

# WELCOME TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM (EEMP) WORKSHOP

- ▶ We will begin shortly.
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**Environmental Enhancement  
and Mitigation Program (EEMP)  
2024**

# Agenda

Funding Availability

Statutory and Program Requirements

Evaluation and Scoring

Project Proposal Submission

Timeline

Questions and Answers

Bonus: Finding a Suitable RTF

# Purpose and Authority

**Purpose:** Help mitigate environmental impacts caused by the construction of transportation facilities.

**Funding:** Up to \$6.7 million each year

**Authority:** Streets & Highways Code §164.56

# 2024 Funding

Available  
\$6.7 million

Development Projects  
Max \$750,000

Acquisition Projects  
Max \$1.5 million

Matching Funding =  competitiveness  
But NOT REQUIRED

# Geographic Distribution

## Award Goal:

- Southern - 60%
- Northern - 40%





# Statutory Requirements

# Eligible Applicants



Local Government



State



Federal



501(c)(3) Nonprofits

# One Proposal: Two Projects

## The Related Transportation Facility (RTF) Project

Causes negative  
environmental impacts



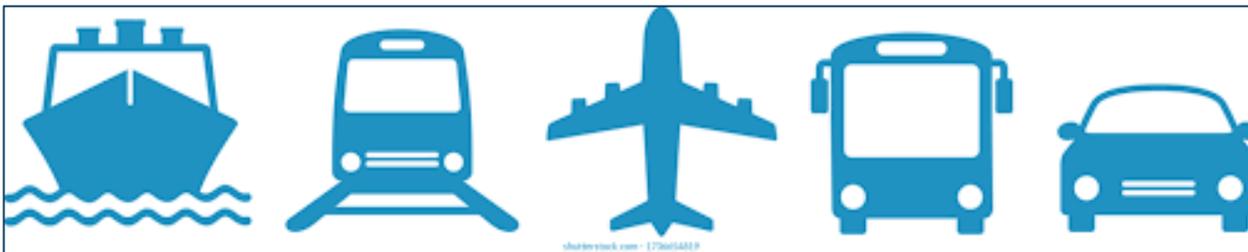
## The EEM Project

Mitigates negative  
environmental impacts



# Examples of RTFs

- **Public Street**
- **Highway**
- **Mass Transit Guideway**
  - Trains
  - Ports
  - Light rail lines
  - City Streets
  - Airports
- **Appurtenant Features**
  - Park & Ride Facilities
  - HOV Lanes
  - Transit Stations



# Eligible RTF Projects

- **Existing facilities**

- Where construction started after January 1, 1990

**OR**

- **Facilities not yet under construction**

- Where the project is fully funded
- And included in an adopted STIP or a locally adopted RTIP and a Certified Capital Outlay Program

**AND**

- **CEQA Complete**

## The RTF cannot be

- Maintenance
  - pavement resurfacing
  - painting bridges
  - replanting
- Mitigation
  - sound walls
  - bike lanes



# Relationship between the EEM and RTF

The EEM project mitigates, either directly or indirectly,



adverse environmental impacts caused by construction of an RTF



# Adverse Environmental Impacts of RTF

## CEQA Document

Master Plan Commitments/ Mitigation Measures	Potential Impact Being Addressed	Timing of Implementation	Monitoring Frequency	Actions Indicating Compliance
<i>Endangered and Threatened Species</i>				
<p><b>MM-ET-1</b> <b>Riverside Fairy Shrimp Habitat Restoration.</b> LAWA or its designee shall undertake mitigation for direct impacts to 0.04 acre (1,853 square feet) of degraded wetland habitat containing embedded cysts of Riverside fairy shrimp and potential indirect impacts to 1.26 acres of degraded wetland habitat containing embedded cysts of the Riverside fairy shrimp. As specified in the Biological Opinion, soils containing embedded cysts of the Riverside fairy shrimp in 0.04 acres (1,853 square feet) shall be salvaged and relocated to property owned by the FAA and designated a habitat preserve at the former Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro, or comparable site(s) approved by the USFWS at a ratio of not more than 3:1. The 1.26 acres of degraded wetland habitat containing embedded cysts of the Riverside fairy shrimp retained on the LAX airfield shall be avoided through the implementation of construction avoidance measures, including Best Management Practices (BMPs), and the creation of a buffer area around the occupied, degraded areas. The FAA shall oversee the development of a Vernal Pool Creation, Maintenance, and Monitoring Plan for the embedded cysts to ensure that Alternative D would be consistent with the recommendations provided in the <i>Recovery Plan for Vernal Pools of Southern California</i>, and with the conservation measures provided in the Biological Opinion. As specified in the Biological Opinion, LAWA shall be responsible for all costs identified in the Vernal Pool Creation, Maintenance, and Monitoring Plan related to off-site relocation of soils containing cysts of the Riverside fairy shrimp, including entitlement for use and designation for long-term conservation, site preparation, monitoring, and maintenance.</p> <p>Ongoing Section 7 consultation among LAWA, FAA, and USFWS has been necessary to identify suitable mitigation sites</p>	<p>Loss of occupied habitat of endangered Riverside Fairy Shrimp</p>	<p>Preparation of Habitat Restoration Plan for Riverside Fairy Shrimp prior to issuance of grading or demolition permit for any project impacting the Riverside Fairy Shrimp; Implementation per Habitat Restoration Plan</p>	<p>As per Habitat Restoration Plan for Riverside Fairy Shrimp</p>	<p>Preparation of Habitat Restoration Plan for Riverside Fairy Shrimp; Periodic Monitoring Report</p>

# Letter from Lead Agency

## APPENDIX B - LETTER FROM THE LEAD AGENCY

### Responsible for CONSTRUCTION OF Related Transportation Facility (RTF)

#### *This letter is required with each EEM Project Proposal*

**Instructions to the Lead Agency responsible for construction of the RTF:** The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program awards up to \$7 million each fiscal year for grants to mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities. Please provide a letter describing construction of a new Transportation Facility or modification / enhancement of an existing Transportation Facility.

Send this letter, on Lead Agency stationery, to the **Applicant** for inclusion in their project proposal package ***prior*** to the online submission deadline of **5:00 pm on Friday, March 5, 2021**.

Provide the following information about the RTF:

1. Describe the RTF construction or modification or planned construction or modification.
2. What is the location of the RTF?
3. When did the RTF construction or modification begin? When was it completed?
4. What type of Environmental Review was required?
5. When was the Environmental Review completed?
6. Provide State Clearinghouse Number of the completed Environmental Review.
7. Was mitigation required? If so, please describe the type of habitat impacted and list the required mitigation.
8. Have the environmental mitigation measures been started or completed?
9. If the RTF is planned, what is the projected construction start date? Completion date?
10. What is the funding source for the RTF?

Provide the following information about the proposed EEM Project:

11. Name of the EEM Project.
12. Is the EEM Project the required mitigation for the RTF? If yes, please describe how the project mitigates the impacts of the RTF?
13. If Applicant is applying under Mitigation Projects Beyond the Scope of the Lead Agency Category, please provide a statement of concurrence explaining how 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.
14. Is the proposed EEM project incompatible with the RTF? If so, does it interfere with the operation or safety of the RTF? (please explain.)

15. Does the proposed EEM project limit or interfere with planned or anticipated future improvements to the RTF? (If it interferes, please explain.)
16. Describe any concerns about the proposed EEM project (e.g., design, safety, tree density, other.)
17. Are you aware of another EEM project previously undertaken to mitigate the impact of this RTF? (If you have knowledge of the project, please explain.)
18. Do you have any knowledge why the Applicant would not be able to complete this project?

Please include:

- Signature of Transportation Agency Representative, Title, Date Signed
- Name of Transportation Agency
- Contact information (address, phone, email)

**This letter is purely informational and does not indicate support for the proposed EEM project. If the proposed EEM project is on property owned by the Lead Agency, a separate letter of permission must be provided.**

Contact the Lead Agency  
Early



# Where to find eligible RTFs

- ▶ City or County Transportation Departments
- ▶ Regional Transit Agencies
- ▶ Metropolitan Transit Authorities
- ▶ Councils of Local Governments
- ▶ Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- ▶ Caltrans District Office



# Eligible Project Categories

# 3 EEM Project Categories



**Urban  
Forestry**



**Resource  
Lands**



**Mitigation Beyond  
the Scope of the  
Lead Agency**

# 1. Urban Forestry

Projects to offset vehicular emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> through tree and other planting



- Urban streets and medians
- School campuses and urban parks
- Vacant lots and abandoned sites
- Urban creeks restoration

# Urban Forestry Example

## Greening Industrial Downtown Los Angeles

Before



After



## 2. Resource Lands

Acquisition, restoration, or enhancement

- ▶ Wetlands
- ▶ Forests
- ▶ Meadows
- ▶ Coastal Estuaries
- ▶ Grazing Land
- ▶ Grasslands
- ▶ Creeks & Streams
- ▶ Wildlife Habitat
- ▶ Wildlife Corridors
- ▶ Fish Passages



**EEM Project - Restored vernal pools and coastal sage and maritime succulent scrub habitat.**

**RTF Project (State Route 905) - Impacted vernal pools and coastal sage and maritime succulent scrub habitat.**

# Resource Lands

# Resource Lands Example - Restoration

## Cochran Creek & Quail Slough Enhancement Project

Before



After



### **3. Mitigation Projects Beyond the Scope of the Lead Agency**

Projects where the mitigation measures required for the RTF are beyond the lead agency's ability to effectuate.

# Ineligible Project Examples

- ▶ No clear connection between RTF's impacts and proposed EEM project
- ▶ Ineligible RTF's
- ▶ Planning-only or maintenance projects
- ▶ Commuter trails
- ▶ Trees over 15-gallons included in design
- ▶ Development contingent on future acquisition of land



California Tiger Salamander

# Project Selection Process

# Three-Step Selection Process

Step One: Project Proposal



Step Two: On-Site Field Visit



Step Three: Supporting Documentation



Funding Awards to Most Competitive Projects



# RAPTR - Resources Agency Project Tracking and Reporting

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Welcome to the Resources Agency Project Tracking and Reporting (RAPTR) system. If you are new to RAPTR, please start by clicking 'Register' below. For those already registered, please click on 'Log In'.

[Register](#)

[Log In \(all users\)](#)

### Helpful Information

- [What's new in the California Natural Resources Agency](#)
- [User's Guide for Grant Applicants](#)
- [Questions or Comments?](#)

# Project Evaluation Criteria

<b>General Criteria</b> .....	<b>0-50</b>
➤ Mitigation and Enhancement .....	0-15
➤ Statewide Project Goals .....	0-10
➤ Other Sources of Funds/Local Cash Contributions .....	0-5
➤ Project Readiness/Organizational Capacity .....	0-15
➤ Community Participation and Other Benefits.....	0-5
<b>Project Criteria</b> .....	<b>0-50</b>
➤ Urban Forestry	
○ Suitability .....	0-20
○ Sustainability .....	0-20
○ Cost Effectiveness.....	0-10
➤ Resource Lands	
○ Resource Value of Lands Lost or Injured by the RTF.....	0-10
○ Resource Value of EEM Project Lands .....	0-20
○ Sustainability .....	0-10
○ Cost Effectiveness.....	0-10
➤ Mitigation Project Beyond the Scope of the Lead Agency	
○ Suitability .....	0-5
○ Elements of Mitigation.....	0-20
○ Sustainability .....	0-15
○ Cost Effectiveness.....	0-10
<b>Total Points Possible</b> .....	<b>100</b>



El Segundo Blue Butterfly



# Step 1 - Project Proposal

Condor chick

# Step 1: Project Proposal and Attachments

## ▶ General Project Information

## ▶ Project Summary and Questions

- ▶ List expected project deliverables
- ▶ Do not cut and paste answers
- ▶ Provide unique answers to each question
- ▶ If a question doesn't apply, explain why

## ▶ Attachments

- ▶ Make sure to upload all required attachments

# Step 1 - Project Summary and Questions

## General

- ▶ Mitigation/Enhancement
- ▶ Statewide Project Goals
- ▶ Other Contributions
- ▶ Project Readiness/  
Organizational Capacity
- ▶ Community Participation  
and Benefits

## Project Specific

- ▶ Urban Forestry
- ▶ Resource Lands
- ▶ Mitigation Beyond  
Scope of Lead Agency

# General Criteria - Mitigation/Enhancement



# General Criteria - Statewide Project Goals

Improved  
Air/Water  
Quality

Decreased  
Resource/Energy  
Consumption

Increased  
Adaptability to  
Climate Change

Increased Local  
Water Supply  
Reliability

Increased  
Biodiversity



# General Criteria - Project Readiness

## Development

- ▶ Design/Permitting
- ▶ Site Control



California  
Gnatcatcher

## Acquisitions

- ▶ Willing Seller
- ▶ Fundraising Needs



Western  
Snowy Plover

# General Criteria - Organizational Capacity

- ▶ Fiscal Capacity
- ▶ Prior Project/Grant Experience



California Bighorn Sheep showing organizational capacity

# General Criteria - Community Participation and Benefits

## Meaningful Tribal outreach and collaboration:

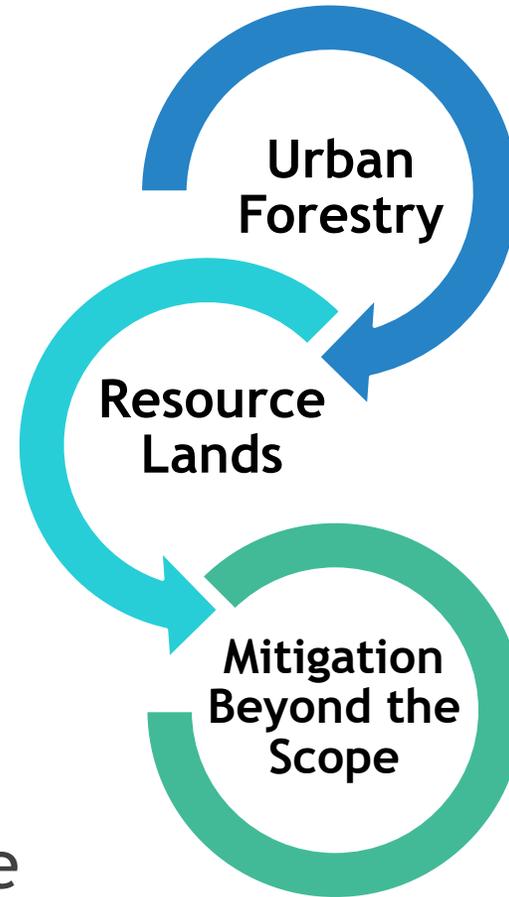
- Letters, emails, phone calls
- Updates to tribe
- Develop project with tribal leadership
- Meet with tribal consortiums
  - Ensure project benefits to local tribe
  - Provide contracting opportunity to tribe



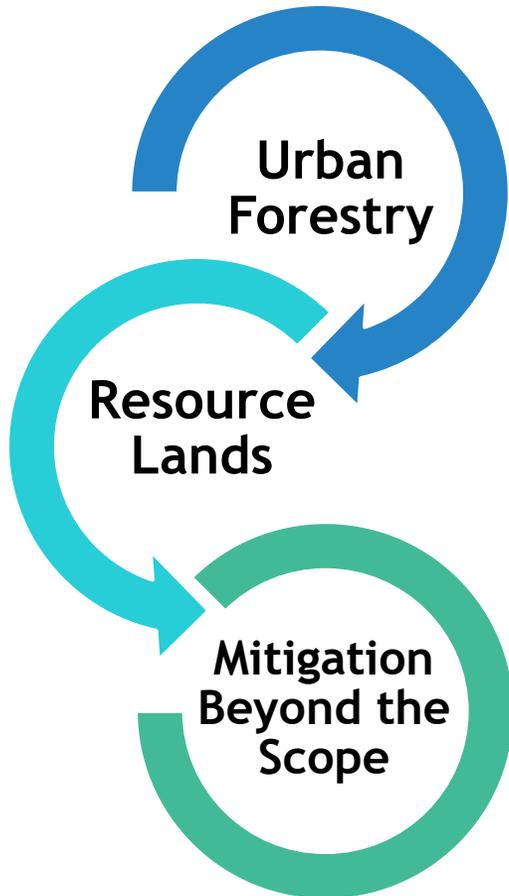
# Project-Specific Criteria

## Examples:

- ▶ **Urban Forestry**
  - ▶ How project will mitigate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions created by RTF
- ▶ **Resource Lands**
  - ▶ How the Resource Lands were directly impacted by RTF
  - ▶ How the EEM lands will mitigate detriment to the Resource Lands



# Project-Specific Criteria



## ▶ Sustainability

- ▶ Plantings (not larger than 15-gallon)
- ▶ Water Use Efficiencies
- ▶ Long-term maintenance plans
- ▶ Ongoing stewardship plans

## ▶ Cost Effectiveness

- ▶ Establishment cost of plantings
- ▶ Fair Market Value of acquisitions

# Step 1 Required Attachments

## The following should be uploaded into RAPTR as attachments:

- Project Proposal Form Signature Page (Appendix B)
- Project Proposal Questions (Appendix C)
- Letter from Lead Agency Responsible for RTF (Appendix D)
- Environmental Compliance (Appendix E)
- Cost Estimate (Appendix F or G)
- Project Map, Assessor Parcel Map(s) and Photographs
- Property Data Sheet (Appendix H)

## For Urban Forests and Restoration Projects Only (Upload to RAPTR)

- Site Plan (Development Project Only)
- Plant Palette (Development Project Only)

## For Acquisition Projects Only (Upload to RAPTR)

- Willing Seller Letter (Appendix J)
- Preliminary Title Report

# Cost Estimate - Development

- ➔ Show all funding sources
- ➔ Do not split line-item costs between grant and other funders
- ➔ 25% cap non-construction
- ➔ 15% cap on Indirect Costs (15% of direct costs, development projects only)
- ➔ 10% cap contingency
- ➔ Double check calculations

Cost Estimate:

Task	Description	Total*	EEM Grant	Los Angeles Dept. of Airports
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Non-Construction Costs</b>			
1.1	Direct Project Management	\$ 27,692.00	\$ -	\$ 27,692.00
1.2	Protected Species Management & Reporting	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00
1.3	Landscape Plan	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
1.4	Data Collection	\$ 33,909.00	\$ 33,909.00	\$ -
1.5	Restoration Progress & Invasive Monitoring Reporting	\$ 7,798.00	\$ -	\$ 7,798.00
<b>Non-Construction Subtotal (not to exceed 25% of grant)†</b>		<b>\$ 389,399.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,909.00</b>	<b>\$ 355,490.00</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Construction Costs</b>			
2.1	Invasive Plant Control - Removal	\$ 290,080.00	\$ 290,080.00	\$ -
2.2	Invasive Plant Control - Herbicides	\$ 20,778.00	\$ 20,778.00	\$ -
2.3	Planting of Native Species	\$ 155,233.00	\$ 155,233.00	\$ -
2.4	Funding Acknowledgement Sign	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Post-Construction Costs</b>			
3.1	Active Site Management	\$ 1,226,900.00	\$ -	\$ 1,226,900.00
<b>Construction Subtotal</b>		<b>\$ 1,694,191.00</b>	<b>\$ 466,091.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,228,100.00</b>
Indirect Costs (not to exceed 15% of direct costs)				
Contingency (not to exceed 10%)				
<b>Project Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,083,590.00</b>	<b>\$ 500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,583,590.00</b>

# Cost Estimate - Acquisition

(Complete one form for each separate escrow)

Project Title:					
Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Acreage	Indicate Fee or Easement	Willing Seller Name and Address		
<b>ACQUISITION COST ESTIMATE</b>					
	Total Cost*	EEM Grant	Other Funder	Other Funder	Other Funder
Estimated Fair Market Value					
Relocation Costs					
Preliminary Title Reports, Appraisal					
Escrow Fees, Title Insurance, Closing Costs					
Surveying (limited to boundary line adjustments)					
Direct Costs -Staff and Consultants (limited to \$15,000 per grant)**					
State appraisal/transaction review, etc. (budget ≈ \$10,000)	\$10,000				
Baseline Conditions Report (required for conservation easements only)					
Contingency (not to exceed 10% of grant)					
Funding Acknowledgement Sign (Required)					
Other (specify)					
Grand Total					

\*All invoices and receipts for project expenditures from all funding sources will be retained and made available for state audit.

\*\*Only direct project management costs are eligible; no overhead/indirect costs are reimbursable. In-service payroll may not include a "billable rate" or administrative cost allocation.

- Show all funding sources
- List APNs
- Acreage
- Fee or Easement?
- Budget \$10,000 for DGS Appraisal Review



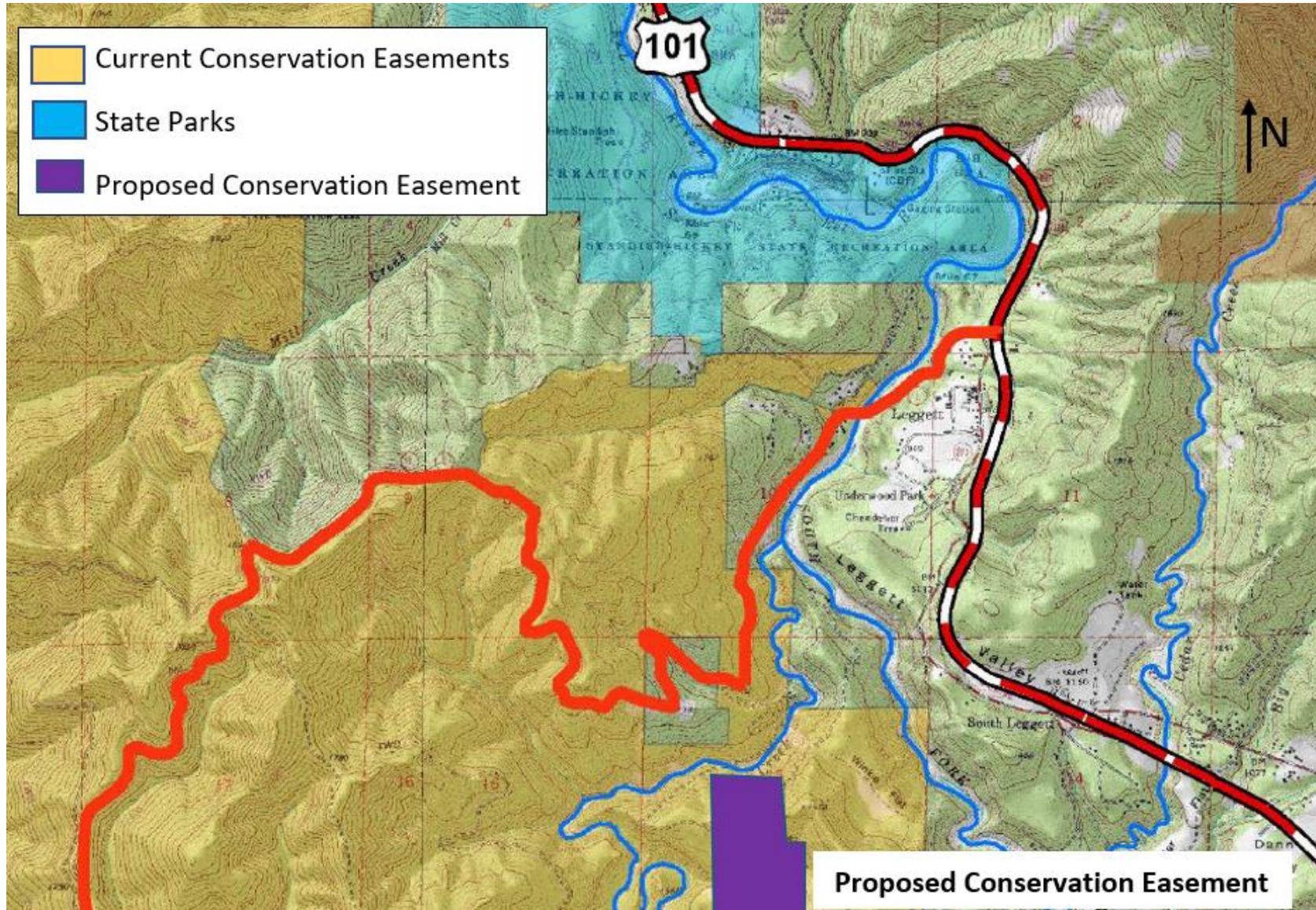
# Site Plan

## Development Projects Only



# Resource Land Category Projects

## Project Area Map



All acquisition packages must include Willing Seller letters **from each person on the title**. The letter must include the following information and be signed and dated by the legal owner(s) of each parcel to be acquired. Include the legal owner's name in print and their title. If the letter is being signed by a representative of the landowner, include separate legal documents (e.g., trust documents) authorizing them to sign for the landowner.

**(Template -- Willing Seller Letter)**

**Date:**

**To:** California Natural Resources Agency  
Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program

**From:** Name(s) of Legal Owner (Trust, etc.)  
Address of Legal Owner(s)

**Re:** Parcel number(s):  
County:  
Property Address:

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is provided to confirm that (name of owner, trust, etc.), owner of the above-referenced property, is a willing participant in the proposed real property transaction. Should grant funds be awarded to the grant applicant, (name of grant applicant), then (name of owner, trust, etc.), as Seller, is willing to enter into negotiations for the sale of the real property for a purchase price at or below fair market value.

Acknowledged:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name and title  
Signature of landowner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

# Willing Seller Letter (Acquisitions Only)

# Acquisition Timeline

Activity Description	Approximate Date
Submit appraisal, purchase agreement, preliminary title report, and draft conservation easement to State	10-11 months before COE
DGS Review of Appraisal	8-9 months before COE
Open Escrow & Request Advance into Escrow	4 -5 months before COE
Submit final draft grant deed with CNRA-approved deed restrictions/conservation easement	3 months before COE
Close of Escrow target	XX/XX/XXXX

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- New users email [raptr@resources.ca.gov](mailto:raptr@resources.ca.gov) to notify RAPTR admin of your registration
- RAPTR admin will complete your registration

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## Select Grant Opportunity

- Return to RAPTR homepage
- Login with email address and password
- Click “Grants” at top of Menu Bar
- From “Grants” drop box options, select “Submit Proposal”



### Grant Opportunities

Grant Opportunities | My Grants

Search Criteria :

Grant Opportunity Name:

Status:  Open  Closed  All

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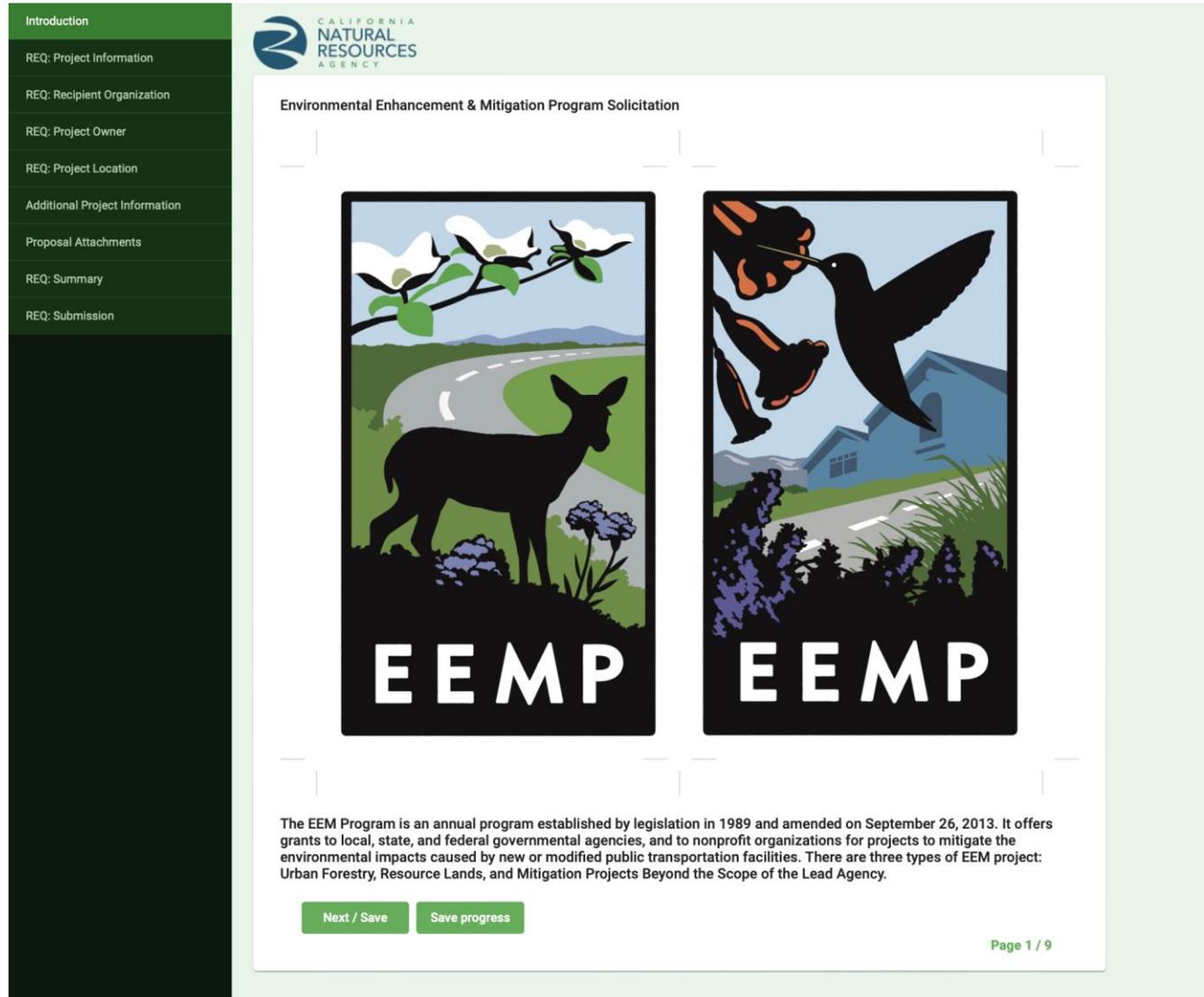
Grant Opportunity Name	Open Date	Deadline	Last Saved	Proposal Questions	Submit Proposal
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Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Solicitation	04/19/2024 05:13	null	04/19/2024 01:56	<input type="button" value="Download"/>	<input type="button" value="Open"/>
Climate, Access, and Resources	09/02/2020 03:00	null	null	<input type="button" value="Download"/>	<input type="button" value="Open"/>

- Under the Grant Opportunity column, look for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation solicitation and click, “Open” button



# HOW TO SUBMIT USING RAPTR

## Key in General Question Responses



The screenshot displays the RAPTR submission interface. On the left is a dark green sidebar with a menu of steps: Introduction, REQ: Project Information, REQ: Recipient Organization, REQ: Project Owner, REQ: Project Location, Additional Project Information, Proposal Attachments, REQ: Summary, and REQ: Submission. The main content area features the California Natural Resources Agency logo at the top left, followed by the title "Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Program Solicitation". Below the title are two vertical posters. The left poster shows a silhouette of a deer in a landscape with a road and mountains, with the text "EEMP" at the bottom. The right poster shows a hummingbird feeding from a flower in front of a house, also with "EEMP" at the bottom. Below the posters is a paragraph of text explaining the EEMP program, and at the bottom are two buttons: "Next / Save" and "Save progress".

Introduction

REQ: Project Information

REQ: Recipient Organization

REQ: Project Owner

REQ: Project Location

Additional Project Information

Proposal Attachments

REQ: Summary

REQ: Submission

CALIFORNIA  
NATURAL  
RESOURCES  
AGENCY

Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Program Solicitation



EEMP

EEMP

The EEMP Program is an annual program established by legislation in 1989 and amended on September 26, 2013. It offers grants to local, state, and federal governmental agencies, and to nonprofit organizations for projects to mitigate the environmental impacts caused by new or modified public transportation facilities. There are three types of EEMP project: Urban Forestry, Resource Lands, and Mitigation Projects Beyond the Scope of the Lead Agency.

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## Proposal Question Responses

Download the Project Proposal Questions depending on what category you are applying under.

Once completed, upload the Word document in RAPTR as an attachment.

# HOW TO SUBMIT USING RAPTR

## RAPTR Quick Reference Links

- Resources Agency Project Tracking and Reporting system  
<https://raptr.resources.ca.gov/>
- RAPTR User Guide  
[RAPTRUserGuideforGrantApplicants.pdf](#)
- Help Desk Email (M-F, 9 am to 4 pm)  
[RAPTR@resources.ca.gov](mailto:RAPTR@resources.ca.gov)

# Project Proposal Submission Deadline

**June 25, 2024**

**Before 5:00 pm**



# Step 2 - Field Visit



mountain lion cub

# Step 2 - Field Visit



Landowner representatives, entities with jurisdiction, project partners and EEM staff at field visits





## Step 3 - Supporting Documentation

Nearly extinct Humboldt Martin

# Supporting Documentation Examples

- ▶ Signed Authorizing Resolution
- ▶ Eligibility for nonprofits
- ▶ Funding Plan
- ▶ Appraisal
- ▶ Draft Conservation Easement



# Supporting Documentation - Site Control

Own: YES  
O&M: YES

- Ownership Evidence

Own: YES  
O&M: NO

- Ownership Evidence
- O&M Agreement\*

Own: NO  
O&M: YES

- Ownership Evidence
- Development Agreement\* with Owner with O&M provisions

Own: NO  
O&M: NO

- Ownership Evidence
- Development Agreement\* with Owner and entities to do O&M

\* If agreements not yet executed, provide a letter from owner or entity to perform Operations and Maintenance (O&M) stating intent to enter into agreement

# ANTICIPATED TIMELINE



Solicitation for Project Proposals	April 23, 2024
Technical Assistance Workshops	April-May 2024
Project Proposal Deadline	Jun 25, 2024
Field Visits	Oct - Nov 2024
CTC Approval/Awards Announced	March 2025

# Helpful Hints

## Clear

- ▶ What, why, & how much

## Concise

- ▶ Be deliberate

## Cohesive

- ▶ Be consistent throughout the proposal

## Complete

- ▶ Use the project checklist to be sure all required documents are submitted

# Questions?

## Website:

[resources.ca.gov/grants](https://resources.ca.gov/grants)

## EEM Project Questions

[eemcoordinator@resources.ca.gov](mailto:eemcoordinator@resources.ca.gov)  
(916) 653-2812



## RAPTR Help

[RAPTR@resources.ca.gov](mailto:RAPTR@resources.ca.gov)



# How to Find a Related Transportation Facility (RTF)

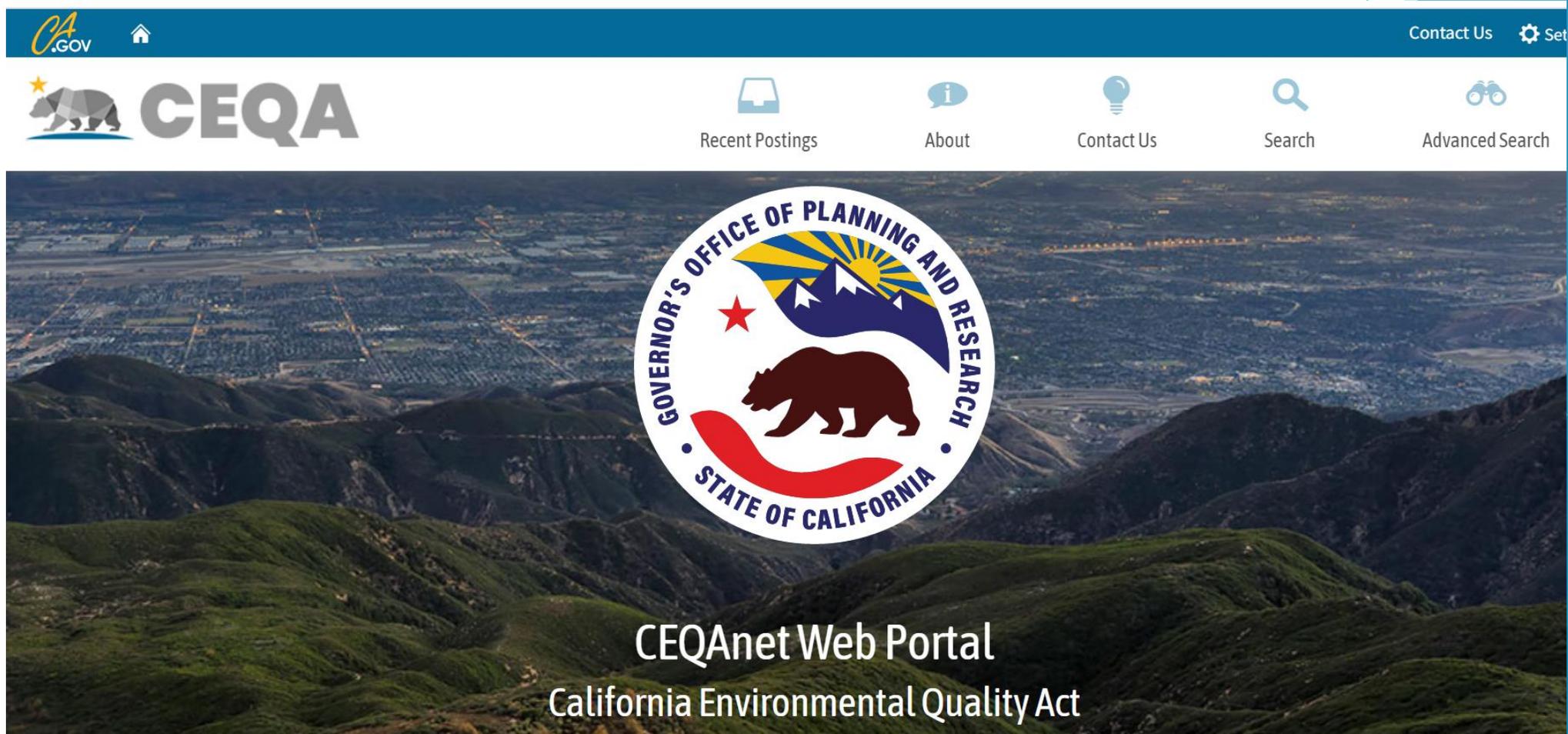
# Finding an RTF - First Steps

- ▶ Contact local government
- ▶ Contact CALTRANS
- ▶ Contact Area Government (ABAG, SCAG)
- ▶ Research areas of similar habitat
- ▶ Research CEQAnet



# CEQAnet

<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>



# CEQAnet Search- Advance Search



## Query the CEQAnet Database

Direct lookup

SCH Number

e.g. 201901001

Find by SCH Number

Filter results

Get Results

Start Range

mm/dd/yyyy

End Range

mm/dd/yyyy

Document Type

(Any)

Lead/Public Agency

(Any)

- ▶ CALTRANS
- ▶ Development project on periphery of cities, counties - roads

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City of Pleasanton

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Stoneridge Mall Residential Project

2023040498

MND

Contra Costa County

4/19/2023

Byron Corners General Plan Amendment and Rezone

2023040497

MND

Fresno County

4/19/2023

Initial Study No. 8210 and Unclassified Conditional Use P

2022100388

NOD

City of Chico

4/19/2023

Notre Dame Boulevard Bridge Project

2023040496

MND

State Water Resources Control Board

4/19/2023

Golden State Water Company: Kelt Reservoirs Project

2023040495

NOE

California Regional Water Quality Control

4/19/2023

Dibble Creek CAPM Project EA 02-4H020

# Review the CEQA Documents

## Document Description



The Project will construct a new bridge to connect the existing sections of Notre Dame Boulevard over Little Chico Creek. The new structure will accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes separated by a 6-foot-wide center median, eight-foot bike lanes, a five-foot sidewalk on the west side and an eight-foot multi-use path on the east side. The new bridge is anticipated to be a multi-span structure, approximately 100 feet long and 56 feet wide. The structure type is expected to be a three-span, cast-in-place, reinforced concrete bridge and will include rock slope protection at the banks under and adjacent to the bridge. In addition to the bridge, the existing bike path on the south side of the creek will be rerouted to a new bridge undercrossing and will connect to the multi-use path crossing the bridge.

# Review the Determinations

## Determinations

**(1) The project will have a significant impact on the environment** No

**(2a) An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA** No

**(2b) A Mitigated or a Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA** Yes

**(2c) An other document type was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA** No

**(3) Mitigated measures were made a condition of the approval of the project** Yes

**(4) A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project** Yes

**(5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this** No

# Other documents to review

## Attachments

### Notice of Determination

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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

**California Environmental Quality Act  
Notice of Determination  
in compliance with Section 21008 or 21152  
of the Public Resources Code**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region, Redding Office  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
Redding, CA 96002

**Date:** 19 April 2023

**State Clearinghouse Number:**  
2022100388

**Project Title:**  
Notre Dame Boulevard Bridge Project (WDID No. 5A04CR00354)

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:**

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on 18 April 2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board considered the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the City of Chico Public Works.
2. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration /Environmental Impact Report is available to the general public at: [CEQAnet.opr.ca.gov](http://CEQAnet.opr.ca.gov) (<http://CEQAnet.opr.ca.gov>).

The record of project approval is available to the general public at: [Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Adopted Orders Web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/401\\_wq\\_certs/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/)).

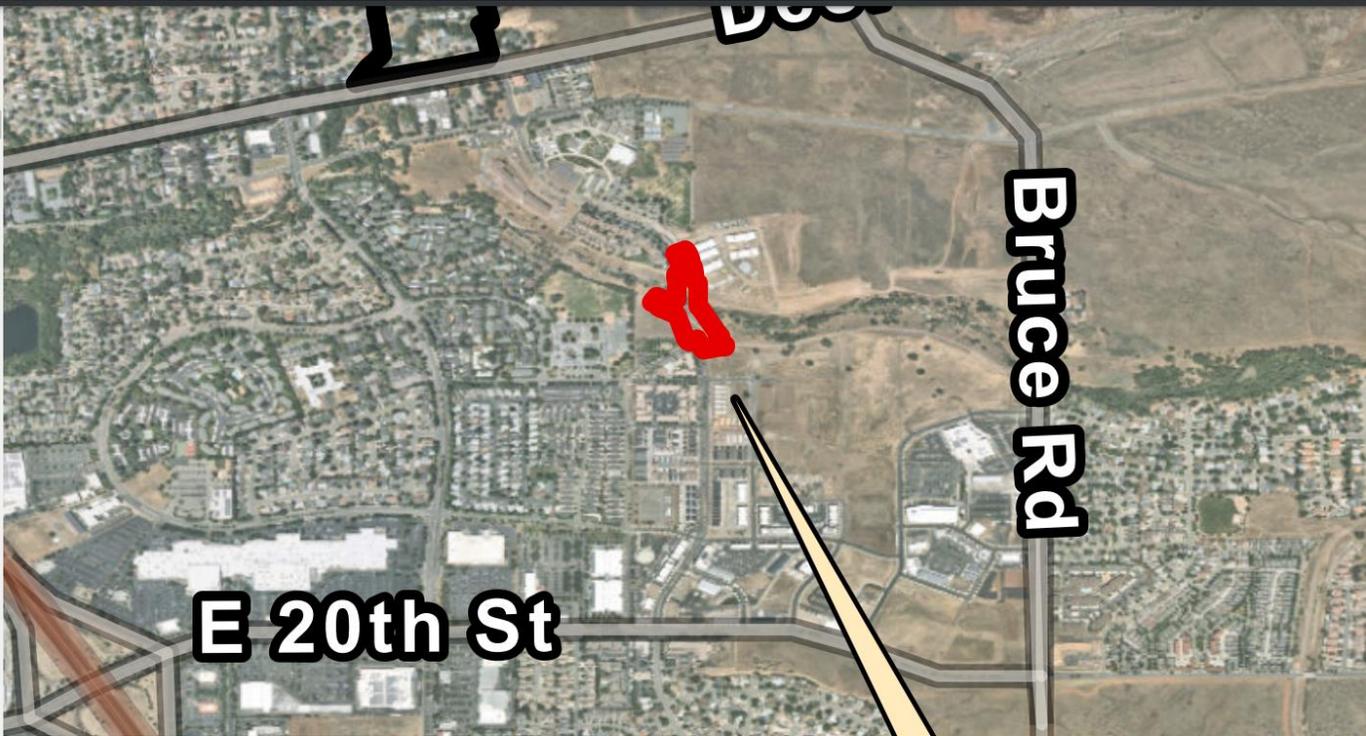
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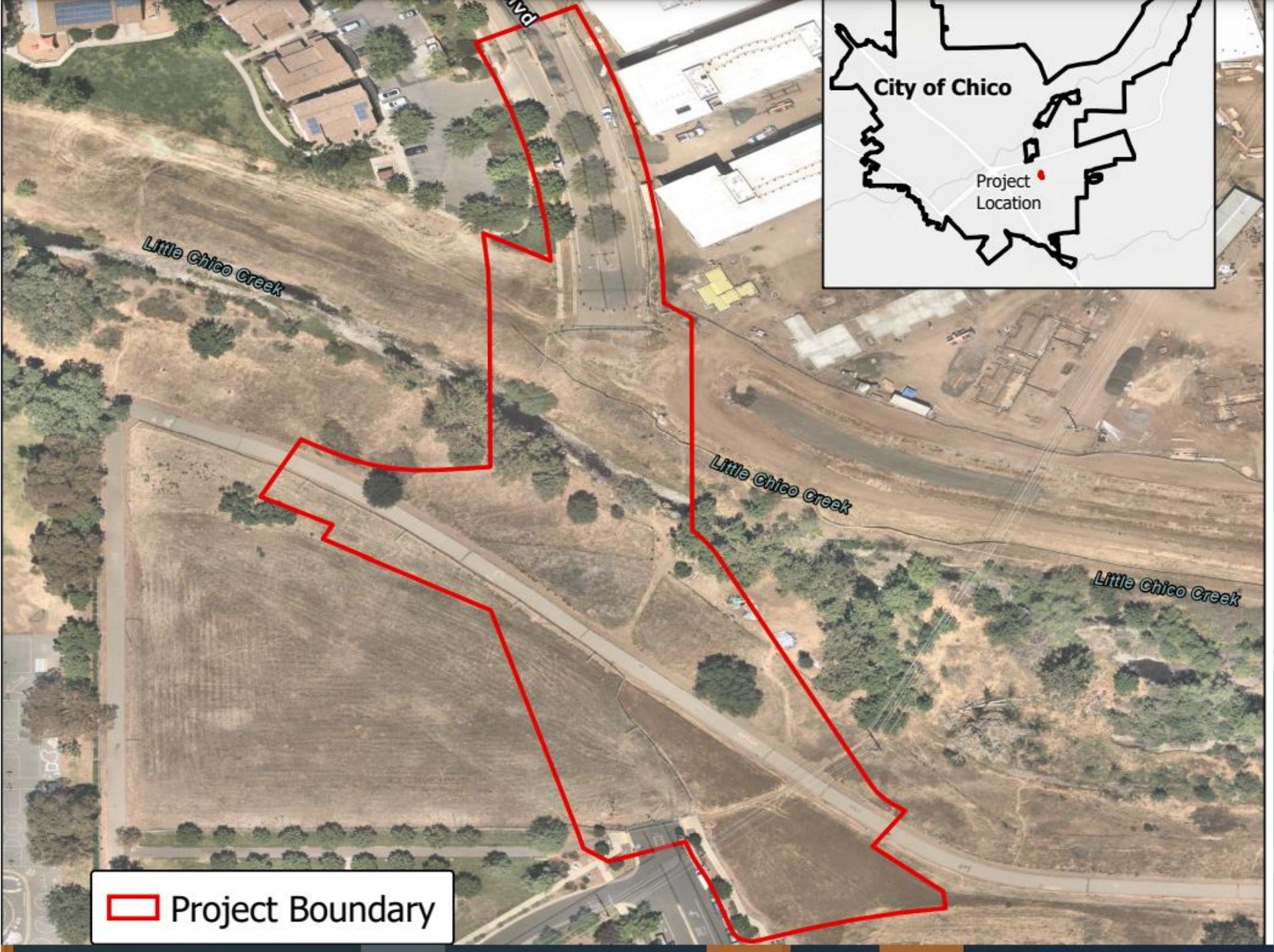
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# Review potential RTF documents





 Project Boundary

City of Chico

Project Location

Little Chico Creek

Little Chico Creek

Little Chico Creek

## II. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below could be potentially affected by this Project, but, due to the inclusion of specific mitigation measures, will result in impacts that are a "Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated," as indicated by the environmental checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions           | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards/Hazardous Materials        | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources    | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Planning              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal Cultural Resources |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources      | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities and Service Systems        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils           | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance   |

The proposed Project would result in 0.02 acres of direct impacts and 0.09 acres of temporary impacts to EFH (Little Chico Creek). Additionally, the proposed Project would result in approximately 0.17 acres of direct impacts to riparian habitat (associated with Little Chico Creek). Riparian habitat is associated with the removal of vegetation and trees within Little Chico Creek. Impacts to these habitats would be considered a potentially significant impact. With the implementation of Mitigation Measures D.1, D.2 and D.6 the potential impacts are considered **less than significant with mitigation incorporated**.

#### MITIGATION D.7. (Riparian Restoration):

In order to mitigate the removal of riparian vegetation one of the two following options shall be implemented:

1. At least 90 days prior to commencing project activities, the Project proponent shall provide to CDFW for review and approval a Mitigation Plan (Mitigation Plan) to mitigate for the permanent loss of riparian and streambed habitat. ~~The Mitigation Plan shall outline how the Project proponent will mitigate for the permanent loss of riparian and streambed habitat at a 3:1 ratio of created, enhanced, or restored riparian habitat along Little Chico Creek or 6:1 ratio of habitat outside the Little Creek watershed. A combination of the three methods may be utilized if~~



California Red-legged frog (federally endangered)