

Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project Work Plan Update

2007 Request for Proposals

The Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project (WRP) is requesting proposals for acquisition, restoration/enhancement, and planning projects for wetlands in the coastal watersheds of Southern California from Point Conception to the U.S.-Mexico Border. Project proposals must be postmarked by **June 15, 2007**. Projects selected for the WRP Work Plan become eligible for technical assistance from WRP Staff and for funding by WRP partner agencies. Inclusion on the WRP Work Plan; however, **does not** mean the project has been awarded a grant or is guaranteed funding.

In a formal process every two years, the WRP updates its Work Plan, which identifies regional priorities for acquisition, planning and restoration/enhancement of wetlands in the coastal watersheds of Southern California. Project proponents submit proposals according to guidelines provided in a Request for Proposals (attached and on www.scwrp.org). Project proposals submitted to the WRP, will be reviewed by the WRP Staff (comprised from the Coastal Conservancy and the Local Assistance Program), the WRP Wetland Managers Group (comprised of senior staff from the member agencies), and the appropriate WRP County Task Force. The WRP Wetlands Managers Group (WMG), comprised of senior staff from the 18 member agencies, reviews and ranks the proposals based on adopted Project Evaluation Criteria, best professional judgment, and input from WRP staff and the County Task Forces. The updated Work Plan, which includes updated descriptions of existing Work Plan projects as well as the newly selected projects, is presented to the Board of Governors for approval. This meeting will take place in fall 2007.

Pre-proposal Information Meetings (Optional): During May, the Wetlands Managers Group will hold three regional meetings in cooperation with the WRP County Task Forces to hear **five to ten minute** presentations on project proposals and offer suggestions for making proposals stronger. The length of presentation time will depend upon the number of presenters at the meeting. The amount of time available for feedback to each presenter will depend upon the succinctness of their presentation. Applicants are encouraged to present their projects at one of these meetings. **In order to make a presentation you need to submit a two page pre-proposal summary of your project (Attachment 4) to kbane@scc.ca.gov by May 1, 2007.** Meeting dates and locations are listed below.

May 15th, 1:00pm-4:00pm, Ventura City Hall, Community Meeting Room, 501 Poli Street, Ventura

May 16th, 9:30am-12:30pm, National Marine Fisheries Service at the Long Beach Federal Building, Room 3400, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach.

May 17th, 9:30am – 12:30pm, San Diego County Administration Building, Room 302/303, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego.

Please contact me if you are interested in presenting your project at a technical advisory meeting.

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