

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION MULTIBENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION



GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE TURLOCK SUBBASIN BY ETSGSA
TO HELP FUND LAND REPURPOSING PLANNING AND PILOT IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS



TURLOCK GROUNDWATER

MLRP GRANT APPLICATION OVERVIEW



- Overview
 - GSP Management Action 1 - Voluntary Conservation and/or Land Fallowing; Expected to be implemented primarily in ETSGSA at this point
 - ETSGSA plans to submit an MLRP Block Grant Application on behalf of the subbasin and administer the grant if awarded
 - Work includes regional planning, project planning and permitting, project implementation and program administration
 - Seeking partnership/collaboration with WTSGSA and other key partners
 - Requesting Letter of Commitment from WTSGSA to support planning, coordination and implementation
- Grant Program Administered by Department of Conservation
 - Funding: Program funded for \$40 million/year; Grants up to \$10 million; No local cost share required
 - Eligibility: GSAs; Medium and High Priority Basins under Drought Emergency Declaration
 - \$10 million grants preferred

MLRP GRANT PROGRAM GOALS, PRIORITIES AND REQUIREMENTS



- Reduce groundwater use and/or increase recharge
- Increase regional capacity to repurpose ag land while providing community health, economic wellbeing, water supply, flood, renewable energy, habitat, and climate benefits
- Demonstrate multiple committed partnerships and collaboration with other agencies and stakeholders
- Promote community engagement
- Provide benefits to Disadvantaged Communities
- Demonstrate fiscal/administrative capacity

MLRP GRANT DELIVERABLES



- Develop Multibenefit Agricultural Land Repurposing Plan
 - Regional studies and evaluations as needed
 - Identify and prioritize projects
 - Program implementation framework and procedures
- Complete Project Development & Permitting; Implement Projects
 - Focus of grant
 - Project planning, design and permitting
 - Distribute and administer incentive payments or cost share
 - Land or easement acquisitions; Land transfers; Term stewardship contracts
- Support Capacity Needs of Partners
- Conduct Outreach, Education and Training
- Conduct Monitoring

EXAMPLE PROJECT TYPES



- Orchard Swale/Riparian Restoration and Low Impact Water Retention
 - Decrease water demand and improve water retention
 - Promote seasonal wetland and riparian habitat, stream baseflow and peak hydrograph attenuation
- Local Water Recharge and Storage Improvements
 - Dispersed reservoir and recharge basin construction
 - Improve direct and in lieu recharge opportunities
- Photovoltaic project development; Agrivoltaics
 - Decrease water demand
 - Promote alternative energy production and climate goal achievement
- Land Use Changes
 - Recropping, fallowing, rewilding, conversion to rangeland

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT



- Letter of Commitment
 - Letter of commitment describing interest and proposed involvement
 - Commitment to development of an MOU if a grant is awarded
 - Grant funding would be available to support involvement, as needed
- Partners Envisioned
 - WTSGSA
 - TID, MID, EWD
 - Merced and Stanislaus Counties
 - California Farmland Trust
 - Sand Creek Flood Control District
 - Sustainable Conservation

THANK YOU!



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