

## PROPOSITION 1 GRANT PROGRAM ROUND 2

**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution 17-03-02 (Attachment 1) authorizing staff to implement Round 2 of the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Program, including the solicitation for grant applications for up to \$3,600,000 in available funding.

**Location:** The California side of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

**Fiscal Summary:** There are no fiscal impacts except staff costs associated with implementing the Grant Program.

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### Overview

#### Description of Recommended Action

Staff recommends the Board authorize staff to solicit grant applications for up to \$3.6 million in available funding for Round 2 of the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Program.

Conservancy staff initially anticipated awarding all available Proposition 1 funding in its June 2015 Proposition 1 Grant Program solicitation. Additional funding is still available, however, because the Bijou Park Creek Watershed and SEZ Restoration Project (Bijou Project) was not awarded a grant and another grantee is returning some funding. Staff therefore recommends that the Board authorize a second round of the Grant Program in order to fund additional high priority multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed projects. The second round will follow the criteria established in the June 2015, Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines (Attachment 2) approved by the Board.

Hal Cole, the City of South Lake Tahoe's (City) new appointee to the Board, requested that staff evaluate whether the Board could postpone the proposed second round of funding to allow the Board to consider awarding a grant for the City's Bijou Project once its environmental documentation is complete. On March 1, 2017, the City provided

additional supplemental information regarding the Bijou Project to staff and has indicated that they expect the environmental documentation to be approved by the City's Planning Commission in May 2017.

Conservancy staff agreed to consider Mr. Cole's request, and suggest that the Board consider two options: 1) authorize staff to move forward with the new solicitation and encourage the City to resubmit its application; or 2) postpone Round 2 and reconsider the City's Bijou Project under Round 1. Based on guidance from the Attorney General's office and the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), as explained below, Conservancy staff recommend the first option.

After completing its evaluation process and the initial award of Proposition 1 grants, Conservancy staff reviewed the process to consider whether any issues or concerns during the initial grant round warranted significant changes to the Grant Guidelines. Conservancy staff believe that the Grant Guidelines generally provided adequate guidance to applicants, but made several minor modifications to the grant application package to clarify information needs, to reduce the amount of supplemental information requested, and to assist review teams in more efficiently reviewing and scoring applications. As described in Attachments 3a and 3b, these include:

- More specific applicant information;
- Primary and secondary focus areas identification;
- Project description format;
- Performance measure quantities and methodologies; and
- Budget format and indirect cost limitations.

After Board approval, and consistent with the Round 1 process, staff will post the solicitation notice (Attachment 4) on the Conservancy's website, along with the Grant Guidelines, Grant Application Package, and sample grant agreements, and provide the notice through email to interested parties. Applications will be due on Friday, April 28, 2017. Conservancy staff will implement the review process consistent with the Guidelines and anticipates making award recommendations to the Board no later than December 2017. Grant agreements must be executed by June 30, 2018, and all grant-funded work completed by June 30, 2020.

## **History**

In November 2014, California voters passed Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. This legislation requires the development of a competitive grants program to award the Proposition 1 funding allocated directly

to the California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) under Water Code section 79731(b). The competitive grants program must support multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed projects and statewide priorities.

In June 2015, the Conservancy Board approved the Grant Guidelines and authorized staff to solicit applications. These Grant Guidelines established a competitive grants program that supports implementation of the Lake Tahoe Basin's Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) by providing funding for multi-benefit storm water, watershed and ecosystem restoration, aquatic invasive species, forest health, and sustainable communities projects.

In October 2015, the Conservancy received 32 applications, totaling more than \$30 million in funding requests. Conservancy staff implemented the evaluation process identified in the Grant Guidelines. This process included initial evaluation of the applications for eligibility and completeness, clarifications for evaluation purposes, and recommendations from an External Review Panel. Supplemental information was requested from all applicants and provided to the External Review Panel.

At its March 2016 meeting, the Board approved grant awards of up to \$7,161,568 for seven projects. Staff also identified three other project applications that were ranked highly by the review panel but were not ready for Board review because they had not completed the required environmental review process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The three projects were the El Dorado County Meyers Stream Environment Zone and Erosion Control Project, the Placer County Griff Creek Corridor and Public Access Project, and the City of South Lake Tahoe Bijou Project. Staff also advised the Board that 22 applications were not recommended for funding. (Attachment 5)

To address the potential uncertainty regarding the Conservancy's commitment to award funding to the Bijou Project, Conservancy Board Member Tom Davis specifically requested at the March meeting that the Board conditionally approve \$4 million in Proposition 1 funding for the City's Bijou Project, pending the outcome of the CEQA analysis. The Board declined to act on his request.

Following the March Board meeting, both El Dorado County and Placer County worked closely with Conservancy staff in completing the CEQA analyses for their respective projects, and the Board approved funding for those projects at the September and December Board meetings.

The City of South Lake Tahoe has not yet completed the CEQA analysis for the Bijou Project, and the Board has taken no action on the Bijou Project. At the September 2016 Board meeting, however, Conservancy staff expressed concern, based on presentations of the Bijou Project to the Conservancy, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), and the League to Save Lake Tahoe, that the Bijou Project no longer appeared to be consistent with or provide the level of environmental benefit described in the City's grant application and supplemental information that had been evaluated and scored by the review panel. TRPA and League to Save Lake Tahoe staff raised similar concerns in earlier meetings with Conservancy and City staff.

In particular, Conservancy staff emphasized that the Bijou Project did not appear to provide the Stream Environment Zone (SEZ) restoration benefits described in the November 2015 supplemental information, and that the Conservancy's Proposition 1 funds could not be used to support a project with a primary focus on stormwater benefits. Stormwater benefits are required by TRPA rules and the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board municipal permit, and Senate Bill 985 requires a Stormwater Resource Plan in order for Proposition 1 funding to be granted for a stormwater project. While the City now has State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) verbal approval for a Functionally Equivalent Stormwater Resource Plan, projects funded by the Conservancy's Proposition 1 must provide benefits well beyond existing requirements or required mitigation. (See Wat. Code, §79730, subd. (b).)

Conservancy, TRPA staff, and others also expressed concern that the Bijou Project would no longer be eligible for TRPA's pilot program under the new Regional Plan. TRPA had recently developed the pilot program, after more than two years of discussions and meetings, specifically to assure that, by restoring significant levels of SEZ on the developed portions of the property, the City could reserve and later transfer the development rights from this project. In fact, the review panel ranked the Bijou Project highly in large part, as noted in the panel's ranking comments, because of its potential to be a transformative project for the new Regional Plan.

At the September Board meeting, Conservancy staff also explained that City and Conservancy staff had met earlier and agreed that the benefits of the Bijou Project could be better evaluated through a planning grant from the Conservancy to the City. At that earlier meeting with City staff, Conservancy staff indicated that they would be closing out this round of Proposition 1 funding, but would seek Board approval of a planning grant from Proposition 50 to better position the City for future funding of the project from the Conservancy and other sources. At its September meeting, the Board authorized a planning grant of up to \$397,900 from Proposition 50 funds to the City for the Lower Bijou Park Creek Watershed Improvement Planning Grant.

In February 2017, Hal Cole requested that staff evaluate whether the Board could consider postponing its second round of funding until the Board considers the City's CEQA evaluation of the Bijou Project. He also agreed to ask City staff to provide additional supplemental information on the Bijou Project to Conservancy staff that would support his request.

On March 1, 2017, the City provided additional supplemental information to the Conservancy and reduced the amount of their request to \$3 million. The City, through its supplemental information, indicates that the Bijou Project has the potential to provide significant environmental benefits, including restoring approximately 500 linear feet of stream channel, creating approximately 0.9 acres of SEZ and enhancing 0.2 acres of adjacent SEZ, reducing localized flooding, recharging groundwater, and reducing stormwater runoff.

Based on the City's recent submittal of supplementary information, the Conservancy Board could direct staff to postpone Round 2 and reconsider the City's Bijou Project under Round 1. The City plans to release the CEQA document for public comment on March 20, 2017 with an anticipated Planning Commission approval on May 11, 2017. Because of the timing of the document's release, Conservancy staff will review the document during the public comment period and provide written comments to the City, if necessary. City staff has expressed a commitment to work with the Conservancy to address any issues or concerns.

This option, however, has raised serious concerns with respect to the competitive review process required by Proposition 1. Because the key elements of the Bijou Project described in the City's recent supplemental information are substantially different than those evaluated by the External Review Panel, Conservancy staff cannot rely upon the panel's rankings, and have no basis upon which to evaluate the Bijou Project through a competitive process.

In requesting supplemental information to the City's October 2015 application, Conservancy staff had specifically asked the City to estimate the SEZ acreage to be restored and provide a map showing the SEZ restoration area. In the supplemental information submitted on November 20, 2015, the City estimated that the Bijou Project would restore two acres of SEZ, possibly more, depending on the results of technical studies and final designs. The City's most recent supplemental information, by contrast, estimates that the Bijou Project will create approximately 0.9 acres of SEZ on land currently covered with impervious development, and will enhance and connect 0.2 acres of underperforming adjacent SEZ. This is just over half of the amount previously

estimated and evaluated by the Conservancy and its External Review Team. In addition, the reduction in SEZ restoration has severely restricted the City’s ability to transfer development rights by restoring SEZ on the developed portions of the parcel. As a result, the Bijou Project is no longer a model for how local jurisdictions can take advantage of the new Regional Plan incentives to restore SEZ from developed parcels. The City’s recent submittal acknowledges that the Bijou Project is not intended to qualify for TRPA’s Bonus Unit Conversion Pilot Program.

These significant differences have raised a concern that the City’s current Bijou Project has not been subject to the competitive review process required by Proposition 1. Therefore, based on consultations with the CNRA and Attorney General’s office, staff recommend that the Board authorize a second round of funding, and encourage the City to submit a new application for the Bijou Project that reflects the significant changes to the Bijou Project since the City submitted its original application in October 2015. The new application would be evaluated by the Conservancy’s review panel and would be subject to the other requirements of the Conservancy’s Grant Guidelines and the requirements of Proposition 1.

### **Conservancy Proposition 1 Grant Awards**

In March, September, and December 2016, the Board approved funding for the following nine Proposition 1 grant applications:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
Lake Tahoe Aquatic Invasive Plant Control Project	Tahoe Resource Conservation District	Implementation	\$700,000
Johnson Meadow Acquisition	Tahoe Resource Conservation District	Acquisition	\$4,234,000
Meeks Meadow Restoration	Washoe Tribe	Planning	\$228,530
Lake Tahoe West Collaborative: A Multi-Jurisdictional Landscape Restoration Strategy	National Forest Foundation	Planning	\$849,100
Lake Tahoe Basin Wildfire Protection and Water Quality Enhancement Project	Lake Valley Fire Protection District	Planning	\$850,000
Antone Meadows Dam Removal and Restoration, Burton Creek State Park	California Department of Parks and Recreation	Planning	\$149,938
Tahoe Storm Water Resource Plan	Tahoe Resource Conservation District	Planning	\$150,000

Meyers SEZ and Erosion Control Project	El Dorado County	Implementation	\$1,100,000
Griff Creek Corridor and Public Access Project	Placer County	Acquisition	\$1,200,000

The current status of each award is described below:

Lake Tahoe Aquatic Invasive Plant Control Project: The Tahoe Resource Conservation District (Tahoe RCD) performed plant control projects at Lakeside Marina, Fleur de Lac Estates, and Tahoe Vista Boat Launch in 2016 under this grant. Tahoe RCD used other funding provided by the Conservancy from the Lake Tahoe Science and Lake Improvement Account to complement the Proposition 1 funding at Lakeside Marina.

In Lakeside Marina, Tahoe RCD treated 0.86 acres of Eurasian watermilfoil and Curlyleaf pondweed with a combination of benthic barriers and diver-assisted suction removal. Fleur du Lac Marina consists of two marinas, an inner harbor and an outer harbor. Tahoe RCD treated approximately 0.25 acres of watermilfoil in Fleur du Lac’s outer harbor with a combination of methods, including benthic barriers, diver-assisted suction removal, and hand-pulling. Tahoe RCD expects to complete these two projects in 2019.

In 2016, a new infestation of watermilfoil was detected and confirmed at the Tahoe Vista boat launch. Tahoe RCD is developing plans for additional treatment at this site. Due to recent dramatic changes in Lake Tahoe’s water level, treatment methods and schedule must be adapted to these new conditions.

Johnson Meadow Acquisition: Tahoe RCD now has full acquisition funding authorized up to the current appraised fair market value for the acquisition, including \$4.234 million from the Conservancy, \$4 million from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and \$100,000 from the Tahoe Fund. The family that owns the property has negotiated a draft purchase and sale agreement and a flood easement with the Tahoe RCD, but wants to know the California Department of Fish and Wildlife funds are encumbered (grant agreement executed) prior to executing the purchase and sale agreement. The family is eager to close as soon as possible. The current close date in the latest draft is December 31, 2017.

Meeks Meadow Restoration: Conservancy staff approved the grant agreement workplan, which allows project planning activities to begin. Conservancy staff is working with the Washoe Tribe Environmental Protection Department (WTEPD) to

extend the term of this grant for an additional 2 years to ensure that WTEPD has adequate time to complete all necessary planning work. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently awarded a \$50,000 grant to the Tribe for the project, which complements the Conservancy Proposition 1 funding. WTEPD plans to award a contract for project planning assistance by June 2017 and complete all planning activities by June 2019.

Lake Tahoe West Collaborative: The National Forest Foundation (NFF) continues to make progress on the Lake Tahoe West Restoration Partnership, a collaborative landscape level planning effort for the West Shore. The partner agencies and entities have developed teams to work on the different aspects of the initial planning phase. NFF's facilitator, the Executive Team, and the Core Team steer these efforts. Members of the public and other stakeholders form the stakeholder group, which has met two times.

Lake Tahoe Wildfire Protection and Water Quality Enhancement Project: The Department of the Interior approved approximately \$1.7 million through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Round 16 Hazardous Fuels Program to Lake Valley Fire Protection District (LVFPD) for this effort. LVFPD has indicated to the Conservancy that it now intends to use only \$350,000 of the original Conservancy Proposition 1 award of \$850,000 to support the project. LVFPD recently submitted a workplan for review that adjusts the grant budget to reflect the reduction in Conservancy Proposition 1 funding and the addition of federal funding. Conservancy staff provided comments and expects to approve the workplan in early March. The Conservancy anticipates amending the grant agreement with LVFPD to reflect this reduced amount in late spring 2017.

Antone Meadows Dam Removal and Restoration Project: During summer of 2016, the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) staff began monitoring efforts to inform CEQA analysis and project design and to document pre-project conditions. Monitoring includes geomorphic cross sectional surveys, wetland delineation, and biological and cultural surveys to support CEQA analysis. DPR will complete additional necessary surveys by fall 2017, and is targeting spring 2018 for completion of preliminary designs, CEQA documentation, and the final report.

Tahoe Stormwater Resource Plan: The SWRCB has awarded a Proposition 1 planning grant to Tahoe RCD through its Stormwater Grants Program. The SWRCB grant provides funding for a Stormwater Resource Plan (SRP) and benefit analysis process for the Tahoe Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Region, which includes area outside of the Lake Tahoe Basin. The Conservancy's planning grant allows the Tahoe

RCD to expand the SRP to incorporate specific Lake Tahoe Basin priorities, such as nearshore water quality and aquatic invasive species, into the multi-benefit analysis process that prioritizes stormwater implementation projects. Tahoe RCD initiated work including consistent baseline stormwater pollutant load estimates for Placer County, El Dorado County, and the City. Those estimates are complete and support the SRP analysis process.

Meyers SEZ and Erosion Control Project: El Dorado County has started developing construction plans and specifications and securing permits for the Project. El Dorado County has also recorded license agreements authorizing use of 19 Conservancy parcels for Project improvements, as authorized by the Board in September 2016. El Dorado County anticipates construction to start in June 2017 and be completed by the end of October 2017. The U.S. Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit provided \$1,062,000 for the Project, and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is contributing \$308,728 in Steam Environment Zone Mitigation Funds.

Griff Creek Corridor and Public Access Project: This grant was awarded in December 2016, and the grant agreement is fully executed. Placer County has retained a consultant to prepare appraisals and to assist with the tenant relocation prior to the land acquisition.

## **Financing**

The Legislature directly allocated \$15 million in Proposition 1 funding to the Conservancy under Water Code section 79731(b). After deducting statewide bond processing costs, program delivery costs, and ten percent (10%) to support general planning and monitoring activities, the Conservancy had approximately \$12.6 million in Proposition 1 funding to award to high priority projects.

The Board authorized the award of almost \$9.5 million for grants in 2016, leaving a balance of approximately \$3.1 million for Round 2. As the Board is aware, staff never brought forth a recommended award for the City's Bijou Project in 2016, which results in the available balance. Due to the success of LVFPD's Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Round 16 Hazardous Fuels Program nomination, LVFPD has indicated to the Conservancy that it intends to return \$500,000 of their Proposition 1 funding. This will provide an additional \$500,000 for the Conservancy to award for Round 2 grants.

At this time, Proposition 1 funding totaling almost \$3.6 million is available under Round 2 of the Grant Program. This funding was appropriated for Fiscal Year 2015/16,

so it must be encumbered by grant agreements by June 30, 2018 and fully spent by June 30, 2020.

## **Authority**

### **Consistency with the Conservancy's Enabling Legislation**

Implementation of this grant program is consistent with the Conservancy's enabling legislation. Specifically, Government Code sections 66905.2 and 66907.7 authorize the Conservancy to award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, the Tahoe Transportation District, and nonprofit organizations for purposes consistent with its mission.

### **Consistency with the Conservancy's Strategic Plan**

The recommended action is consistent with the Strategic Plan because it provides potential grant funding for high priority multi-benefit EIP projects (Strategy II).

### **Consistency with the Conservancy's Program Guidelines**

The recommended action is consistent with the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines. The Round 2 solicitation requires that applicants propose projects that are consistent with the requirements of the Guidelines and staff will implement the solicitation process and evaluate the projects consistent with the Guidelines.

### **Consistency with External Authorities**

The recommended action is consistent with the EIP because it offers a potential funding opportunity for multi-benefit EIP projects. It also supports state and regional priorities because the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines provide funding for multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects consistent with the California Water Action Plan and other State priorities. The Action Plan also highlights the importance of continuing restoration efforts in the Lake Tahoe Basin, including implementation of the Lake Tahoe EIP.

### **Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

The proposed action will not result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and is thus not a "project" subject to CEQA.

**List of Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – Resolution 17-03-02

Attachment 2 – 2015 Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines

Attachment 3a – Proposition 1 Round 2 Grant Application Package

Attachment 3b – Proposition 1 Grant Application

Attachment 4 – Solicitation Notice

Attachment 5 – Round 1 Applications Not Recommended for Funding

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

California Tahoe Conservancy  
Resolution  
17-03-02  
Adopted: March 16, 2017

**PROPOSITION 1 GRANT PROGRAM ROUND 2**

Staff recommends the California Tahoe Conservancy adopt the following resolution pursuant to Government Code sections 66905.2 and 66907.7:

“The California Tahoe Conservancy hereby authorizes staff to implement Round 2 of the Conservancy’s Proposition 1 Grant Program, including solicitations for grant applications up to \$3.6 million, in accordance with the accompanying staff recommendation.”

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly and regularly adopted by the California Tahoe Conservancy at a meeting thereof held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017.

In WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017.

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# CALIFORNIA TAHOE CONSERVANCY

## *Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines*



## 2015

Grants funded by the *Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014*  
Direct all inquiries, correspondence, and grant applications to:

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# 1. BACKGROUND AND GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## The California Tahoe Conservancy

The California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) is a State agency that leads California's efforts to restore and enhance the extraordinary natural and recreational resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Since its inception in 1984, the Conservancy has invested more than \$450 million in conservation and recreation projects on the California side of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

As the only state agency focused entirely on the Tahoe Basin, the Conservancy works collaboratively with its federal, state, local, and private partners at Lake Tahoe to achieve its mission. For more information on the Conservancy and its priorities, see the Conservancy's *Strategic Plan* and visit its website at [www.tahoe.ca.gov](http://www.tahoe.ca.gov).

## The Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Program

California voters approved Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Bond Act of 2014, on the November 2014 ballot. The water bond allocates \$15 million directly to the Conservancy (California Water Code [CWC] section 79731[b]) for multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects consistent with the *California Water Action Plan* and other State priorities (**Appendix A**). The *California Water Action Plan* emphasizes, among other priorities, multi-benefit projects, restoration of mountain meadow habitat areas, implementation of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMPs), the State's land use planning guidelines, and assistance to disadvantaged communities. The *Action Plan* also highlights the importance of continuing restoration efforts in the Lake Tahoe Basin, including implementation of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP).

Launched in 1997, the Lake Tahoe EIP is a partnership of federal, state, and local agencies, private interests, and the Washoe Tribe to jointly identify, invest in, and coordinate the implementation of high priority conservation and recreation projects in the Tahoe Basin. The EIP partner agencies have adopted guiding documents that set goals and priorities for several interagency programs, established workgroups to coordinate implementation, and developed a comprehensive set of performance measures to track and evaluate progress. For more information about the EIP, visit: [www.trpa.org](http://www.trpa.org).

The principal goal of the Conservancy Proposition 1 grant program is to support implementation of the EIP by providing funding for multi-benefit stormwater, watershed and ecosystem restoration, aquatic invasive species, forest health, and sustainable communities projects, as described in Section 2 below. These Grant Guidelines further describe project eligibility and criteria, the application submittal and review process, and other administrative requirements.

The Conservancy will seek to align and coordinate its Proposition 1 grants with other sources of Conservancy and public agency funding, including funds from other state agencies administering Proposition 1 grants for related objectives. For example, the Department of Fish and Wildlife will administer grants for watershed restoration projects, the Department of Water Resources will administer grants for implementation of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans, and the State Water Resources Control Board will administer grants for stormwater projects. The Conservancy expects and encourages applicants to apply for funding from multiple sources and will work with its federal, state, and local partners to coordinate and

leverage funding for high priority projects.

This grant program also furthers the goals of Executive Order B-30-15, issued by Governor Brown on April 29, 2015, which establishes a California greenhouse gas reduction target of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, and directs state agencies to factor climate change into planning and investment decisions. Accordingly, these guidelines are based, in part, on the following principles from the Executive Order:

- Priority should be given to actions that both build climate preparedness and reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Where possible, flexible and adaptive approaches should be taken to prepare for uncertain climate impacts;
- Actions should protect the state's most vulnerable populations; and
- Natural infrastructure solutions should be prioritized.

## **Grant Categories**

The Conservancy awards Proposition 1 grants in four categories:

**Planning Grants.** Planning grants provide funding for planning efforts that will lead to the successful design, selection and implementation of projects. These efforts may include program development and guidance, scientific studies and workshops, implementation strategies, and project specific activities such as preliminary design and environmental review. Planning grants are intended to support the development of EIP projects that are likely to qualify for future implementation funding.

**Implementation Grants.** Implementation grants fund final design and implementation of EIP projects. They support high priority projects that have advanced to the stage where planning, land tenure, and engineering are largely completed.

**Acquisition Grants.** Acquisition grants fund the purchase of land and interests in land in support of Conservancy and EIP goals. Acquisitions must be from willing sellers and at fair market value, typically as confirmed by a Conservancy-approved appraisal. Acquisition grants to eligible nonprofit organizations are also subject to the Conservancy's statutory definition of eligible nonprofit charitable purposes (contained in Government Code section 66905.9).

**Monitoring Grants.** Monitoring grants fund projects to assess the condition or usage of the Basin's natural resources, or the effectiveness of EIP projects and programs. Monitoring proposals should be consistent with ongoing regional programs or monitoring efforts, such as the *Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSWMP)* or the *Lake Tahoe Interagency Monitoring Program (LTIMP)*.

## Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants include:

- Public agencies, including cities, counties, special districts, joint powers authorities, state agencies or departments, or other political subdivisions of the State of California;
- Federally recognized Indian tribes; and
- Eligible nonprofit organizations, as defined in Government Code section 66905.9: "any private, nonprofit organization which qualifies for exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and has among its principal charitable purposes the preservation of land for scientific, historic, educational, recreational, scenic, or open-space opportunities, or protection of the natural environment or preservation or enhancement of wildlife."

Federal agencies, public agencies of the State of Nevada, and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency are not eligible applicants. However, eligible applicants in California may partner with these organizations in submitting proposals, and in limited circumstances, seek funding for the California share of basin-wide programs or projects.

## Environmental Documents and CEQA Compliance

Grantees are responsible for complying with all laws and regulations applicable to their projects, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In addition, the Conservancy Board is required to certify that projects comply with CEQA when authorizing funding. Since CEQA compliance will vary significantly depending upon proposed project activities and potential impacts, applicants should consult with Conservancy staff as early as possible in the development of the project. For more information on CEQA, visit <http://ceres.ca.gov/ceqa>.

## Reporting/Performance Measures

All applications must provide project-specific performance measures that describe the goals of the project and expected outcomes that are consistent with or supplement the EIP performance measures (**Appendix B**). Grantees will be required to provide semi-annual progress reports and a final report when the project is completed, as described in the Application Package. Applicants should also consult with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) on EIP reporting, tracking, and performance requirements.

## 2. FOCUS AREAS

The Conservancy will award grants for high-priority projects in the Focus Areas described in this section. Grant applicants are encouraged to demonstrate that their proposed projects are consistent with the appropriate guiding documents, and are coordinated through the relevant EIP workgroup, if applicable. Grants are available only for projects that provide multiple benefits within or across Focus Areas and provide benefits greater than those required under applicable environmental mitigation measures or compliance obligations.

### **Stormwater Quality**

*Purpose:* Stormwater Quality projects are essential to capture and treat pollutants in stormwater runoff that impair Lake Tahoe's clarity. Conservancy stormwater quality grants are largely intended to help state and local agencies fund multi-benefit, watershed-based projects to assist in meeting Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reduction targets in all source categories and other watershed health goals.

*Example projects include, but are not limited to:*

- Reducing or treating stormwater runoff from roads or other facilities;
- Capturing runoff in infiltration basins, rock-lined channels, or the like;
- Dispersing and returning runoff to historical flow patterns; and
- Other projects consistent with the EIP Stormwater Management Program.

*Guiding Documents:* Applicants should describe how the proposal is consistent with the TMDL, the Conservancy's *Preferred Design Approach (Appendix C)*, and other guiding documents. Projects in the TMDL Urban Source category should be included in a current *Pollutant Load Reduction Plan (PLRP)* and developed in coordination with the Lake Tahoe Stormwater Quality Improvement Committee (SWQIC). Projects in other TMDL source categories must be included in an inventory or watershed assessment document. Stormwater quality monitoring proposals should be consistent with the goals and objectives of the *Tahoe Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSWMP)*. Applicants should also describe how the project will be incorporated into a watershed-based approach to meet the goals of the TMDL, the Human Right to Water (CWC section 106.3), and other restoration priorities.

Senate Bill 985, enacted in 2014, requires public agencies to have a stormwater resources plan or a functionally equivalent plan (e.g., an existing watershed management plan, integrated resource plan, urban water management plan, etc.) in place to be eligible for stormwater and dry weather runoff capture projects from any bond acts approved after January 1, 2014. The Conservancy will seek to help fund the development of this plan in coordination with its partner agencies. Until this plan is completed, however, the Conservancy will not consider applications for stormwater projects unless they are submitted as an element of a project under another focus area.

### **Ecosystem and Watershed Management**

*Purpose:* The Lake Tahoe Basin's watersheds and stream environment zones (SEZs) have been significantly impacted by growth and development. Conservancy ecosystem and watershed grants are intended to help restore the ecological health of the Basin's most significant watersheds and restore natural processes and functions of other key watersheds and habitats.

*Example projects include, but are not limited to:*

- Protection and restoration of key watersheds, wetlands, and floodplains;
- Restoration of habitat to support the recovery of endangered, threatened, or migratory species or species at risk to climate change;
- Improvements to wildlife corridor processes and instream flow;
- Acquisition of environmentally sensitive land; and
- Other projects consistent with the EIP Watershed Management Program.

*Guiding Documents:* Applicants should describe how their project is consistent with restoration plans or assessments for the applicable watershed, such as the *Upper Truckee River Restoration Strategy*, and/or restoration plans for rare, endangered, or sensitive species, such as the *Tahoe Yellow Cress Conservation Strategy* and the *Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Recovery Plan*. Projects should also apply relevant watershed restoration planning, implementation, monitoring, and quantification tools, such as the *Stream Load Reduction Tool* and the *Riparian Ecosystem Restoration Effectiveness Framework* (2nd Nature, 2010). Lastly, where possible, projects should further the goals of the Human Right to Water (CWC section 106.3).

### **Aquatic Invasive Species**

*Purpose:* Aquatic invasive species (AIS) pose a serious threat to the ecological health of the Tahoe Basin and its outdoor recreation-based economy. Conservancy AIS grants are intended to control, eradicate, and limit the spread of invasive species and protect and restore a broad range of native species and their habitats.

*Example projects include, but are not limited to:*

- Removal of aquatic invasive species, such as Eurasian water milfoil, curly-leaf pondweed, and Asian clams;
- Removal of warm water fishes, such as largemouth bass, black crappie, and bluegill;
- Development and implementation of AIS removal strategies; and
- Other projects consistent with the EIP Invasive Species Program.

*Guiding Documents:* Applicants should describe how their proposal is consistent with the *Lake Tahoe AIS Management Plan* and the *AIS Implementation Plan*. Develop proposals in coordination with the Lake Tahoe AIS Coordination Committee and its working groups.

### **Forest Health**

*Purpose:* After decades of fire suppression, the Tahoe Basin's overstocked forests are vulnerable to insects, disease, and catastrophic wildfire. Tahoe's forests lack the diversity and age structure to support healthy forest ecosystems. Conservancy forest health grants are intended to improve forest health and water quality, enhance wildlife habitat, protect public and private property, sequester carbon, and help make Tahoe's forests more resilient to climate change.

*Example projects include, but are not limited to:*

- Thinning of overstocked forest stands to improve forest health;
- Treatment and prevention of forest pests or invasive species;
- Restoration of riparian areas and hardwood communities;
- Reforestation of native species;
- Vegetation treatments to increase carbon sequestration and forest resiliency to climate

- change; and
- other projects consistent with the EIP Forest Ecosystem Health Program.

*Guiding Documents:* Applicants should describe how their proposal is consistent with the EIP, the *Lake Tahoe Basin Multi-Jurisdiction Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Strategy* and should be developed in coordination with the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) and the Multi-Agency Coordination Committee (MAC). In addition, because all Proposition 1 projects must have a water focus, applicants must demonstrate the link between their forest health project and water quality, wetlands, or watershed protection or restoration.

## **Sustainable Communities**

*Purpose:* Proposition 1 requires the Conservancy and other agencies to support projects that promote state planning priorities and the implementation of Sustainable Communities Strategies (**Appendix A**). These strategies promote more efficient and integrated development patterns that preserve and enhance stream environment zones and other natural resources in urban areas; treat stormwater runoff; remove land coverage; and reduce vehicle miles travelled and other sources of greenhouse gas emissions.

*Example projects include, but are not limited to:*

- Acquisition and/or restoration of aging developed properties on or adjacent to environmentally sensitive lands;
- Partnerships to utilize Conservancy land to accomplish Sustainable Community Strategy and area plan goals;
- Acquisition of the remaining private properties in Lake Tahoe's roadless subdivisions to remove the threat of development; and
- Other projects consistent with the *Lake Tahoe Region's Sustainable Communities Strategy*.

*Guiding Documents:* Applicants should describe how the project is consistent with state planning priorities, and regional and local land use planning priorities described in the *Lake Tahoe Regional Plan*, the *Lake Tahoe Region's Sustainable Communities Strategy*, the Conservancy's Tahoe Livable Communities (TLC) Program, and/or local area plans. In addition, because all Proposition 1 projects must have a water focus, applicants must demonstrate the link between their sustainable communities project and water quality, wetlands, or watershed protection or restoration.

### 3. APPLICATION AND EVALUATION PROCESS

The Conservancy's Proposition 1 grants program will maintain and build upon the collaborative interagency process developed as part of the EIP. As described below, the Conservancy will issue a solicitation for proposals, recommend an initial allocation of funds among the Focus Areas after the proposals are submitted, and establish a Proposition 1 Review Team to evaluate and rank the proposals before making funding recommendations to the Conservancy Board. Applicants may be asked to provide supplementary information at any step in the process.

#### Submittal and Review Process

**Step 1: *Project Solicitation Notice.*** The Conservancy will issue a solicitation for applications, which will also be posted on the Conservancy's website at [www.tahoe.ca.gov](http://www.tahoe.ca.gov) with the Grant Guidelines and the Grant Application Package. The first solicitation is anticipated for release on or about July 1, 2015. Acquisition grant applications may be solicited up to quarterly, if funding is available.

**Step 2: *CCC Consultation.*** Before submitting their applications, applicants must consult with the California Conservations Corps (CCC) regarding the services the CCC can provide, as described in the Grant Application Package. Applicants must use the CCCs to implement projects where feasible.

**Step 3: *Application Submittal.*** Applicants must submit a complete Grant Application Package during the solicitation period established by the Conservancy.

**Step 4: *Initial Conservancy Staff Review.*** Conservancy staff will review the applications for eligibility and completeness, and develop an initial recommendation to the Proposition 1 Review Team on an allocation of funds among the Focus Areas based on the number, quality, and geographic distribution of applications, and the availability of funds from other sources.

**Step 5: *Proposition 1 Review Team.*** The Review Team, which will be composed of key agency, basin-wide stakeholder, and science organization representatives, will review and score the applications and develop funding recommendations based on the review scores and the distribution of funding within and among Focus Areas and geographic areas of the Basin. The Review Team may recommend partial awards or other adjustments to the submitted applications.

**Step 7: *Conservancy Staff Recommendation.*** Conservancy staff will prepare a recommendation to the Board based on its review of Proposition 1 requirements, the Conservancy's enabling legislation and Strategic Plan, the Review Team recommendations, and the availability of funding from Proposition 1 and other sources.

**Step 8: *Conservancy Board Approval.*** The Conservancy Board will consider the Review Team and Staff Recommendations, and authorize funding for the approved projects.

#### Conflict of Interest

All individuals who participate in the review of submitted proposals are subject to State and federal conflict of interest laws. Any individual who has participated in planning or setting priorities for a specific solicitation or who will participate in any part of the grant development and negotiation process on behalf of the public is ineligible to receive funds or personally benefit

from funds awarded through that solicitation. Applicants should also be aware that certain State agencies may submit proposals that will compete for funding.

Failure to comply with the conflict of interest laws, including business and financial disclosure provisions, will result in the proposal being rejected and any subsequent grant agreement being declared void. Other legal actions may also be taken. Applicable statutes include, but are not limited to, California Government Code section 1090 and Public Contract Code sections 10365.5, 10410, and 10411.

## **Evaluation Criteria and Scoring**

Grant applications will be scored by the Proposition 1 Review Team based on the following evaluation criteria (up to 100 possible points):

### **Project Benefits/State Priorities.** (up to 35 points)

- What are the tangible results of the project that further the purposes of the EIP and statewide priorities including the Water Action Plan?

### **Readiness/Feasibility.** (up to 20 points)

- How ready and feasible is the project and is the project schedule realistic and consistent with funding availability?

### **Leveraged funding.** (up to 15 points)

- To what extent does the project leverage funding from private, federal, or local sources, including in-kind services to maximize public benefits and outcomes?

### **Innovation and Science.** (up to 10 points)

- To what extent does the project employ new or innovative technology or practices, and/or apply best available science or provide opportunities for enhanced scientific understanding?

### **Organizational Capacity:** (up to 10 points)

- Does the organization have the experience and capacity to deliver the project on time, on budget, and in accordance with grant requirements?

### **Public and Stakeholder Support.** (up to 10 points)

- Does the project have strong interagency, community, and/or stakeholder support?

## **4. GRANT FUNDING, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

Following Board authorization of Proposition 1 grant funding, Conservancy staff will prepare a detailed grant agreement, including a project schedule, work plan and budget describing the specific tasks to be performed and deliverables. The Conservancy's Grant Application Package includes a comprehensive set of application, funding, legal and administrative requirements associated with each type of grant.

The Conservancy Board may impose additional requirements when a grant is awarded. All grant activities shall be implemented in accordance with the requirements of the Board authorization and staff recommendation, the terms and conditions of the grant agreement, the Grant Guidelines and the Grant Application Package.

Funding provided through Conservancy grants is typically available for 2-5 years; however, the term of a grant agreement may be longer because the Conservancy requires an operations and maintenance commitment (plan) for the useful life of the improvements. Accordingly, the term of an Implementation Grant may extend from the date of completion of construction through the useful life of the improvements.

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## APPENDIX A

### STATE PRIORITIES

**The following table summarizes the major state environmental and land use planning priorities and key documents related to implementation of the Tahoe EIP. It is not all-inclusive. Conservancy staff will work with applicants to cite other state planning documents that are relevant to their projects, if necessary.**

State Priority	Summary Description	Source
Water Resources	<p>The California Water Action Plan includes the following priorities related to the Tahoe Basin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Continue Restoration Efforts in the Tahoe Basin</b> California, in partnership with state of Nevada and the federal government, will continue its efforts to protect the beautiful and unique waters of Lake Tahoe. California's restoration efforts include, among other things, support of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Regional Plan Update and support for projects contained in the Region's Environmental Improvement Program.</li> <li>• <b>Restore Key Mountain Meadow Habitat</b> The Department of Fish and Wildlife, in coordination with other state resource agencies, will restore 10,000 acres of mountain meadow habitat in strategic locations in the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges, which can increase groundwater storage and provide habitat for more than 100 native species, many of which are at risk as threatened or endangered.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, the Plan directs that, in order to reduce the significant risks posed to the water resources flowing from the Sierra, there is a critical need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restore forest health through ecologically sound forest management. Overgrown forests not only pose a risk of catastrophic fire, but can significantly reduce water yield.</li> <li>• Protect and restore degraded stream and meadow ecosystems to assist in natural water management and improved habitat.</li> <li>• Support and expand funding for protecting strategically important lands within watersheds to ensure that conversion of these lands does not have a negative impact on our water resources.</li> </ul>	2014 California Water Action Plan
Conservation	<p>The CA Department of Fish and Wildlife's State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) is the conservation blueprint for the State of California. The SWAP examines the health of wildlife and prescribes actions to conserve wildlife and vital habitat before they become rarer and more costly to protect. The plan also promotes wildlife conservation while furthering responsible development and addressing the needs of a growing human population. DFW is now preparing a SWAP 2015 Update.</p>	State Wildlife Action Plan

Land Use Planning	<p>The state planning priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote infill development and equity by rehabilitating, maintaining, and improving existing infrastructure that supports infill development and appropriate reuse and redevelopment of previously developed, underutilized land that is presently served by transit, streets, water, sewer, and other essential services, particularly in underserved areas, and preserving cultural and historic resources.</li> <li>• To protect environmental and agricultural resources by protecting, preserving, and enhancing the state's most valuable natural resources, including working landscapes such as farm, range, and forest lands, natural lands such as wetlands, watersheds, wildlife habitats, and other wildlands, recreation lands such as parks, trails, greenbelts, and other open space, and landscapes with locally unique features and areas identified by the state as deserving special protection.</li> </ul>	California Government Code 65041.1
Land Use Planning (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To encourage efficient development patterns by ensuring that any infrastructure associated with development, other than infill development, supports new development that does all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Uses land efficiently.</li> <li>❖ Is built adjacent to existing developed areas to protect, preserve, and enhance the state's most valuable natural resources as described above.</li> <li>❖ Is located in an area appropriately planned for growth.</li> <li>❖ Is served by adequate transportation and other essential utilities and services.</li> <li>❖ Minimizes ongoing costs to taxpayers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Sustainable Communities	Under SB 375, California's Regional Planning Agencies are required to develop and adopt Sustainable Communities Strategies to integrate land use, transportation, and housing, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Tahoe Region's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) is a key element of the Regional Transportation Plan and Regional Plan.	California Government Code 65080(b)(2) and 65080(b)(2)(C)(ii) Tahoe SCS
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB 32 Scoping Plan Assembly Bill 32 (AB32) required the California Air Resources Board (Board) to develop a Scoping Plan that describes the approach California will take to reduce greenhouse gases to achieve the goal of reducing emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The Scoping Plan was first considered by the Board in 2008 and is updated every five years. The Board approved the First Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan on May 22, 2014.</li> <li>• Safeguarding California Plan The 2014 update of the Safeguarding California Plan summarizes climate change impacts and recommends adaptation strategies across seven sectors: Public Health; Biodiversity and Habitat; Oceans and Coastal Resources; Water; Agriculture; Forestry; and Transportation and Energy.</li> </ul>	AB 32 Scoping Plan; Safeguarding California Plan

## APPENDIX B

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES BY FOCUS AREA

#### Stormwater Quality Focus Area:

- Fine sediment load reduction achieved
- Nitrogen load reduction achieved
- Phosphorous load reduction achieved
- Parcels with stormwater retrofits
- Miles of roads treated

#### Ecosystem and Watershed Management Focus Area:

- Linear feet of stream habitat restored or enhanced
- Impervious coverage retired
- Acres of SEZ restored or enhanced
- Acres of environmentally sensitive land acquired
- Acres of habitat protected
- Acres of habitat restored or enhanced
- Special status species sites protected or re-established
- Fish planted

#### Aquatic Invasive Species Focus Area:

- Acres of invasive species inventoried
- Acres treated for invasive species
- New invasive species location detected

#### Forest Improvement Focus Area:

- Acres treated for fuels reduction hazard
- Acres treated for forest health

#### Sustainable Communities Focus Area:

- Miles of Pedestrian and Bicycle Routes Improved or Constructed
- Pounds of Air Pollutants Removed or Avoided by Project
- Tons of Greenhouse Gases Reduced

## APPENDIX C

### **STORMWATER QUALITY FOCUS AREA: Preferred Design Approach (PDA)**

The Preferred Design Approach emphasizes project elements that prevent the mobilization of fine sediment and nutrients by erosion (source control), and that reduce the volume of runoff reaching natural surface waters (hydrologic design considerations). Source control measures and hydrologic design considerations, primarily infiltration, are the most cost-effective and efficient means to improve water quality. These two elements should be considered together, not separately, when looking for opportunities. Water quality treatment measures to remove pollutants from runoff are to be considered only after source control and hydrologic design.

In cases where applicants find it difficult to apply a specific portion of the PDA to a project or element of a project, the applicant should consult with Conservancy and other agency staff on specific barriers to implementation of the PDA. If project designs are not based on the PDA, grantees will be required to explain the specific barriers to the application of the PDA and provide documentation to support how the proposed alternative approach meets program objectives (e.g., maximizes water quality benefit).

The Conservancy recognizes that this approach must be applied within the context of professional engineering practices to avoid impacts on public health and safety and damage to public and private property. It also recognizes that there are legal and regulatory limitations to the application of these principles, such as applicable drainage law.

Specific elements of the Preferred Design Approach are:

#### Source Control

1. Place higher priority on source controls than on treatment. Source controls are measures that prevent the mobilization of Fine Sediment Particles (FSP). Treatment facilities remove pollutants from stormwater runoff.
2. Emphasize reduction in bare, erodible surfaces (e.g., steep cut slopes, dirt roads) and impervious area.
3. Emphasize stabilization of gullies, unstable channels, and other sources that contribute especially high sediment loads.
4. Maximize self-sustaining source control methods, such as revegetation with native plants, pine needle mulching, and adding soil amendments such as mycorrhizal inoculum to soils when appropriate.

#### Hydrologic Design

1. Maintain or create distributed flow patterns (e.g., flows which discharge from the right-of-way frequently, or from shoulders by unconcentrated "sheet flow") and avoid concentration or increases of flows where feasible.
2. Maximize infiltration of runoff from impervious surfaces. In some cases this can be accomplished by techniques described in number 5 above or also by the construction of leach fields, dry wells, or detention basins, for example.
3. Keep runoff from non-urban areas separate from urban runoff until urban runoff is treated. Treatment efficiency is much greater when flow volumes are smaller.
4. Keep treated urban runoff separate from untreated urban runoff to avoid resuspension of sediments and decreased treatment efficiency in downstream facilities.

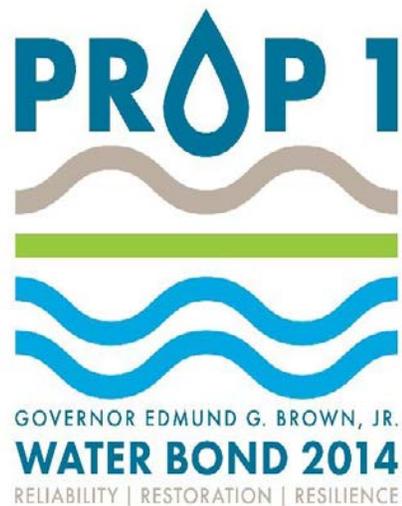
5. Apply geomorphologic principles to natural channel design and mimic natural processes when stabilizing, restoring, or recreating natural drainage channels. For example, channels with floodplains tend to be more stable than those without. Channels with steps and pools are a frequent natural stream form and have better habitat values than those with continuous slopes. Avoid adding to or decreasing natural stream flows or changing watershed boundaries.

#### Treatment

1. Emphasize removal of fine sediments and phosphorous. For the purposes of the PDA, fine sediment is considered to be those particles less than 16 microns. Examples of improvements that are likely to achieve this objective are properly-sized, flat or gently-sloping, well-vegetated, detention areas (meadow-like areas).
2. Use natural treatment systems, such as meadows, where feasible. Because of the critical importance of wetland plants in removing pollutants from runoff, projects located in Stream Environment Zones (SEZ) should generally preserve the existing vegetation and function of the SEZs to the maximum extent practicable.

# CALIFORNIA TAHOE CONSERVANCY

## ***PROPOSITION 1 ROUND 2 GRANT APPLICATION PACKAGE***



## **March 2017**

Grants funded by the *Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014*  
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## **PROPOSITION 1 GRANT APPLICATION PACKAGE OVERVIEW**

This Grant Application Package provides instructions and all necessary forms to complete California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) Proposition 1 – Round 2 planning, implementation, acquisition, and monitoring grant applications. Applicants should first read the Conservancy’s 2015 Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines, which are posted on the Conservancy’s website ([www.tahoe.ca.gov](http://www.tahoe.ca.gov)), for information regarding eligible applicants, consultation requirements, guiding documents, performance measures, and the Conservancy’s evaluation process and criteria.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult with Conservancy staff prior to preparing an application to ensure that a project fits within the requirements of Proposition 1. Applicants should be aware that the requirements of SB985 must be met for projects with a primary stormwater focus to be eligible for funding. If applicants have questions on the guidelines or application process that are not answered on the Conservancy’s web page or to schedule a consultation, please contact Lisa O’Daly at (530) 543-6037 or [lisa.odaly@tahoe.ca.gov](mailto:lisa.odaly@tahoe.ca.gov).

### **Grant Application Package Contents:**

- Grant Funding and Administration Requirements
  - Exhibits:
    - Acquisition Model Deed Language
    - Required Reporting Information
    - Operations and Maintenance Plan
- Proposition 1 Grant Application Form
  - Other Required Forms:
    - CCC/CALCC Consultation Process and Corps Consultation Review Form
    - Land Acquisition Information Form

### **Schedule and Key Dates:**

April 7, 2017: Conservation Corps Consultation Review Forms Due

April 28, 2017, 5:00 PM: Final Complete Applications Due

May – September 2017: Conservancy and Review Team Evaluation Process

August – November 2017: Conservancy Staff Prepare Recommendations

September/December 2017: Conservancy Board Authorizes Grant Awards

June 30, 2018: All grant agreements fully executed

June 30, 2020: All work completed and grant agreements closed out

### **Submittal Requirements:**

Applicants must submit an electronic version of their full grant application, including all attachments, by 5:00 PM on Friday, April 28, 2017, to [Prop1grants@tahoe.ca.gov](mailto:Prop1grants@tahoe.ca.gov). In addition, applicants must submit one printed hardcopy of their full grant application, including attachments, either postmarked or hand-submitted by April 28, 2017, to:

**California Tahoe Conservancy**  
**Attention: Proposition 1 Grant Program**  
**1061 Third Street**  
**South Lake Tahoe, California 96150**

**CALIFORNIA TAHOE CONSERVANCY  
PROPOSITION 1 – ROUND 2  
GRANT FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Eligible and Ineligible Costs**

In general, only direct costs for items within the scope of the project and the timeframe of the grant agreement are eligible for payment. Indirect Costs will not be reimbursed.. Detailed staff costs may be requested prior to reimbursement or during the development of the grant workplan. Grant funds must be spent consistent with General Obligation Bond Law, Government Code section 16727.

Eligible expenses may be incurred by the grantee after Conservancy Board approval. Eligible activities and expenses include, but are not limited to:

*Planning Grants*

- review of existing data
- site analysis and base mapping
- preliminary project design necessary for environmental documentation
- opportunities and constraints analysis
- environmental review and documentation (including surveys and other environmental assessments)
- project administration
- interagency and public coordination and consultation
- preliminary specifications and cost estimates
- pre-acquisition activities (such as obtaining title reports, appraisals, legal descriptions and initial coordination with the property owners to determine if they are willing sellers. Purchase negotiations and escrow fees are not eligible expenses under planning grants but are covered by acquisition grants.)
- pre-construction monitoring related to the goals of the project
- preparation of permit applications
- other relevant costs approved by Conservancy staff

*Implementation Grants*

- project management/administration
- preparation of contract documents, including final design plans
- preparation of grant-required documents
- project specifications, engineering, and cost estimates
- preparation and processing of permit applications, including SWPPPs
- preparation of construction bid packages, project bidding, and award
- construction of site improvements
- utility relocation and undergrounding costs consistent with Government Code section 66907.7(d)
- project inspection, evaluation, reporting and monitoring (including compliance monitoring)
- two-thirds of the costs of relocating water or sewer-related infrastructure owned by a publically owned utility for erosion control grant funds in accordance with Government Code section 66907.7(d)
- other relevant costs approved by Conservancy staff

### *Acquisition Grants*

- acquisition of land or interests in land up to the current fair market value of the interest(s) being acquired
- pre-acquisition costs
- escrow, title, and other closing costs
- project administration
- other relevant transactional costs requested in the grant application and approved by Conservancy staff

### *Monitoring Grants*

- monitoring equipment purchase, calibration, installation and removal
- laboratory tests and analysis
- collection and retrieval of monitoring data
- data analysis and evaluation
- preparation of monitoring reports

Ineligible activities and expenses include, but are not limited to:

- all costs incurred before Conservancy Board authorization of grant award
- all costs related to the preparation and submittal of the grant application
- staff time to oversee contracted project management services
- staff time beyond administration of grant products and requirements
- food, refreshments and decorations
- marketing materials
- membership fees and associated costs for attendance at conferences
- ongoing project site operations and maintenance
- travel not expressly identified in the grant budget
- disallowance of per diem and mileage expenditures or at levels above State-authorized per diem amounts. Current rates are available on line in chapter 700 (Travel) of the *California State*

### *Administrative Manual*

- funding for a purchase price above the appraised fair market value
- equipment that will be used for purposes that are unrelated to the project
- costs that are not substantially related to the project
- indirect costs

**Grant Administration.** Grants awarded by the Conservancy are administered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Conservancy's Board authorization, staff recommendation, Grant Application Package, and standard grant agreements for planning, acquisition, implementation and monitoring, these Grant Administration and Funding Requirements, and State requirements. Additional information pertaining to allowable costs, financial reporting and accounting may be found under the following:

- State of California State Administrative Manual* section 700 Travel, section 900 Grants, and section 1600 Records Management

Conservancy grants may also be subject to additional State and federal requirements (e.g., California Public Contract Code) and compliance with the California Labor Code, including section 1771.5(b) requiring payment of prevailing wages for public works. These requirements may extend to subcontractors, or any other individuals or firms retained by the grant recipient to provide deliverables.

Grantees should be familiar with and maintain financial operations, records, systems, and procedures, and maintain sufficient documentation to support their expenses.

**Payment of Funds.** Once the grant agreement is fully executed, Conservancy grants are generally reimbursed in arrears upon the submittal of invoices monthly or quarterly. Advance payment, to separately identifiable interest bearing accounts, through an advance requests for a percentage of the grant amount, may be approved for non-State grantees in certain instances, specifically planning and site improvement projects. Interest earned must be used consistent with the purposes of the project. All reimbursement requests must be supported by appropriate invoices, purchase orders, canceled warrants/checks, payroll documents and other approved documents. Only actual and direct project-related costs incurred during the approved term of the grant agreement are eligible for reimbursement.

Disbursements of grant funds are made incrementally, as work is satisfactorily completed. The Conservancy withholds the final ten percent (10%) of the total grant amount to ensure satisfactory completion of the Project. Acquisition Grants are not subject to the ten percent retention. Recipients of acquisition grants may request that land acquisition costs be paid directly to the escrow holder. All other expenses will be paid as a reimbursement upon submittal of invoices.

All grant agreements must be fully executed by June 30, 2018 because of funding restrictions. These Proposition 1 grant funds expire on June 30, 2020. All invoices and required supporting documentation must be submitted at least 60 days in advance of this date in order to allow reimbursement by the State to occur on or before June 30, 2020.

**Signage Requirement.** The grant agreement requires, to the extent practicable, onsite signage indicating that the project was funded by the *Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014*.

**Additional Requirements for Acquisition Grants.** The Conservancy requires applicants of acquisition grants to:

- submit the *Information Form for Land Acquisition*
- determine the fair market value of the land or interests in land to be acquired through an appraisal, which must be approved by the Conservancy;
- obtain title insurance; and
- incorporate model deed language to ensure the property is maintained in perpetuity in a manner consistent with Proposition 1 and the purposes of the grant.

Applicants may use an abbreviated and faster value determination process for nominal value (defined as \$2,500 or less) and low-value (\$2,501 to \$10,000) acquisitions. Applicants are eligible for this streamlined process when there is no serious question as to the highest and best use, when adequate market data is available to make an administrative determination of value, when substantial damages or benefits are not involved, and when there is no reason to believe hazardous materials/waste is present.

Applicants shall indicate in the *Information Form for Land Acquisition* those acquisition(s) that they believe will be eligible for the streamlined valuation process. A final determination on which acquisitions are eligible for this process will be made in consultation with Conservancy staff, who will review and approve all title exceptions and valuation determinations as provided for in the standard Grant Agreement.

For nominal value acquisitions, title insurance is not required. However, a preliminary title report (PTR) is required for all acquisitions, including donations. In order to compensate for the lack of title insurance, an indemnification clause must be added to the purchase and sale agreement between the grantee and the seller. This clause must require the seller to indemnify the grantee against loss resulting from defects in the title in an amount sufficient to allow the project to be fully implemented.

Grantees may take title subject to a deed of trust or mortgage under the following conditions:

1. where a partial acquisition is a relatively small portion of a parcel, or of nominal value; and
2. the interest/easement is for improvements that are not essential to the overall functioning of the

project, such as curb and gutter and pavement adjoining a right-of-way along the perimeter of a parcel. An indemnity clause will be required in the purchase agreement for loss resulting from defects in title.

### **Reports and Reporting.**

*Progress Reports:* Grantees must submit progress reports semi-annually, in April and October, and a final report when the project is completed. If the grantee bills more frequently, progress reports must be submitted with reimbursement requests. All reports should contain information consistent with **Exhibit 2**.

*Operations and Maintenance Plan:* Implementation and Acquisition grant recipients must submit an Operations and Maintenance Plan (**Exhibit 3**) prior to final payment. The plan should address staffing, season of operation, fire prevention, forest fuels management, maintenance of Best Management Practices, and other day-to-day operations for the project maintenance period.

*Monitoring:* If the project includes water quality monitoring data collection, the data must be reported to the State Water Resources Control Board in a manner that is compatible and consistent with their surface monitoring data systems (i.e., California Environmental Data Exchange Network) or groundwater monitoring data systems (California Water Code [CWC] section 79404). If the project includes watershed monitoring data collection, the data must be reported to the Department of Conservation in a manner compatible and consistent with their statewide watershed program (CWC section 79404).

**Site Visits.** The Conservancy may conduct periodic site visits, including a final inspection for an implementation project, to determine if the work performed is in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement. Acquisitions will be inspected into perpetuity to ensure compliance with the purpose of acquisition.

**Final Payment.** Grantees must submit their final invoice to the Conservancy by the deadline identified in the grant agreement. This will provide adequate time for the Conservancy to review the final invoice for completeness, conduct the final inspection, if necessary, verify that the project was completed in accordance with the grant agreement, and process the final payment (including retention).

**Accounting and Audits.** The Conservancy or their duly authorized representatives have the right of timely and unrestricted access to any books, documents, papers, or other records of recipients that are pertinent to awards, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, transcripts, and copies of such documents. An audit may be performed before or after final payment.

# GRANT FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS - Exhibit 1

## ACQUISITION MODEL DEED LANGUAGE

SUBJECT to a right of entry by the STATE OF CALIFORNIA ("State") in the event that any essential term or condition of that certain grant agreement for the acquisition of real property, No. \_\_\_\_\_ entered into between State, acting by and through the California Tahoe Conservancy and \_\_\_\_\_ (**jurisdiction**) on \_\_\_\_\_ (**date**), 20\_\_\_\_, is violated, or the property is ever used in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of the funding source (The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, Water Code Section 79700, et seq.). Exercise of said right of entry shall be by State's recordation of a notice of the default of \_\_\_\_\_ (**jurisdiction**) under said agreement, and shall have the effect of vesting full \_\_\_\_\_ (**jurisdiction**) title to the hereinabove described real property in State at the expiration of thirty (30) days from the recordation of said notice.

The right of entry created herein is subject to the provisions of California Civil Code Section 885.010 - 885.070, and shall be construed in accordance with said provisions (or successor statutes).

## GRANT FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS - Exhibit 2

### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

#### SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTING

- Project Name, CTA#
- Date Submitted; Reporting Period; Prepared by
- Invoice Number
- Summary of work completed during reporting period
- Discussion of any challenges or opportunities encountered
- Schedule Assessment (describe extent to which project is on track with the submitted schedule)
- Financial Analysis (describe extent to which the project costs are consistent with the submitted budget)
- Draft products, reports, interim findings, or other relevant materials produced
- Production Summary Table:

Product	Scheduled delivery date	Actual delivery date	Amount expended this period	Total amt expended to date	% of total budget expended to date	Percent of task complete	Status
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#### FINAL REPORTING: ALL GRANTS

- Project Name, CTA#
- Date Submitted; Prepared by
- Brief summary of the objectives of the project and how these objectives were accomplished
- Findings, conclusions, or recommendations for follow-up or ongoing activities
- Financial Analysis (Final project costs for all funding sources; e.g., identify cost overruns compared to the approved budget, any cost savings, unused funding to be returned, etc.)
- Statement, if applicable, of future intent of public and/or private support to maintain or further develop the project, including proposed submittal dates for future funding
- Media coverage, as well as all promotional and educational materials produced
- Workplan work products, including public and agency meeting summaries (electronic)

#### FINAL REPORTING: IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

- Project Name, CTA#
- Date Submitted; Prepared by
- Recorded Notice of Completion
- As-Built or Record drawings
- First year and second year post construction monitoring reports. These reports include photographs (prints and electronic) of the completed project, with labels or annotations showing dates of photographs and briefly describing the subject of each picture.
- If applicable, water quality monitoring data and an analysis of the significance of this data in regard to the effectiveness of the site improvements in improving water quality.

#### FINAL REPORTING: MONITORING GRANTS

- Project Name, CTA#:
- Date Submitted; Prepared by
- Workplan work products, including public and agency meeting summaries (electronic)
- Reports to include data collected and obtained, maps and photographs of the areas studied, interpretation of the data relevant to the project goals and objectives, and recommendations for further study and utilization of the data and results.

## GRANT FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS - Exhibit 3

### OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

*Submit the following information, as appropriate, prior to final payment for all Implementation and Acquisition Grants:*

#### **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PLAN for Useful Life of the Improvements**

- Project Name, CTA#
- Date Submitted; Reporting Period; Prepared by
- Project Elements to include:
  - *Facilities*: structures, parking lots, tables, benches, etc.
  - *Stormwater*: storm drain pipes and inlets, channels, Best Management Practices, basins, etc.
  - *Infrastructure*: electrical, potable water plumbing, irrigation, sewer, etc.
  - *Restoration*: revegetation, riparian stabilization, source control, etc.
  - *Land*: fire prevention and forest fuels management activities; property inspections
- Operations:
  - Season of Operation -- Months, Days and Hours of Operation:
  - Staffing levels during operation:
  - Operated by: (ex. Agency department, concessionaire, volunteers, etc.)
  - Estimated annual operations costs:
  - Operations funded by: (Collected revenues, donations, general fund, etc.)
- Maintenance:
  - Maintenance inspections to be performed and frequency:
  - Routine maintenance needs and triggers:
  - Routine maintenance performed by:
  - Procedure for special repairs or maintenance needs:
  - Estimated annual inspection and maintenance costs:
  - Maintenance funded by:
- Reporting: Advise the Conservancy of any other regular reporting on the operations or maintenance that occurs or is expected to occur, e.g., TMDL reporting, annual report to Council or Board in (month), etc.

**Attachment 3b  
CALIFORNIA TAHOE CONSERVANCY  
PROPOSITION 1 GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

**Project Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Has your organization applied for, or does it intend to apply for, funding from another public agency for this project?**  Yes  No

If yes, indicate the agency/grant program/amount requested/date requested:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

Applicant's Name (Official entity's name): \_\_\_\_\_

Official Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signatory/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Contact/Project Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other key personnel who may represent the application (list name and contact info)

**Project Type:** (Check One)

Planning Grant

Acquisition Grant

Implementation Grant

Monitoring Grant

If a Grant Augmentation Request, CTA# \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Focus Area:** (Check One)

Ecosystem and Watershed Management

Aquatic Invasive Species

Stormwater Quality

Forest Health

Sustainable Communities

**Secondary Focus Area(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Is this project on the current 5-year EIP list?  Yes  No

If no, describe your organization's strategy for adding it:

**Project Description, including Project Benefits and Consistency with Statewide Priorities and the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP):**

Provide the project's purpose and need statement:

Provide a short executive summary of the project:

Describe the Project's consistency with Focus Area(s) and applicable Focus Area-Specific Guiding Documents.

Describe the project's multiple benefits, within or across Focus Areas, including any climate change benefits.

Indicate how the project provides fisheries or ecosystem benefits or improvements that are greater than required applicable environmental mitigation measures or compliance obligations.

**Project Schedule and Readiness/Feasibility.** Describe the current status of the project and the readiness to proceed (e.g., permit status, data needs, easements, etc.), completion dates for major project milestones/work products, and project completion date.

If project work extends beyond May 1, 2020, explain portions of work to be specifically funded by this grant.

**Innovation and Science.** Describe how the project applies the best available science to inform decisions regarding water resources; describe new or innovative technology or practices proposed for use, including decision support tools that support integrated resource management.

**Performance Measures.** Describe project-specific performance measures and quantities. Describe methods used to obtain quantities.

Indicate how project effectiveness will be assessed.

Describe the proposed monitoring and evaluation methods and data to be collected and evaluated.

**Project Budget; Leveraged Funding.** Provide a detailed budget for the funds requested (Example layout below), as well as the total project cost, based upon estimates of eligible costs; identify other funding sources that have been secured, applied for, or are being considered; describe any in-kind assistance by the applicant. *Attach detailed budget in Excel format including all rows and columns in below example.*

<b>EXAMPLE Budget Categories /Activities</b>	<b>Conservancy Request "A"</b>	<b>Cost Share (secured) "B"</b>	<b>Unfunded Amount "C"</b>	<b>Total Project Cost A+B+C</b>
Project Administration				
Planning (add subcategories by task)				
Acquisition (add subcategories by task)				
Design (add subcategories by task)				
Construction (add subcategories by task)				
Equipment				
Monitoring (add subcategories as necessary)				
Project Fees				
Utilities				
Contingency				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

**Additional information/explanations:** identify other funding sources and amounts that have been applied for or are being considered.

Does this budget request include a project administration and/or contingency amount of more than 10% of the total grant request?  Yes  No

If so, provide a justification of the special circumstances that warrant consideration of the proposed amount.

**Organizational Capacity.** Describe your organization’s experience and capacity to plan and deliver the project within the schedule and budget.

**Public, Stakeholder, and Agency Support.** Describe the role of the Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) workgroup, if any, and support of stakeholders; indicate public involvement efforts to date and anticipated, and summarize public response to the project.

**CEQA Environmental Documentation.**

- Complete  
Filed with State Clearinghouse?  Yes  No  
*(provide document only upon request)*
- Not complete; provide status and short description.

**Corps Consultation.**

- Complete.  
Form attached?  Yes  No
- Exempt from consultation requirement. By checking this box, applicant attests that this project is solely for planning or acquisition activities.

**Land Tenure, if applicable.**

- Not applicable (such as Acquisition Grant)
- Applicant owns site
- Land is not owned by applicant.

If the applicant does not own the project site but has adequate site control to support the project, describe and attach documentation. "Adequate site control" includes a lease, special use permit, easement, joint powers agreement, or other suitable interest in the property (lasting at least for the duration of the grant operation and maintenance obligation).

If site control has not been obtained, describe the plan to obtain site control and how the project would be affected if it is not obtained.

Describe any plans to locate the project on or adjacent to Conservancy land, and how that land might be affected.

**Governing Body Resolution.** Attach a resolution by the governing body, or letter from an authorized officer, of the project sponsor confirming the organization's commitment to the project and to operate and maintain the project for its useful life following the completion of construction. (A sample can be provided upon request.)

- Attached
- In progress. Expected on: \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

### All Applications:

- Location Map
- Map(s) identifying any Conservancy land located within the Project Area
- Governing Body Resolution
- Site Control Documentation (if applicable)
- Support letters (optional, no more than five)

### Implementation Grants:

- Corps Consultation Review Form*
- Engineer's estimate (if available)
- Monitoring and evaluation plan (if available)

### Monitoring Grants:

- Corps Consultation Review Form*

### Acquisition Grants:

- Land Acquisition Information Form* for each parcel to be acquired

## **CORPS CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION and MONITORING GRANTS**

Consistent with the requirements of Proposition 1, applicants for Conservancy Proposition 1 implementation and monitoring grants must consult with representatives of the CCC and California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC, the entity representing the certified community conservation corps), collectively “the Corps,” to determine the feasibility of the Corps’ participation in the project through the process described below. Examples of work that the Corps may be able to perform may be found at: <http://www.ccc.ca.gov/work/programs/prop1/Pages/default.aspx>.

**Step 1:** By April 7, 2017, applicants for all implementation and monitoring grants must submit the Corps Consultation Review Form via email concurrently to both the CCC and CALCC representatives:

California Conservation Corps representative:

Name: CCC Prop 1 Coordinator    Email: [Prop1@ccc.ca.gov](mailto:Prop1@ccc.ca.gov)  
Phone: (916) 341-3100

California Association of Local Conservation Corps representative:

Name: Crystal Muhlenkamp    Email: [inquiry@prop1communitycorps.org](mailto:inquiry@prop1communitycorps.org)  
Phone: 916-426-9170 ext. 0

**Step 2:** The CCC and CALCC representatives will review the submitted information, contact the applicant and the Conservancy if necessary, and provide applicants with a completed *Corps Consultation Review Form*. Through this process, the Corps will inform applicants either that:

- (1) It is NOT feasible for CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project; or
- (2) It is feasible for the CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project and identifying the aspects of the project that can be accomplished with Corps services.

**Step 3:** By April 28, 2017, applicants must submit a complete Proposition 1 application to the Conservancy, including the completed *Corps Consultation Review Form* if project is not exempt.

**Step 4:** The Conservancy reviews grant applications consistent with the process described in the Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines, and prepares recommendations for Board approval in March 2016.

**Step 5:** Successful grant applicants for projects using CCC or CALCC services must develop a scope of work and enter into a contract with the appropriate Corps, and provide a copy of the contract to the Conservancy as part of the Grant Agreement.

**California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps  
Proposition 1 - Water Bond  
Corps Consultation Review Form**

Unless an exempted project, this Corps Consultation Review Document must be completed by California Conservation Corps and Community Conservation Corps staff and accompany applications for projects or grants seeking funds through Proposition 1, Chapter 6, Protecting Rivers, Lakes, Streams, Coastal Waters and Watersheds. Non-exempt applications that do not include this document demonstrating that the Corps have been consulted will be deemed “noncompliant” and will not be considered for funding.

**To be completed by Applicant:**

1. Name of Applicant:

Project Title:

Department/Conservancy to which you are applying for funding: **California Tahoe Conservancy**

2. Please attach the following items to your email that transmits this form:

- Project Title and Primary Focus Area
- Project Description (identifying key project activities and deliverables)
- Project Map (showing project location)
- Project Implementation estimated start and end dates

**To be completed by Corps:**

This Consultation Review Document is being prepared by:

- The California Conservation Corps (CCC)
- California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC)

3. Applicant has submitted the required information by email to the CCC and CALCC:

- Yes (applicant has submitted all necessary information to CCC and CALCC)
- No (applicant has not submitted all information or did not submit information to both Corps – application is deemed non-compliant with Corps consultation process)

4. After consulting with the project applicant, the CCC and CALCC has determined that:

- It is NOT feasible for CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project (deemed compliant)

- It is feasible for the CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project and the following aspects of the project can be accomplished with Corps services (deemed compliant):

CCC comments below:

**LAND ACQUISITION INFORMATION FORM**

(Use one form for each parcel)

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Assessor's Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Parcel Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Owner's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Subdivision Name: \_\_\_\_\_

6. IPES Score or Land Capability: \_\_\_\_\_

7. a. Assessed Value: Land \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Improvements \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b. Approximate % of parcel needed: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Current fair market value of portion of parcel needed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

fee  easement

8. Existing improvements, if any:

9. a. Owner Contacts Made: (date) \_\_\_\_\_

b. Owner's Response (if the owner is willing but with conditions, list those conditions):

c. Alternatives to acquisition (such as permit or right-of-entry):

10. Is this a Nominal or Low Value Acquisition that you believe is eligible for the streamlined valuation process?  Yes  No

11. Attach annotated Assessor's Plat showing proposed acquisition and approximate location of project improvements that will affect the parcel. If a creek or other drainage crosses the property, sketch its approximate location.

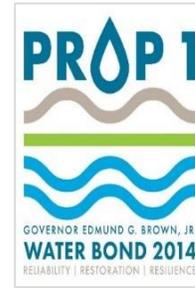
## ATTACHMENT 4

### Solicitation Notice

# CALIFORNIA TAHOE CONSERVANCY

## PROPOSITION 1 – ROUND 2 GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**Application Deadline: April 28, 2017, 5:00 PM**



The California Tahoe Conservancy announces the availability of funding through its Proposition 1 Grant Program. The *Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014* allocated funding to the Conservancy for a competitive grant program supporting multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** Up to \$3.6 million. While there is no grant request limit, the Conservancy seeks to award 7-10 grants in Round 2. All grant agreements must be fully executed by June 30, 2018 and completed by June 30, 2020.

**TYPES OF GRANTS:** Planning, Implementation, Acquisition, and Monitoring

**TYPES OF PROJECTS:** Multi-benefit Ecosystem and Watershed Management, Aquatic Invasive Species, Forest Health, Stormwater Quality, and/or Sustainable Communities projects

**CONSULTATIONS:** The Conservancy strongly encourages applicants to meet with Conservancy staff to discuss proposed projects prior to preparing their application. To schedule a consultation, please contact Lisa O'Daly at [lisa.odaly@tahoe.ca.gov](mailto:lisa.odaly@tahoe.ca.gov) or (530) 543-6037.

### **WHO CAN APPLY:**

Public agencies, including cities, counties, special districts, joint powers authorities, State agencies or departments; federally-recognized Indian tribes; and eligible nonprofit organizations

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND GRANT APPLICATION PACKAGE:** [www.tahoe.ca.gov](http://www.tahoe.ca.gov)

## ATTACHMENT 5

### Round 1 Applications Not Recommended For Funding

Project Name	Organization	Primary Focus Area	Grant Type	Requested Amount
Planning for Native LCT Restoration in Emerald Bay	UC Davis	Aquatic Invasive Species	Planning	\$1,139,689.00
Tahoe Keys Comprehensive Public Education and Outreach Program	South Tahoe Public Utility District	Aquatic Invasive Species	Implementation	315,946.49
Waterfowl and Wildlife Study for the Future Management of Water-Related Habitat in the Tahoe Keys Lagoons	Tahoe Institute for Natural Science	Aquatic Invasive Species	Planning	104,281.50
Planning for Continued Control of Asian Clams in Emerald Bay	UC Davis	Aquatic Invasive Species	Planning	92,830.00
Monitoring the Behavior and Distribution of Lake Trout and Lahontan Cutthroat Trout in Lake Tahoe with Acoustic Telemetry	UC Davis	Ecosystem and Watershed Management	Monitoring	1,456,388.00
Tahoe Valley Greenbelt Project	City of South Lake Tahoe	Ecosystem and Watershed Management	Implementation	596,700.00
Coon Street Stream Environment Zone Improvement Project	Placer County	Ecosystem and Watershed Management	Acquisition	313,550.00
Coon Street Stream Environment Zone Improvement Project	Placer County	Ecosystem and Watershed Management	Implementation	270,500.00
Upper Truckee River Watershed Strategic Plan	Tahoe Resource Conservation District	Ecosystem and Watershed Management	Planning	200,952.40
Monitoring the Impact of the UTR Restoration Project on Lake Tahoe's Water Quality	UC Davis	Ecosystem and Watershed Management	Monitoring	198,365.00
Remote Sensing Tool for Measuring Meadow Restoration Benefits	California Department of State Parks	Ecosystem and Watershed Management	Planning	197,407.85
Sugar Pine Point State Park (Lower General Creek) Watershed Improvement Implementation	California Department of State Parks	Ecosystem and Watershed Management	Implementation	196,696.43
Stream Environment Zone Restoration	South Tahoe Public Utility District	Ecosystem and Watershed Management	Planning	173,931.50
Tallac Creek Sewer Line Crossing Protection Project	South Tahoe Public Utility District	Ecosystem and Watershed Management	Planning	78,170.00
Upper Truckee Marsh Sewer Facilities Protection, Phase 3	South Tahoe Public Utility District	Ecosystem and Watershed Management	Planning	74,004.50
Coon Clean Water Pipe Project, Phase 2	Placer County	Storm Water Quality	Implementation	2,878,720.00
Camelian Woods Tank Access Road Erosion Control Project	North Tahoe Public Utility District	Storm Water Quality	Implementation	740,755.60
A&A Motel Demolition and Restoration	Placer County	Storm Water Quality	Implementation	302,930.00
Planning Tools for New Hydrology, Changing Lake Conditions, and New Lake Levels Under Extremes of Climate	UC Davis	Storm Water Quality	Planning	296,432.00
Kingswood West Tank Access Road Erosion Control Project	North Tahoe Public Utility District	Storm Water Quality	Implementation	168,660.00
Griff Creek Corridor and Public Access Project/Planning	Placer County	Sustainable Communities	Planning	650,000.00
Sierra Boulevard Enhancement Project	City of South Lake Tahoe	Sustainable Communities	Planning	283,140.00
<b>Total Not Recommended</b>				<b>\$10,730,050.27</b>