

Release of DOC Watershed Coordinator Grants 2010 Request for Proposals

The Department of Conservation (DOC), Division of Land Resource Protection (DLRP), Statewide Watershed Program announces the release of the new Watershed Coordinator Grants 2010 Request for Proposals (RFP) funded through the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). DOC anticipates that approximately \$9 million of Proposition 84 funds will be awarded to support coordination for watershed management and local watershed improvements throughout the State.

The Watershed Coordinator Grants offer special districts, non-profit organizations, and local governments a unique opportunity to facilitate collaborative efforts to improve and sustain the health of California's watersheds by supporting watershed coordinator positions. The grants awarded from this solicitation will cover a three-year work period.

DOC is pleased to expand this grant program to provide funding for watershed coordination on a statewide basis. Local public agencies and non-profit organizations that previously have not been awarded watershed coordinator grants are encouraged to apply.

Application Process

DOC will be utilizing the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) system to facilitate the application and review process, and to conserve paper.

All applicants submitting proposals for funding through this grant must submit a complete electronic application using the FAAST system, by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, OCTOBER 12, 2010. Late applications will not be accepted.

To begin the application process through the FAAST system click on this link:

<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/>

The 2010 RFP, which describes eligibility, program requirements, the application process, and the evaluation criteria, is posted on the DOC website at:

http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/wp/grants/Pages/wcgp_forms.aspx

For technical questions about the State Water Board's FAAST application, please contact FAAST staff by phone at (866) 434-1083, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., or by email at faast_admin@waterboards.ca.gov

For questions regarding this grant solicitation, please contact the DOC Watershed Program staff (listed below) by phone Monday through Friday (excluding furlough Fridays), between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., or send an email to watershed@conservation.ca.gov

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RFP Workshops and Webinars

The DOC Watershed Program Staff will be holding several workshops around the state and two webinars to provide information regarding this RFP and the FAAST application process. Dates and locations are listed below. Further webinar information will be released shortly. Please check the DOC website for updates:

http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/wp/grants/Pages/wcgp_intro.aspx

Date	Location	Address	Time
August 31, 2010	Santa Rosa: Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District	747 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 100, CA 95401-4814	1-4 p.m.
Sept. 1, 2010 (plus Webinar broadcast)	Sacramento: DOC office, John Muir room, 20 th floor	801K St. Sacramento, CA 95814	1-4 p.m.
Sept. 2, 2010	Redding: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District	6270 Parallel Road, Anderson, CA 96007	1-4 p.m.
Sept. 7, 2010	Fresno: Fresno County Library, Sarah McCardle Rm	2420 Mariposa St. Fresno, CA 93721	1-4 p.m.
Sept. 9, 2010	San Diego: COSD-Medical Examiner Conference Room	5570 Overland Ave, Ste 101 San Diego, CA 92123-1206	1-4 p.m.
Sept. 14, 2010 (plus Webinar broadcast and FAAST hands on workshop)	Sacramento: DOC office, John Muir room, 20 th floor	801K St. Sacramento, CA 95814	1-5 p.m.

Cooperation Database Registration

To facilitate cooperation within watersheds, DOC will maintain an online database of potential grant applicants. As a part of this solicitation, potential applicants are required to register with the online Cooperation Database by **September 9, 2010**.

To register for the database, send an email message to watershed@conservation.ca.gov with the subject line: Cooperation Database Registration. Within the body of the message, using the Watershed Maps in Appendices A and B of the RFP, list the name of your watershed(s), the watershed's USGS 8-digit or 10-digit HU code(s), your organization's name, contact person, phone number, and email address.

The Cooperation Database will be updated every three days and will be located at: http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/wp/grants/Pages/wcgp_forms.aspx. This database is provided to assist applicants in identifying potential partner organizations. Proposals that demonstrate cooperation within watersheds, rather than competition, will receive more points.

It is the Program's intent to support strong competitive proposals that demonstrate high levels of cooperation within and between watersheds, their stakeholders and communities. During previous grant rounds the Cooperation Database has been very useful to potential applicants in developing collaborative grant proposals.