**PROJECT TITLE:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**APPLICANT:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Project Summary**

Describe the discrete EEM project including expected project deliverables, current site conditions, and extent of public access, if applicable. Include a brief description of the relationship to the RTF and how the EEM project mitigates for the environmental damage caused by the RTF. Summaries are limited to 3,000 characters.

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**Project Questions**

**A. General Criteria Questions**

Applicants must answer all the questions in this section. If a question does not apply to the project, indicate “Not Applicable” with a brief explanation. *Do not leave blank fields*.

**Mitigation and Enhancement (0-15 points)**

EEM projects that provide the greatest and most appropriate degree of mitigation (or enhancement to mitigation) for the environmental damage caused by the RTF will be more competitive.

1. Describe the RTF in detail.

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1. Describe the adverse environmental impacts of the RTF, including impacts to the larger biological area, complex or system.

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1. Provide a concise but complete explanation of the required mitigation for the RTF.

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1. Describe the geographic proximity of the EEM project to the RTF.

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**Statewide Project Goals (0-10 points)**

Agency grant programs assist state and local entities to develop more sustainable communities, increase adaptability to climate change using nature-based climate solutions, and protect biodiversity in compliance with [Executive Order N-82-20](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/10.07.2020-EO-N-82-20-.pdf), the [Pathways to 30 x 30 California](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcanature.maps.arcgis.com%2Fsharing%2Frest%2Fcontent%2Fitems%2F8da9faef231c4e31b651ae6dff95254e%2Fdata&data=05%7C01%7CMadeline.Drake%40Wildlife.ca.gov%7C678f63180e944115cd5408da248e6e0f%7C4b633c25efbf40069f1507442ba7aa0b%7C0%7C1%7C637862491419352953%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5hhQcgQwkdMpNees9igy%2BqDM%2B%2BknQwnPGy7P3EMd12M%3D&reserved=0), and the [Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy](https://resources.ca.gov/Initiatives/Expanding-Nature-Based-Solutions). EEM projects that demonstrate multiple benefits will be more competitive.

1. Describe how the EEM project contributes to two or more of the following:

a. Decreased air and/or water pollution.

b. Reduced consumption of natural resources and energy.

c. Increased reliability of local water supplies.

d. Increased adaptability to climate change using nature-based strategies.

e. Increased protection of biodiversity.

f. Increased protection of landscape that delivers multiple ecosystem services.

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1. Describe how the EEM project contributes to achieving carbon neutrality through limiting future carbon losses, sequestering carbon, or storing carbon.

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1. Explain how the EEM project is consistent with local, state, and/or federal plans (e.g., General Plans, Transportation Plans, Climate Action Plans, etc.).

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1. Describe how the EEM project reinforces, compliments, or fills a deficiency or need in a larger biological area, complex or system.

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**Other Sources of Funds/Local Cash Contributions (0-5 points)**

Projects that leverage other funding sources may be more competitive.

1. Identify the sources and amount of funds already committedto the EEM project and the expected timing of those funds.

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1. Identify any funding gap and how it will be bridged including the expected timing.

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**Project Readiness/Organizational Capacity (0-15 points)**

Projects that can be started and completed most readily may be more competitive.

1. On a scale of 1-10, how ready is the project for implementation? Please explain.

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1. Describe the status of the following items for the EEM project, including anticipated timing for completion of each, as applicable:

a. Preliminary design.

b. Necessary permits and long-term operation and maintenance commitments/ agreements.

c. Willing seller negotiation documents (e.g., purchase agreement, purchase option).

d. Acquisition valuation documents (e.g., appraisal and/or comparable sales data).

e. Title due diligence review (e.g., review of preliminary title report, etc.).

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1. List the legal owners for each parcel within the project footprint and the status of notifications, negotiations, agreements, etc. to implement the project.

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1. List all other entities with jurisdiction over the project and the status of notifications, agreements, meetings, etc.

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1. Describe applicant’s experience in completing similar projects (e.g., urban forest, restoration, conservation easement or fee-title acquisition projects).

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1. Describe applicant’s fiscal capacity to carry out the proposed EEM project on a reimbursement-only basis.

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1. Describe applicant’s experience in managing other grant-funded projects.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Community Participation and Benefits (0-5 points)**

Projects that demonstrate community support and provide other community benefits will be more competitive under this criterion.

1. Describe how the EEM project affects California Native American tribes.

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1. Describe the past, present, and future meaningful outreach and collaboration efforts with local tribes about the EEM project.

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20. Explain how the EEM project will:

a. Provide access to outdoor wildlife/nature-oriented recreational opportunities.

b. Increase opportunities for interpretive and/or environmental education.

c. Be ADA-accessible.

d. Maximize citizen involvement in project planning and implementation.

e. Provide community stewardship opportunities.

f. Provide additional benefits not previously discussed.

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**B. Project Criteria Questions –** **Mitigation Projects Beyond the Scope of the Lead Agency**

Provide responses to **all** the questions in the **selected category**. If a question does not apply to the project, indicate “Not Applicable” **with** **a brief explanation**. Do not leave blank fields.

Mitigation Projects Beyond the Scope of the Lead Agency mitigate the impact of proposed transportation facilities or enhance the environment, where the ability to effectuate the mitigation or enhancement measures are beyond the scope of the lead agency responsible for assessing the environmental impact of the proposed transportation improvement.

**Suitability (0-5 points)**

1. Is the EEM project the required mitigation for the RTF?

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1. If not, describe how the EEM project is different from the required mitigation.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Describe why it is beyond the scope of the Lead Agency to effectuate.

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**Elements of Mitigation (0-20 points)**

1. Describe the proposed EEM project.

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1. Explain how resources are impacted by the RTF (Select those that apply from “a through f” in Question 6 below).

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6. Describe how the EEM project mitigates the environmental impacts noted below. (Questions provided for each resource are examples only).

a. Biological Resources - How will the project control weeds or invasive plants and pests? Restore native habitat? Increase species diversity?

b. Resource Lands - How will the project connect to or augment an existing wild area? Mitigate disturbances to plant communities or sensitive habitats? Protect, or preserve Resource Lands?

c. Geology/Soils/ Mineral Resources - How will the project minimize erosion and sediment transport? Help to stabilize soil? Reduce the risk of slope movement?

d. Water Quality/Supply/Stormwater Management - How will the project reduce non-point pollution? Recharge groundwater supplies? Neutralize the effect of herbicides?

e. Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas Emissions - How will the project offset vehicular emissions of carbon dioxide through the planting of trees and other suitable plants?

f. Agriculture & Forestry Lands – How will the project protect or preserve open space, farmland, or forest resources?

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7. Explain how the EEM project:

a. Provides maximum environmental benefits over the long term.

b. Serves the greatest geographic area and/or number of people.

c. Is consistent with regional habitat management or conservation objectives.

d. Actively preserves and promotes biodiversity.

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**Sustainability (0-15 points)**

Projects that provide the most reasonable assurance that the project will be maintained and/or protected will be more competitive under this criterion.

1. Describe plans for operating and maintaining the project and indicate the source of funds.

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1. Describe plans for ongoing stewardship of acquired lands.

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1. Describe how the following is included in the project design:

a. Water use efficiencies.

b. Use of reclaimed or recycled water.

c. Use of permeable surfaces, bioswales or other methods to capture, treat, infiltrate and/or reuse stormwater for groundwater recharge and or reuse.

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1. Explain how the plant selection is appropriate and based on the approved plant palette for the project’s specific California climate zone.

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1. Explain how climate adaptation has informed the project’s decisions.

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**Cost Effectiveness (0-10 points)**

1. List the species and size of trees and plants to be used and describe how the selections are habitat appropriate.

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1. Describe methodologies planned for removal of exotic/invasive species and re-vegetation.

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1. Explain the use of volunteer labor and/or donated materials for the EEM project.

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**For acquisitions:**

1. What is the fair market value of the property?

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1. Has an appraisal been completed?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. If not, what is the basis for the fair market value assessment?

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1. Has the seller discounted the sale price? If yes, by how much?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Explain the cost effectiveness of the proposed acquisition. If a fee title acquisition, explain the cost/benefit of acquiring fee title to the land versus a conservation easement.

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1. Does the EEM project include a proposed and/or future carbon offset project in the project area?

Click or tap here to enter text.

**END OF PROJECT PROPOSAL QUESTIONS**