resources and improving the ecological resilience of rivers and streams using collaborative conservation efforts. Funding is provided on a competitive basis for:

Development of Watershed Groups: In 2012, Reclamation began providing funding for the establishment or further development of watershed groups (Phase I). A watershed group is a self-sustaining, non-regulatory, consensus-based group that is composed of a diverse array of stakeholders, which may include, but is not limited to, private property owners, non-profit organizations, Federal, State, or local agencies, and Tribes. As part of Phase I activities, applicants may use funding to develop bylaws, a mission statement, watershed management project concepts, and a watershed restoration plan. For Phase I projects, Reclamation will award a successful applicant up to \$50,000 per year for a period of up to two years with no non-Federal cost-share required.

Implementation of Watershed Management Projects: Starting in 2017, Reclamation will

provide cost-shared financial assistance to watershed groups to implement watershed management projects (Phase II). These on-the-ground projects, collaboratively developed by members of a watershed group, will address critical water supply needs, water quality, and ecological resilience, helping water users meet competing demands and avoid conflicts over water. Program criteria will prioritize projects that contribute to the ecological resilience of the watershed. Reclamation will award up to \$100,000 per project over a two-year period. For Phase II projects, applicants must contribute at least 50% of the total project costs.

Announcements

Bureau of Reclamation Announces WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Funding Opportunity for 2018

(Nov. 15, 2017) - The Bureau of Reclamation has announced its 2018 funding opportunity for Phase I of the Cooperative Watershed Management Program. This funding opportunity is seeking proposals for activities to develop a watershed group, complete watershed restoration planning activities, and to design watershed management projects. [Read More →](#)

[Funding Opportunity at Grants.gov](#)

Bureau of Reclamation Awards \$664,754 for WaterSMART Watershed Management Projects in Five States

(June 21, 2017) - Bureau of Reclamation Acting Commissioner Alan Mikkelsen announced that Reclamation has awarded \$664,754 to seven entities to implement watershed management projects. The funding will be used for projects that enhance water conservation, improve water quality and ecological resilience, reduce water conflicts, and advance goals related to water quality and quantity. [Read More →](#)

CURRENT STATUS

The fiscal year 2018 Funding Opportunity for the Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grants is now available. It closes on January 31, 2018.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Phase I: Cooperative Watershed Management Program Evaluation Criteria

Phase II: Cooperative Watershed Management Program Evaluation Criteria

PROPOSED CALENDAR

November 2017

- Nov. 15: Phase I Funding Opportunity Available

January 2018

- Jan 31: Phase I Funding Opportunity Grant Applications Due

September 2018

- Phase I All Grants Awarded

NEWS RELEASES

Nov. 15, 2017

Bureau of Reclamation Announces WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Funding Opportunity for 2018

June 21, 2017

Bureau of Reclamation Awards \$664,754 for WaterSMART Watershed Management Projects in Five States

Dec 15, 2016

WaterSMART Funding Opportunity Available from Bureau of Reclamation for On-the-Ground Watershed Management Projects

Sept 27, 2016

Reclamation Seeks Comments on Draft Criteria for Three WaterSMART Funding Opportunities

June 27, 2016

Eleven Organizations to Establish or Further Develop Cooperative Watershed Management Groups in the West

March 1, 2016

Funding Opportunity Available to Establish or Further Develop Watershed Groups from Bureau of Reclamation

Last Updated: 11/15/17

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Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program 2018 Request for Proposals

Full Proposal Due Date: **Wednesday, January 31, 2018 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time**

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC), in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), USDA Forest Service (USFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), FedEx and Southern Company are pleased to solicit applications for the 2018 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration program. The Five Star and Urban Waters program will award approximately \$2 million in grants nationwide.

The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support.

Projects include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. Ecological improvements may include one or more of the following: wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation, community tree canopy enhancement, water quality monitoring and stormwater management. Projects should also increase access to the benefits of

nature, reduce the impact of environmental hazards and engage local communities, particularly underserved communities, in project planning, outreach and implementation.

This program expects that applicants will represent a mixture of urban and rural communities. NFWF may use a mix of public and private funding sources to support any grant made through this program.

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

Geographic focus depends on funding available from the funding partners. Grants for this program are available nationwide, but additional funding is available for the geographic priorities listed in the Funding Availability section of this RFP.

PROGRAM PRIORITIES

Proposals should address at least one bullet under each of the five following bolded priorities.

On-the-Ground Restoration

Must restore and/or create wetlands, coastal or riparian areas

- Address key species and habitats and link directly to established watershed and conservation plans
- Manage stormwater, address water scarcity and protect drinking water by designing and/or implementing green infrastructure best management practices¹ which demonstrate the linkage between restoration and stormwater management and the quality, quantity and safety of local water and waterways
- Collect and analyze local waterway samples that could be used to determine the effectiveness of current stream/wetland restoration and green infrastructure efforts and inform future planning and decision-making
- Develop/implement trash and litter prevention programs designed to keep urban waterways and riverfronts clean

Environmental Outreach, Education & Training

Must integrate meaningful outreach, education and/or training into the proposed on-the-ground activities that advance local watershed and conservation goals

- Engage the public – particularly youth – in hands-on, outdoor conservation experiences that build awareness of the importance of protecting and recovering priority species and habitats and promote stewardship
- Engage communities in restoration at public areas – such as schools, parks, birding trails and more – for public health and recreation
- Establish or advance a citizen science or water quality monitoring program that involves community members and/or addresses community water quality priorities²
- Improve citizen understanding of damaging trash and litter impacts in local waterways that affect

community health and local economies

Community Partnerships

Must involve five or more partners (public and private entities) including the applicant

- Directly engage a diverse group of community partners to achieve ecological and specific educational outcomes including partnerships among upstream and downstream communities
- Demonstrate that the project will advance existing local watershed or conservation plans and/or propose to foster and coordinate a diverse stakeholder partnership that develops and/or implements new plans

Measurable Results

Must result in specific, measurable ecological, educational and community benefits

- Identify measurable activities and metrics which clearly link to watershed and community outcomes
- Document a high level of community engagement to support fish and wildlife habitat, urban forestry, water quality-related recreational activities and improve understanding across diverse audiences of how fish and wildlife conservation, clean water and healthy forests contribute to community wellbeing

Sustainability

Must include a plan for maintenance and care of the project beyond the grant period

- Reflect a commitment to community strength and long-term capacity to remain engaged as partners
- Address any priority and/or at-risk species, habitats or conservation actions identified in State Wildlife Action Plans or other recovery or conservation plans
- Directly connect outcomes to community benefits of watershed restoration such as clean water, public health benefits, local economic development and jobs
- Fulfill or advance priorities identified through local planning efforts, including watershed and sustainability plans

PROJECT METRICS

To better gauge progress on individual grants and to ensure greater consistency of project data provided by multiple grants, the Five Star and Urban Waters program has a list of metrics in Easygrants for grantees to choose from for reporting. We ask that applicants select only the most relevant metrics from this list for their project (all possible program metrics are shown in the table below). If you do not believe an applicable metric has been provided, please contact Danny Bowater at Daniel.Bowater@nfwf.org to discuss acceptable alternatives.

Project Activity	Recommended Metric	Additional Guidance
Land, wetland restoration	# Acres restored	Provide # and type of habitat restored. If different types

		habitat restored, provide # acres for each individual type including wetlands, spring saltwater marshes and beach habitat
Removal of invasives	# Acres restored Provide	# acres restored and type of invasives removed
Restoration planning/design /permitting	# Acres restored	Provide # acres impacted directly by plan
Riparian restoration	# Miles restored	Provide # miles riverbank planted (decimals are acceptable)
Land, wetland restoration	# Trees planted	Identify the type of tree(s) planted, approximate age caliper of the trees
Best Management Practices implementation for livestock fencing	# Miles of fencing installed	Provide # miles fencing installed
Best Management Practices implementation for stormwater runoff	# Acres with Best Management Practices	Provide # acres implemented with Best Management Practices including the type of green infrastructure being implemented
Best Management Practices implementation for stormwater runoff	Volume of stormwater prevented	Provide volume of stormwater captured by green infrastructure practices including Best Management Practices for stormwater management
Improved management practices	# Acres under improved management	Provide # acres under improved management including Best Management Practices for nutrient and sediment reduction
Building institutional capacity	# of organizations contributing to project goals	Provide # partner organizations

Economic benefits	# jobs sustained	Provide # jobs continued & sustained through grant project
Economic benefits	# jobs created	Provide number of individuals hired by organization or contractor directly working on project (non-volunteers)
Outreach/ Education/ Technical Assistance	# people reached	Provide total # of people reached including volunteers and teachers
Outreach/ Education/ Technical Assistance	# teachers reached	Provide # of teachers reached through teacher training activities
Volunteer participation	# volunteers participating	Provide number of community members directly volunteering in project. If volunteers include youth (to age 18) or veterans, specify # youth or # veterans.
Monitoring	# streams/sites being monitored	Identify the number of sites that will be monitored as part of the project
Other	#lbs of trash or debris removed or prevented from entering waterways	Provide lbs of trash or debris removed from waterways or other restoration sites or expected amount prevented from entering waterways specify removal or prevention.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible and Ineligible Entities

- Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes and educational institutions
- Ineligible applicants include: unincorporated individuals, businesses, international organizations, state

government agencies and U.S. federal government agencies

Ineligible Uses of Grant Funds

- NFWF funds and matching contributions may not be used to support political advocacy, fundraising, lobbying, litigation, terrorist activities or Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations.
- NFWF funds may not be used to support ongoing efforts to comply with legal requirements, including permit conditions, mitigation and settlement agreements. However, grant funds may be used to support projects that enhance or improve upon existing baseline compliance efforts.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Approximately \$2,000,000 is available nationwide for projects meeting program priorities. There is one round of full proposals annually for this program. Awards range from \$20,000 to \$50,000 with an average size of \$30,000 and 40-50 grants awarded per year. Grants should span 12 to 18 months in length with a start date in July 2018. Applications requesting more than \$30,000 should propose projects longer than twelve months.

There is one application submitted to NFWF for all sources of funding. A detailed list of funders is provided to identify areas of the country where additional funds are available and to provide information on any funder-specific recommendations that applicants should include in proposals.

U.S. EPA Five Star Restoration Training Program

Funding Available:

Approximately \$215,000 is available nationwide from EPA to fund projects. These funds are available nationwide, in any size community.

Urban Waters Federal Partnership, U.S. EPA and U.S.F.S. Urban Forestry

Funding Available:

Approximately \$450,000 is available from U.S. Forest Service and EPA, through the Urban Waters Federal Partnership, to improve urban water quality, restore riparian habitat and urban forests, increase public access to urban waterways and make linkages to municipal stormwater programs in developed watersheds throughout the United States. Funds are available nationwide for urban areas.

Special consideration will be made for projects which directly advance priorities of the Urban Waters Federal Partnership designated locations and/or are in designated source water protection areas. Applicants for this special consideration are strongly encouraged to note in the abstract and narrative in which Urban Waters Federal Partnership designated location and/or designated source water protection area the project will be located. Please refer to these links to identify those areas:

- To view Urban Waters Federal Partnership designated locations: http://geoplatform3.epa.gov/FiveStar_UWRG_2016/
- To view watersheds critical to sources of drinking water, please reach out to your state drinking water program office or visit the "Source Water Protection for Urban Waters" web map: <http://epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=33c34751aa984b21809055b4c3317c75>

U.S. FWS Urban Programs

Funding Available:

Approximately \$230,000 is available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to fund projects that engage urban neighbors and foster a sense of stewardship where there are Service lands or offices nearby (within approximately 25+/- miles). These funds come from the National Wildlife Refuge System to engage communities in conservation on easily-accessible lands that the Service does not own. Proposals should demonstrate how the project will meet at least one of the Urban Standards of Excellence (located at <http://fws.gov/urban>).

- \$180,000 of these funds comes from the National Wildlife Refuge System FWS Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnerships to engage communities in conservation on easily-accessible lands that the Service does not own. Proposals should demonstrate how the project will meet at least one of the Urban Standards of Excellence for Urban Wildlife Refuges and Partnerships (located at <http://fws.gov/urban>).
- \$50,000 of these funds comes from the Urban Bird Treaty program and projects should have an emphasis on protecting, restoring and enhancing urban habitats for birds, reducing urban hazards to birds such as through bird-safe building programs while engaging people, especially diverse and youth audiences, in conservation, recreation and citizen science activities. Projects supported with this funding do not have to be located in an existing Urban Bird Treaty city but eligible grantee/partners must agree to work toward designation if funded.

Southern Company Five Star Restoration Program

Funding Available:

Approximately \$300,000 is available from Southern Company and its affiliates to support on-the-ground wetland, riparian, in-stream or coastal habitat conservation and restoration projects in key areas served by its subsidiaries. Priority given to projects that address at-risk species and habitats and engage the public – particularly youth – in hands-on, outdoor conservation experiences that build awareness of the importance of protecting and recovering priority species and habitats.

Geographic Priorities:

Southern Company will support high quality projects in the following states:

- **Alabama** (excluding Lauderdale, Colbert, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, Jackson DeKalb counties)
- **Florida Panhandle** (west of the Apalachicola River)
- **Georgia** (excluding Union, Fannin and Towns counties)
- **Illinois** Will, Kendall, DuPage and Kane
- **Mississippi** (including the following counties, north to south: Leake, Neshoba, Kemper, Scott, Newto Lauderdale, Smith, Jasper, Clarke, Jefferson Davis, Covington, Jones, Wayne, Marion, Lamar, Forrest, Perry, Greene, George, Stone, Pearl River, Hancock, Harrison and Jackson.)
- **Nevada** Clark County
- **Oklahoma** Grant County

FedEx:

Funding Available:

Approximately \$412,500 is available from FedEx to support urban conservation and restoration. All proposals in these areas must propose a volunteer event for up to 100 local FedEx employees in the project narrative to be considered for funding under this funding source.

Geographic Priorities:

These funds will support projects in any of the following metropolitan areas:

Boston, MA	Los Angeles, CA	San Francisco/Oakland, CA
Chicago, IL	Memphis, TN	Seattle, WA
Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX	Washington, DC	Northern NJ/New York, NY
Indianapolis, IN	Pittsburgh, PA	Miami, FL
Colorado Springs, CO	Philadelphia, PA	Harrison, AR
Phoenix, AZ	Cleveland, OH	Atlanta, GA
Portland, OR	Lakeland, FL	New Berlin, WI
Akron/Uniontown, OH		

Additional Private Foundation Support

Funding Available:

Approximately \$420,000 is available from private foundation funding to support projects in the seven states listed below. Grant recipients should include detailed information on the support of non-game animal

species and habitat through grant activities in their proposal, specifically as these habitats related to underserved human communities including tribal communities and the sustained protection of wild animal species and their habitats.

Geographic Priorities:

This funding will support high quality projects in the following states:

Alaska	Idaho	Washington
Montana	North Dakota	
Wisconsin	Minnesota	

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

The ratio of matching contributions offered is considered during the review process, and projects are required to meet or exceed a 1:1 match ratio to be competitive. Matching contributions must be non-federal in nature and may include in-kind contributions of staff and volunteer time, work performed, materials and services donated, cash or other tangible contributions to the project objectives and outcomes. The cost of recent land acquisition or easement may also qualify as match for a project involving work at the acquired site.

Additionally, partner contributions can serve as matching contributions and grantees for this grant program commonly use a large amount of in-kind matching contributions to reach this threshold by utilizing their community partnerships to generate match. **Applicants are highly encouraged to contact NFWF for assistance in determining what qualifies as in-kind or any other matching contributions.**

In addition, if not paid with requested grant funding, indirect costs may be applied as match by an applicant with a federally approved indirect rate (more information about using indirect costs as match can be found [here](#)).

To be eligible, matching contributions typically must be:

- Not paid by the Federal government under another Federal award
- Verifiable from the grantee's records
- Not included as contributions for any other award
- Necessary and reasonable for accomplishment of project or program objectives
- Allowable costs based on the program and funding source guidelines
- Committed directly to the project and used within the period of performance

EVALUATION CRITERIA

All proposals will be screened for relevance, accuracy, completeness and compliance with NFWF and funding source policies. Proposals then will be evaluated based on the extent to which they meet the following criteria.

Required Criteria:

Program Goals and Priorities – Proposed project contributes to the Five Star and Urban Waters program's overall habitat, water quality and species conservation goals and has specific, quantifiable performance metrics to evaluate project success. Project directly addresses each of the program priorities outlined above in this Request for Proposals.

Proposals should articulate tangible ways projects will become an asset to the community including providing technical assistance, providing pathways for youth employment and community education, conservation, science, and recreation.

Partnership – An appropriate partnership of five or more partners exists to implement the project and the project is supported by a strong local partnership that leverages additional funds and will sustain it after the life of the grant. Identify proposed partners, if known (including potential or contemplated subawards to third party subrecipients of the applicant), the roles they will play in implementing the project and how this project will build new or enhance existing partnerships.

(Note: a project partner is any local community, non-profit organization, for profit organization tribe and/or local, state and federal government agency that contributes to the project and is closely involved in the completion of the project.)

Technical Merit – Project is technically sound and feasible and the proposal sets forth a clear, logical and achievable work plan and timeline. Project engages appropriate technical experts throughout project planning, design and implementation.

Conservation or Watershed Plan and Context – The project advances an existing drought management, watershed, species or conservation plan/strategy. Proposals should include a clear, direct link between the proposed project to the plans, what entity is in charge of implementing the plan and how the project partners will coordinate results with that entity if not already a project partner.

Budget – Costs are allowable, reasonable and budgeted in accordance with NFWF's Budget Instructions cost categories. Federally-funded projects must be in compliance with OMB Uniform Guidance as applicable.

Funding Need – Project establishes a clear need for the funds being requested, and demonstrates that activities would not move forward absent funding. Project identifies demographic characteristics of communities benefiting from the project.

Monitoring – Proposal includes a plan for monitoring progress during and after the proposed project period to track project success and adaptively address new challenges and opportunities as they arise.

Long-term Sustainability – Project will be maintained to ensure benefits are achieved and sustained beyond the life of the grant. Proposal should detail how future funding will be secured to implement necessary long-term monitoring and maintenance activities.

Other Criteria:

Transferability – Project has potential and plan to transfer lessons learned to other communities and/or to be integrated into government programs and policies.

Communication – Project includes a detailed plan to communicate information about the project to appropriate audiences.

Past Success – Applicant has a proven track record in implementing conservation and education practices with specific, measurable results.

OTHER

Procurement – If the applicant chooses to specifically identify proposed Contractor(s) for Services, an award by NFWF to the applicant does not necessarily constitute NFWF's express written authorization for the applicant to procure such specific services noncompetitively. When procuring goods and services, NFWF recipients must follow documented procurement procedures which reflect applicable laws and regulations.

Publicity and Acknowledgement of Support – Award recipients will be required to grant NFWF the right and authority to publicize the project and NFWF's financial support for the grant in press releases, publications and other public communications. Recipients may also be asked by NFWF to provide high-resolution (minimum 300 dpi) photographs depicting the project.

Receiving Award Funds – Award payments are primarily reimbursable. Projects may request funds for reimbursement at any time after completing a signed agreement with NFWF. A request of an advance of funds must be due to an imminent need of expenditure and must detail how the funds will be used and provide justification and a timeline for expected disbursement of these funds.

Compliance Requirements – Projects selected may be subject to requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act (state and federal), and National Historic Preservation Act. Documentation of compliance with these regulations must be approved prior to initiating activities that disturb or alter habitat or other features of the project site(s). Applicants should budget time and resources to obtain the needed approvals. As may be applicable, successful applicants may be required to comply with

additional Federal, state or local requirements and obtain all necessary permits and clearances.

Quality Assurance – If a project involves significant monitoring, data collection or data use, grantees will be asked to prepare and submit quality assurance documentation (www.epa.gov/quality). Applicants should budget time and resources to complete this task.

Permits – Successful applicants will be required to provide sufficient documentation that the project expects to receive or has received all necessary permits and clearances to comply with any Federal, state or local requirements. Where projects involve work in the waters of the United States, NFWF strongly encourages applicants to conduct a permit pre-application meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers prior to submitting their proposal. In some cases, if a permit pre-application meeting has not been completed, NFWF may require successful applicants to complete such a meeting prior to grant award.

Federal Funding – The availability of federal funds estimated in this solicitation is contingent upon the federal appropriations process. Funding decisions will be made based on level of funding and timing of when it is received by NFWF.

TIMELINE

Dates of activities are subject to change. Please check the Program page of the NFWF website for the most current dates and information ([Five Star and Urban Waters program website](#)).

Applicant Webinar	November 15, 2017, 2 p.m., Eastern Time
Full Proposal Due Date	January 31, 2018, 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time
Review Period	February to June 2018
Awards Announced	July 2018

HOW TO APPLY

All application materials must be submitted online through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s Easygrants system.

1. Go to <https://easygrants.nfwf.org> to register in our Easygrants online system. New users to the system be prompted to register before starting the application (if you already are a registered user, use your existing login). Enter your applicant information.
2. Once on your homepage, click the “Apply for Funding” button and select this RFP’s “Funding Opportunity” from the list of options.
3. Follow the instructions in Easygrants to complete your application. Once an application has been started, it may be saved and returned to later for completion and submission.

APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

To register for the application webinar, please click [here](#).

A PDF version of this RFP can be downloaded [here](#).

A Tip Sheet is available for quick reference while you are working through your application. This document can be downloaded [here](#).

Additional information to support the application process can be accessed on NFWF's [Applicant Information webpage](#).

For more information or questions about this RFP, please contact:

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Include: Your name, proposal ID #, e-mail address, phone number, program to which you are applying and a description of the issue.

¹Green infrastructure BMPs may include increasing tree canopy, bioswales, permeable pavers, bioretention, green roofs, downspout disconnection, installation of native vegetation and other proven practices for water quality, habitats and species.

²Eligible activities include water quality and/or habitat surveys, bird surveys, monitoring efforts that involve the collection, assessment and communication of water quality data (existing or new) to identify areas of concern.

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