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1	Steve Haze, Sierra Resource Conservation District	Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects	Eligibility	Resource Conservation Districts have jurisdiction to do some of the planning projects identified in the solicitation notice and should be eligible applicants.	Department of Conservation concurs with the comment.	Eligibility for planning projects is expanded to include additional eligible grantees.	Description of eligible applicants on Pages 4, 5, and 6 of Solicitation Notice for Local and Regional Planning Projects.
2	Kathleen Ave, Sacramento Municipal Utility District	Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects	Eligibility	Under state law a municipal owned utility is a "local government" and should be an eligible applicant for local and regional planning projects to the same extent as other local governments.	Department of Conservation concurs with the comment.	Eligibility for planning projects is expanded to include additional eligible grantees.	Description of eligible applicants on Pages 4, 5, and 6 of Solicitation Notice for Local and Regional Planning Projects.
3	Tanisha Taylor, California Association of Councils of Governments	Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects	Eligibility	In regions without metropolitan planning organizations regional transportation planning agencies have authority to complete required planning activities.	Department of Conservation concurs with the comment.	Eligibility for planning projects is expanded to include additional eligible grantees.	Description of eligible applicants on Pages 4, 5, and 6 of Solicitation Notice for Local and Regional Planning Projects.
4	California Council of Land Trusts	Solicitation Notice and Application for Land Trust Capacity and Project Development Grants	Eligibility	Is the California Council of Land Trusts eligible applicant for the strategic/priority planning project type?	The California Council of Land Trusts is an eligible applicant.	Eligibility for land trust capacity and project development grants is modified to include other nonprofit organizations with a demonstrated interest in the conservation of agricultural lands. Nonprofit organizations must hold a tax exemption as defined under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.	Description of eligible applicants on page 5 of the solicitation notice.
5	Karen Buhr, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts	Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects	Eligibility	RCDs should be an eligible lead under "other regional planning agencies", or in addition to the eligible applicants for Project 1 "Climate Action Plans".	Department of Conservation concurs with the comment.	Eligibility for planning projects is expanded to include additional eligible grantees.	Description of eligible applicants on Pages 4, 5, and 6 of Solicitation Notice for Local and Regional Planning Projects.

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6	Christina E. Snider Tribal Advisor, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom	Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects	Eligibility	Native American Tribes have jurisdiction over tribal lands and authority to plan for agricultural conservation and should be an eligible applicant.	Department of Conservation concurs with the comment.	Eligibility for planning projects is expanded to include additional eligible grantees.	Description of eligible applicants on Pages 4, 5, and 6 of Solicitation Notice for Local and Regional Planning Projects.
7	Numerous Commenters	Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects and Solicitation Notice and Application for Land Trust Capacity and Project Development Grants	Severely Disadvantaged Communities	How to identify severely disadvantaged communities and disadvantaged communities.	There are several tools available for identifying severely disadvantaged communities and disadvantaged communities. Department of Conservation staff does not want to prescribe which tools applicants utilize and encourages applicants to utilize the tool that best identifies the severely disadvantaged community or disadvantaged community the applicants project may serve.	No change is made to the solicitation notices.	
8	Sarah Pierce, San Diego Association of Governments	Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects and Solicitation Notice and Application for Land Trust Capacity and Project Development Grants	Severely Disadvantaged Communities	To provide an answer to application questions regarding severely disadvantaged communities, what qualifies as "documentation supporting how the project serves" an identified severely disadvantaged community or disadvantaged community?	Documentation includes letters, emails, or comments at public meetings from residents or community-based organizations supporting the project or other evidence that the proposed project addresses a community need.	Clarification identifying examples of documentation added to the solicitation.	Page A-4, question H of the Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects and Page A-4 question F of the solicitation Notice and Application for Land Trust Capacity and Project Development Grants.
9	Sarah Pierce, San Diego Association of Governments	Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects and Solicitation Notice and Application for Land Trust Capacity and Project Development Grants	Severely Disadvantaged Communities	Does documentation of supporting how a project supports a severely disadvantaged community count towards the 7 page application limit?	Documentation does not apply to the 7 page application limit.	Clarification that documentation does not apply to the 7-page limit added to solicitation notice.	Page A-4, question H of the Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects.

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10	Karen Buhr, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts	Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects	Indirect Rates	Increasing Indirect Rate and accepting any federal or state approved indirect rates.	Indirect rates of 20% are reasonable and the maximum amount permitted by the funding source.	No change is made to the solicitation notice.	
11	Karen Buhr, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts	Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects and Solicitation Notice and Application for Land Trust Capacity and Project Development Grants	Advanced Payments	Clarification regarding the allowance of advanced payments between the WLRCP Guidelines and the Local and Regional Planning Project solicitation is needed	Department of Conservation concurs with the comment.	Clarification is added that advanced payments are permitted for that serve a disadvantaged community or severely disadvantaged community. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 80030, for grants awarded for projects that serve a disadvantaged community, the administering entity may provide advanced payments in the amount of 25 percent of the grant award to the recipient to initiate the project in a timely manner.	Appendix B-9 through B-10 sections 1. Payment paragraph A, and Section 2 How to Submit Invoices paragraphs B, C iii, and D.
12	Karen Buhr, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts	Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects	Payment	we appreciate the opportunity to provide invoices as regularly as necessary for the organization	Department of Conservation staff appreciates the support.	No change.	
13	Karen Buhr, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts	Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects	Budget	We appreciate the flexibility of budget activities up to 20%.	Department of Conservation staff appreciates the support.	No change is made to the solicitation notice.	
14	Karen Buhr, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts	Solicitation Notice and Application for Local and Regional Planning Projects	Grant Agreement	We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the contracting process now and for the transparency of the department.	Department of Conservation staff appreciates the support and plans to implement this practice in future solicitations.	No change is made to the solicitation notice.	

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15	Bridget Fithian, Sierra Cascade Land Trust Council	Solicitation Notice and Application for Land Trust Capacity and Project Development Grants	Maximum award for Priority/Strategic Planning	\$10,000 maximum award for Priority/Strategic Planning is insufficient for landscape scale collaborative planning projects and would result in multiple, individual applications increasing the burden on land trusts to create duplicative proposals.	The Department of Conservation encourages collaborative planning projects and seeks to encourage efficient applications and projects. The Department of Conservation staff expects there maybe economic cost savings in implementing projects resulting from larger scale projects and administrative cost savings.	The Department will consider joint applications from eligible organizations to create a regional or landscape scale joint conservation strategy or plan or amend an existing conservation strategy or plan.	Page 6
16	Bridget Fithian, Sierra Cascade Land Trust Council	Solicitation Notice and Application for Land Trust Capacity and Project Development Grants	Maximum award for Priority/Strategic Planning	Because of the cap, eligible projects are severely limited in scope as stated to “updating an existing conservation strategy or plan.” This requirement discourages projects that meet broader landscape-scale goals to be created anew, even as plans are being aggregated from collaborative members.	Eligible Strategic/Priority plans include both creating a new plan or updating an existing plan. Department of Conservation staff believe either can be achieved within the \$10,000 budget.	Description of the eligible strategic/priority planning projects re-drafted to clarify that both creating or updating a strategic/priority plan are permitted.	Page 6

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