**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.

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**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 – Urban Forestry**

If a question does not apply to the project, indicate “Not Applicable” **with** **a brief explanation**. Do not leave blank fields.

For purposes of this program, Urban Forestry projects are designed to offset vehicular emissions of carbon dioxide through the planting of trees and other suitable plants.

**Suitability (0-20 points)**

1. Describe the proposed EEM project.

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1. Describe how the EEM project will mitigate the environmental impact of the RTF.

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1. Explain specifically how vehicular emissions of carbon dioxide created by the RTF will be mitigated by the EEM Project.

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1. Describe how the project uses the principle of “the right tree for the right place,” to ensure the species selection process considers climate, water usage, native plantings, and locally specific circumstances.

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1. Explain how the project expands and maintains urban tree canopy and green spaces to moderate urban heat islands, decrease energy use, and contribute to carbon sequestration.

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1. Will the project 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? Explain how.

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**Sustainability** **(0-20 points)**

Projects where plantings, once established, will thrive without the need for supplemental irrigation will be more competitive in this category (however, habitat and climate will be taken into consideration).

1. Describe the proposed number and species of trees to be planted. If proposing non-native species, explain the rationale behind the selections.

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1. Explain how the project actively preserves and promotes biological diversity in the urban forest.

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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. Describe the plans and funding source for operating and maintaining the project.

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1. Explain how the project design ensures sustainability to protect against external events such as weather and vandalism.

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

Projects that maximize the number of trees and plants within the project footprint and yield the greatest potential for long-term carbon dioxide uptake/sequestration, in a cost-effective way, will be more competitive under this criterion. Consideration will be given for the type of habitat (urban, forest, riparian/wetlands, restoring natives, etc.).

1. List the number of trees to be planted and the size of the planting area.

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1. State the establishment cost per tree (including irrigation) over the first five years following planting.

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

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**END OF PROJECT PROPOSAL QUESTIONS**