



The meeting will begin shortly



Riparian Corridors Restoration and Conservation Grants

Application Workshop



California
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Conservation**
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Agenda



- Provide background on Department's Proposition 68 Program
- Provide information on the Riparian Corridors Restoration and Conservation Grant Solicitation
- Provide updates from the draft solicitation to the final released solicitation
- Application tips
- Answer questions



Poll Question 1

Riparian Corridors Restoration and Conservation Grants



Background

- \$6,500,000 in bond funding is available to resource conservation districts through this solicitation for riparian corridors restoration projects and conservation projects on agricultural lands.
- This solicitation is made pursuant to the Department's Working Lands and Riparian Corridors Program Guidelines approved on May 29, 2019. All projects funded under this solicitation must adhere to the requirements in the Guidelines.



Proposition 68

Program Objectives



Plan, develop, and implement climate adaptation and resiliency projects



Plan, develop, and implement innovative farm and ranch management practices and protections



Protect, restore, and enhance working lands



Protect, restore, and enhance riparian corridors on working lands

Program Priorities



Create public benefits addressing the most critical statewide needs



Leverage private, federal, state, or local funding



Provide workforce education, training, and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities



Measure GHG reductions and carbon sequestration

Program Priorities



Utilize the California Conservation Corps or certified community conservation corps



Prioritize water efficiency, stormwater capture and carbon sequestration



Wildlife conservation on public and private land

Disadvantaged Community Benefits

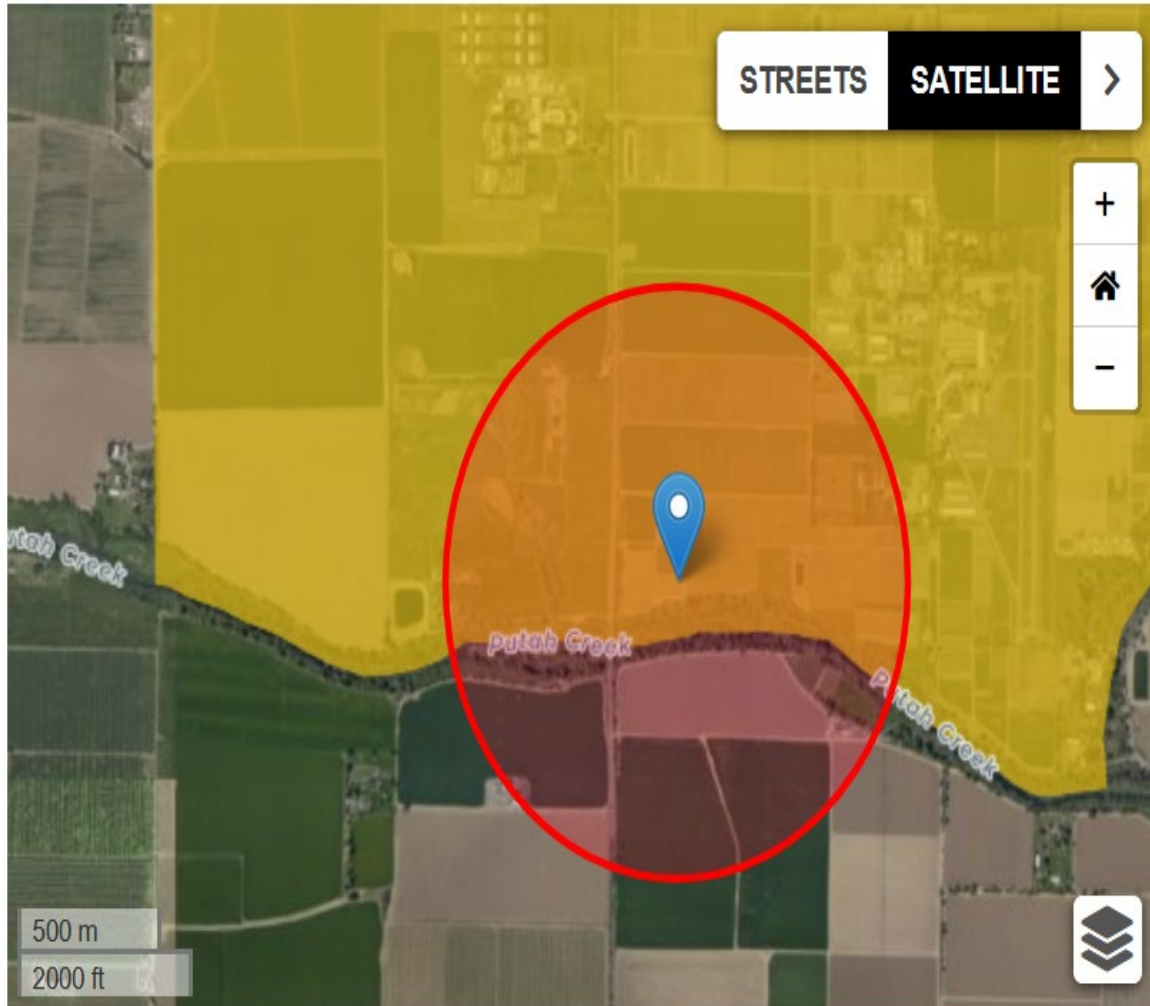
- At least 15% of the funds will be allocated for projects serving severely disadvantaged communities
 - A severely disadvantaged community is defined as a community with a median household income less than 60 percent of the statewide average
 - Projects “serving a severely disadvantaged community” will include those located in a severely disadvantaged community or projects within 1 mile of a severely disadvantaged community

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion



- Community Fact Finder Search Tool
- Create a logical nexus between the project, a community need and the benefit to community
- Examples
 - Reduction of flood risk to downstream community
 - Improved drinking water quality
- Use technical assistance from program staff early on

Community Fact Finder Example



Results for Unincorporated (County: Sacramento)

Latitude, Longitude	38.27345436,- 121.36962885
Total Population	2 i
Youth Population	1 i
Senior Population	0 i
Median Household Income	\$41,111 i
Per Capita Income	\$16,407 i
People in Poverty	1 i
Households Without Access to a Car	0 i
Parks Total Area	232.11 i
Parks per 1,000 People	116054.42 i

☒ Parks and Open Space [i](#)
☐ Park or Preserved Area

☒ Disadvantaged Community [i](#)
☐ Disadvantaged Community
☐ Severely Disadvantaged Community
☐ No Data



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Eligible Projects



Planning and Implementation projects for the restoration and enhancement of riparian corridors on agricultural land.

Restoration and Enhancement



Projects for the control of erosion, stormwater capture and storage or to otherwise reduce stormwater pollution

The control and elimination of invasive species

Modernize stream crossings, culverts, and bridges

Improving instream, riparian, or managed wetland habitat conditions

Restore or enhance riparian, aquatic, and terrestrial habitat

Fencing out threats to existing or restored natural resources

Agricultural Lands



“Agricultural Lands” mean farmland and ranchland actively grazed or planted in three of the last five years.

Project Life

Restoration and enhancement projects will have a project life of typically 25 years after Department acceptance.

Applicants may propose a project life of less than 25 years but will have to provide justification why a shorter project life is appropriate for the site considering the cost of the project and the climate change adaptation and resiliency benefits provided.

Easements will have project life in perpetuity.





Poll Questions 2-6



Updates from Draft Solicitation

- Ability to invoice on a “pay-as-you-go” method. The Department will retain 10% of each invoice to be paid with the final invoice at project close.
- Introduction of the Draft Climate Smart Land Strategy
- Provide connections between different DLRP programs that compliment each other in the conservation, restoration, and enhancement of working lands.



Application Materials and Tips

Application Review



Project Narrative



- 2-page max
- Designed to provide a brief overview of the project
- Understand the ag use
- Understand how the issues
- Understand how the project will address the issues
- How will the project be made durable—survive for the project life

Eligibility



Eligible Applicants

- Resource Conservation Districts that qualify for grant funding under Public Resources Code Section 9084.
- Section 9084 requires RCD's to:
 - Prepare an annual and long-range plan
 - Convene regular meetings
 - Secure local support funding

Questions and Answers



- Provide greater understanding of the project.
- Questions are grouped by theme. Questions correlate to scoring criteria
 - Probability of Success
 - Project Significance
- Use in conjunction with Maps, Photos and Design plans

Work Plan



TASK 1	Timeline [Start and End Date]	Deliverables	Total Requested Grant Funds
Subtask A: Subtask B: Subtask ...			\$
TASK 2			
Subtask A: Subtask B: Subtask ...			\$
TASK 3			
Subtask A: Subtask B: Subtask ...			\$
TASK ...			
Subtask A: Subtask B: Subtask ...			\$
GRAND TOTAL			\$

Eligible Costs



Direct Costs

- Staff, consultant, and contractors' hourly rate
- Materials and equipment
- Permits

Conservation Easements

- Acquisition of conservation easements for riparian buffer strips
- Department shall not pay >75% of the appraised value of the easement
- Appraisal, survey, title, escrow, and closing costs

Implementation Projects



- Restoration and enhancement construction:
 - Labor
 - Equipment, material, and utilities
 - OSHA-required or recommended beverages, shade structures, or other similar items
- Preparation of bid packages and subcontractor documents
- Project designs between 65 and 100% complete
- Easement acquisitions
- Permitting
- Project management
- Monitoring and adaptive management planning
- Finalization and execution of a long-term management plan

Eligible Costs



Travel

- Maximum of \$5,000
- In-state
- Must be necessary to complete the project

Indirect Costs

- Office space
- Utilities not at project site
- Legal or management oversight
- 25% of funding

Match Funding

- Applicants required to provide at least a 25% match

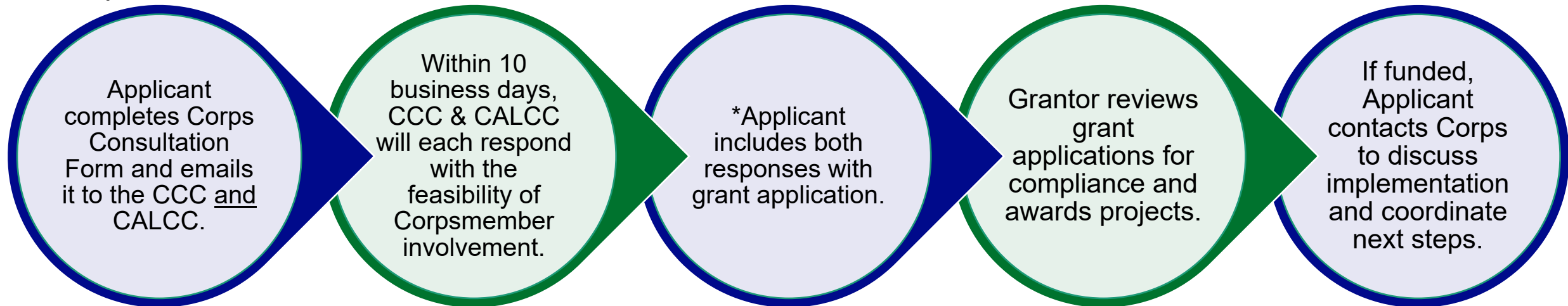
Match Funding

Project Cost Total	\$100,000
DOC Grant	\$75,000
Match Total	\$25,000
Cash Minimum	\$10,000
In-Kind Difference	\$15,000

Corps Consultation Process



Applicants are encouraged to reach out to the CCC and CALCC early in the process while developing project proposals to determine how the Corps can be included and ensure a compliant review process.



*If the grant program to which you're applying includes multiple phases of application review, please consult the program's guidelines for when to submit the Corps' consultation response.

Note: The Corps are exempt from prevailing wages (California Labor Code section 1720.4(c)).
The Corps do not need to be included in a bidding process.

Contacts

CA Conservation Corps: Prop68@ccc.ca.gov

CA Association of Local Conservation Corps: Inquiry@Prop68CommunityCorps.org

Permitting and Environmental Compliance



- Have completed CEQA/NEPA documentation
- Obtain or identify needed permits



Timeline

Important Dates



Technical Assistance	Now-late November
Applications Due	December 6, 2021
Awards Announced	January 2022



Questions and Comments

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