**Project Title:** Click or tap here to enter text.

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

*Applicants must answer the following questions. If a question does not apply to the project, indicate “Not Applicable” with a brief explanation.* ***Do not leave blank fields****.* ***If cutting and pasting text, for best results the original text should be in Arial 10-point font.*** *Be sure to address all parts of each question as succinctly as possible.*

**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 EEM project’s relationship to the RTF and how the EEM project mitigates the environmental damage caused by the RTF.

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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. Detail 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 and differentiate it from the EEM project, if applicable.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

 **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:
2. Decreased air and/or water pollution

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Reduced consumption of natural resources and energy

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Increased reliability of local water supplies

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Increased protection of biodiversity

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Increased protection of landscape that delivers multiple ecosystem services

Click or tap here to enter text.

g. Achieving carbon neutrality through limiting future carbon losses, sequestering carbon, or storing carbon

 Click or tap here to enter text.

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.).

Click or tap here to enter text.

**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.

Choose an item.

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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.

Click or tap here to enter text.

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. Identify the sources and amount of funds already committed to the EEM project and the expected timing of those funds.

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Community Participation and Benefits (0-10 points)**

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

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Are you aware of any potential effects to California Native American tribes from the proposed EEM project? If so, please describe them.

Choose an item.

Click or tap here to enter text.

17. Explain how the EEM project will:

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

 Click or tap here to enter text.

b. Increase opportunities for interpretive and/or environmental education

 Click or tap here to enter text.

c. Be ADA-accessible

 Click or tap here to enter text.

d. Maximize citizen involvement in project planning and implementation

 Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Provide community stewardship opportunities

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Benefit low-income/disadvantaged communities, particularly those vulnerable to the impacts of extreme heat, hazardous air quality, and/or with the least access to nature

Click or tap here to enter text.

g. Provide additional benefits not previously discussed

 Click or tap here to enter text.

**B. Project Criteria Questions**

Resource Lands projects include the acquisition, restoration, or enhancement of Resource Lands to mitigate the loss of, or the detriment to Resource Lands lying within the right-of-way of the RTF. **Resource Lands MUST be impacted by the RTF for projects to qualify in this category.**

**Resource Value of Lands Lost or Injured by the RTF (0-10 points)**

1. Describe the environmental value of the Resource Lands impacted by the RTF.

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1. Describe how the Resource Lands were directly impacted by the RTF and whether they are within the RTF right-of-way.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Resource Value of EEM Project Lands (0-20 points)**

1. Describe the environmental condition of the Resource Lands to be acquired or enhanced by the EEM project, including the number of acres.

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1. Describe how the EEM project does **at least** **one** of the following:
2. Protects biodiversity, ecosystem health, habitat quality, and wildlife species

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Conserves wilderness and open space threatened by infrastructure development, population growth, and land use decisions

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Protects watersheds to safeguard clean drinking water and preserve the natural beauty of coasts and waterways

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Restores and enhances natural areas to ensure long-term ecosystem health

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Protects working lands or working forests that foster a healthy agricultural system and creates valuable habitat for wildlife species

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Expands opportunities for outdoor wildlife/nature-oriented recreation that is compatible with conservation goals

Click or tap here to enter text.

g. Preserves special wildlife features such as wildlife corridors, nesting and breeding areas, wetlands, woodlands, and riparian habitats

 Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Describe any rare, threatened, or endangered species that use the EEM project area.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Describe shared benefits between the EEM project and nearby permanently protected areas.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Sustainability (0-10 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 and the funding source for operating and maintaining restoration projects or ongoing stewardship of acquired or conserved lands.

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1. Describe how the following is included in the project design, as applicable:
2. Water use efficiencies

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1. Use of reclaimed or recycled water

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

 Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Describe any mining activities on the property including oil or gas extraction, the status of remediation, and if the landowner is reserving mining rights.

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1. Describe any hazardous materials stored on the property in the past or present and the status of any required remediation.

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Projects that provide the greatest benefit by acquiring, restoring, or enhancing the most extensive or most critical Resource Lands will be more competitive under this criterion. Consideration will be given to the type of habitat and location.

**For acquisition projects:**

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

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1. Has an appraisal been completed? 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?

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**For restoration or enhancement projects:**

1. Describe methodologies planned for removal of exotic/invasive species and revegetation.

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1. List the proposed number and species of trees and plants to be used and describe how the selections are habitat appropriate. If proposing non-native species, explain the rationale behind the selections.

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

**END OF PROJECT PROPOSAL QUESTIONS**