



# California Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Watershed Restoration Grant Programs

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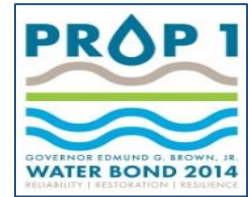
# Overview

- **Meadow restoration funding successes and future opportunities**
  - **Proposition 1**
  - **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund**

**Moving ahead with restoration**



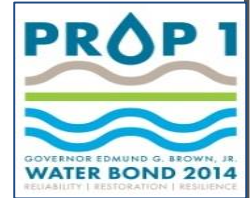
# Proposition 1



- **The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1)**
- **Provides funding to implement the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan:**
  - 1. More reliable water supplies**
  - 2. Restoration of important species and habitat**
  - 3. More resilient, sustainably managed water resources system**



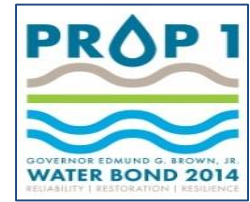
# Proposal Solicitation Notice



- **Three grant rounds completed (2015, 2016 & 2017)**
  - 426 proposals received requesting \$556 M
  - Awarded just over 100 projects for \$115 M
- **All Project Types – Acquisition, Planning, Implementation, and Scientific Studies**
- **Varied Priorities – e.g., Wetlands, Mountain Meadows, Headwaters, Fish Habitat**

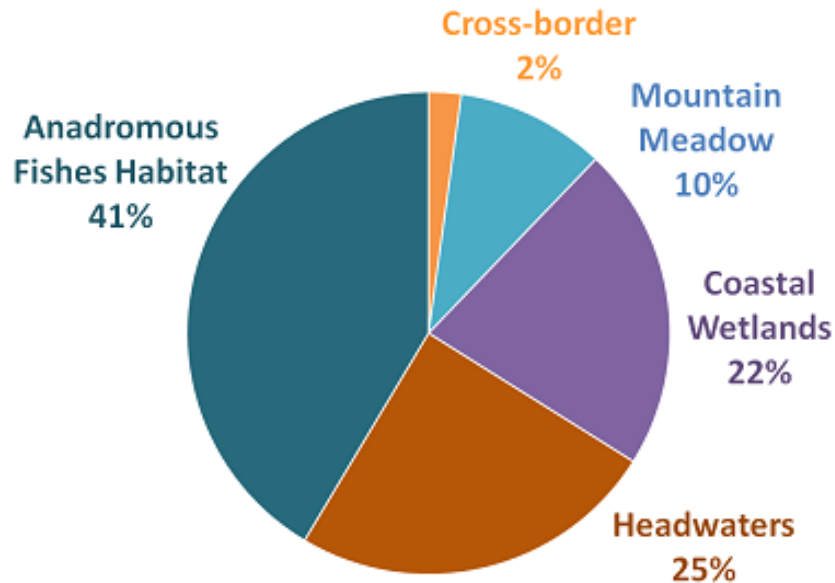


# Funded Projects

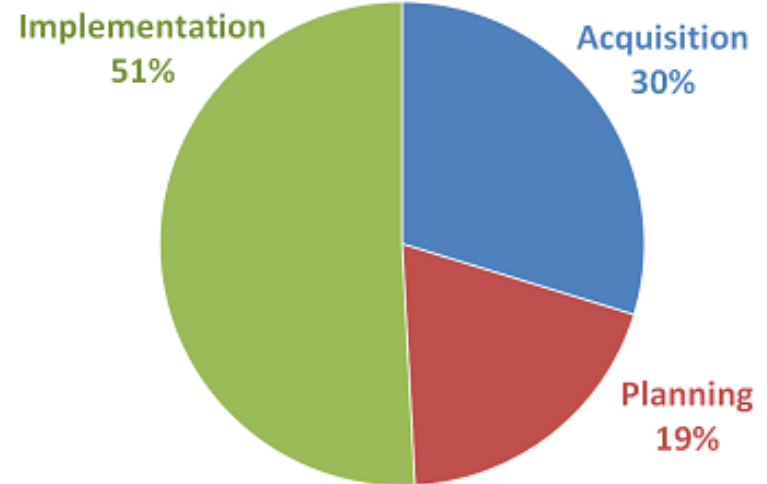


## Watershed Program

Distribution of Watershed Restoration Funds by Project Topic

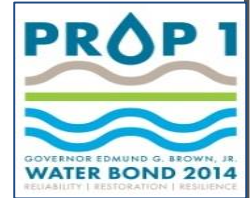


Distribution of Watershed Restoration Funds by Project Type





# Proposal Solicitation Notice



- **16 meadow projects – \$12.9 million**
  - **10 projects with SMP partners**
  - **Planning: 7 projects, 2,219 acres**
  - **Implementation: 6 projects, 1,060 acres**
  - **Acquisition: 3 projects, 2,478 acres**

**Working toward CWAP goal of 10,000 acres**

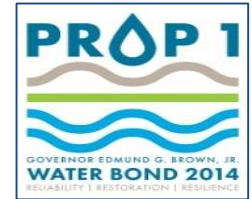




Map prepared by: D.Mastalir, GIS Specialist, Watershed Restoration Grants Branch



# Spring Solicitation



***\$24 million watershed, \$7 million Delta available***

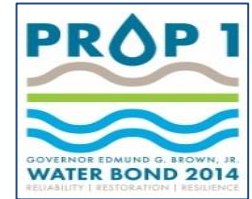
## ***Priorities:***

- **Central Valley Salmon Resilience and Recovery**
- **Fire Recovery Response**
- **Restoration Project Implementation**





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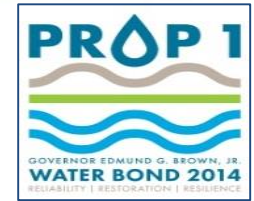
## *Project Types:*

- **Planning (Fire and Delta only)**
- **Implementation**
- **Scientific Studies (Delta only)**

**No Acquisition for this Solicitation**



# Timeline



**Solicitation  
released**

**April 30, 2018**

**Public Meeting  
May 30, 2018**

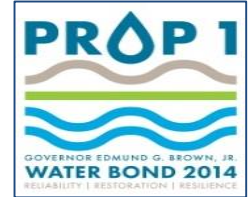
**Proposals Due  
June 13, 2018**

**Awards announced  
Fall 2018**





# Fall Prop 1 Solicitation



## ***Tentative timeline***

***Solicitation out – Fall 2018***

***Proposals due – prior to Thanksgiving***

***Awards announced – April 2019***



# CDFW Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant Program



- **Grant Program Developed in 2014.**
- **Priorities – Further the Goals of AB 32 and the California Water Action Plan**
  - Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Increase Sequestration
  - Co-Benefits - Restore Wetlands and Mountain Meadows
  - Provides ecological benefits
  - Projects Located in/relevant to the coastal/Delta system or the mountain meadow system
  - Disadvantaged Communities.



# Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program



## FY 2014-15

- **Solicitation Released November, 2014**
- **27 proposals received, requesting \$49 million**
- **\$21 million available in local assistance**





# Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program



**Funded 12 projects** to restore or enhance approximately 2,500 acres of wetlands and mountain meadows

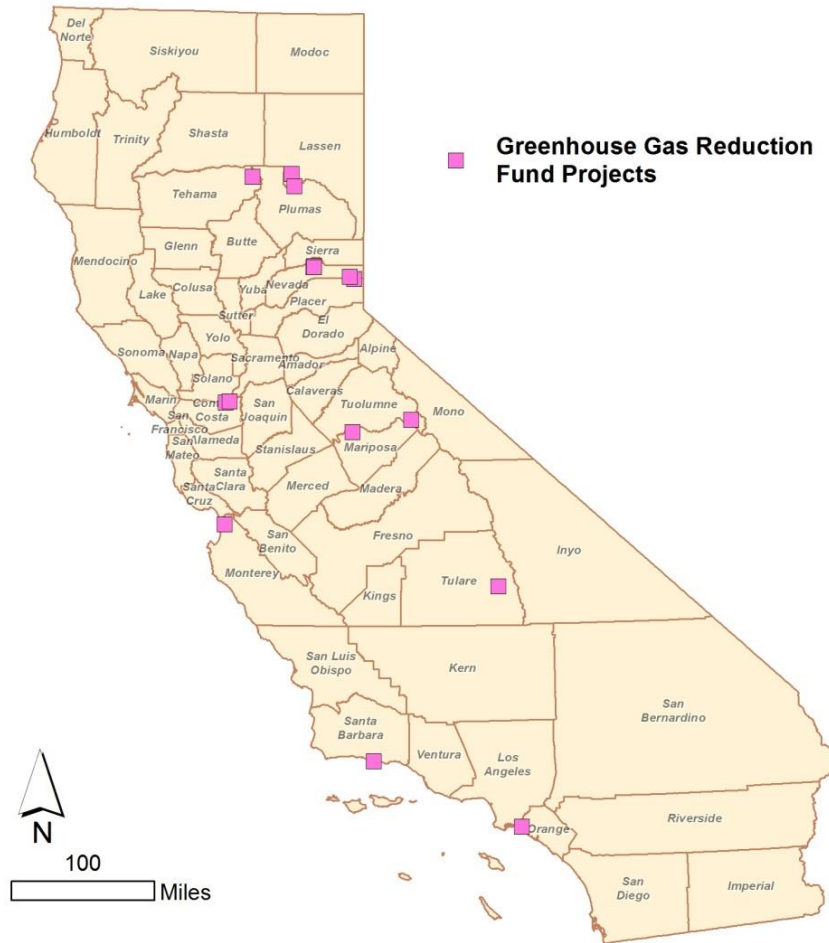
- **1 Delta Project**
- **3 Coastal Projects**
- **8 Mountain Meadow Projects (627 acres)**







# Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program





# Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program



**FY 2017-2018 Funding – \$12.75 million**

**Restore or enhance wetlands to achieve quantifiable GHG reduction benefits and provide co-benefits:**

- **mountain meadows**
- **coastal tidal wetlands**
- **Delta wetlands**



# Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program



## Updates

- **New Online Application System: CDFW WebGrants**
- **CARB Approved Quantification Methodologies**
- **GHG benefits must be maintained for 50 years, underpinned by CE or enforceable agreement**
- **Clarification of Qualifications and Licensed Professionals**



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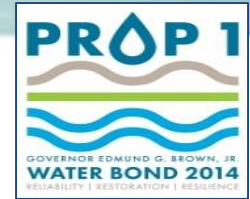


## Timeline

- **Release Proposal Solicitation Notice - June 2018**
- **Application Workshop - June (varied dates & times, TBD)**
- **Proposals due - 4:00 PM, PDT July TBD**
- **CDFW Director approval and Award - November/December 2018**



# Resources



For more information:

## Prop 1 Grant Programs

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/Restoration-Grants>

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