Overview: What is Prop 68?

- Passed by voters in June 2018
- $4 billion in bonds
- Connecting people to parks and natural spaces
Overview: What is the OPC?

- How we work:
  - Coordination
  - Bringing science into policy
  - Recommending actions to protect the ocean ecosystems
  - Funding innovative projects
Overview: What is the OPC?

- OPC Program Priorities
  - Marine Protected Areas
  - Climate Change
  - Marine Pollution
  - Sustainable Fisheries
  - Habitat Restoration
  - Sustainable Ocean Economy
Overview: Project Types

- Prop 68 investments will include:
  - Scientific research and monitoring
  - Improving ecosystem health (e.g. restoration)
  - Advancing climate resiliency

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Overview: OPC Funding from Prop 68

- $35 million – Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Protection (Chapter 9)
- $21.2 million – Climate Adaptation and Resiliency (Chapter 10)
Overview: Grant Guidelines Adoption Process

- January 7th: Draft Guidelines Released
- February 11th through 22nd: Workshops/Webinar
- February 28th: Deadline for Comments
- May 15th: OPC considers adopting revised Guidelines
Today we’re discussing and taking comment on the grant guidelines.

Solicitations will be released once the grant guidelines are revised and finalized.

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Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants:
  - Public Agencies (local, state, federal)
  - Public or Private Universities
  - Nonprofit Organizations (501(c)(3))
  - Private Entities
  - Tribes
Eligibility Requirements

• Capacity to manage a grant is critical!
  • Tracking and reporting financial operations associated with the grant
  • OPC provides funds on a reimbursement basis and withholds 10% until project completion

John Charles Bruckman
Eligibility Requirements

• Project Timing:
  • Must provide long-term benefits to the state
    › Minimum of 15-30 years
  • 1-4 year project implementation period

• Project Permitting:
  • CEQA compliance and permitting must be complete
Prop 68 Call-outs and Funding Requirements

- Severely Disadvantaged Communities*
  - At least 15% of funds
  - Potential for advanced payments

- Technical Assistance
  - Up to 10% of funds
  - Stand-alone

- Community Access
  - Up to 5% of funds
  - Within a larger project

*http://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities
Prop 68 Call-outs and Funding Requirements

- Planning and Monitoring
  - Up to 10% of funds
  - May not be used for permitting costs
- California Conservation Corps Consultation
  - Projects with the Corps receive preference
  - New Consultation Procedure in Appendix D
Competitive Grant Program

• Application Process
  1. Research, obtain permits, prepare project information
  2. Prepare letter of intent (optional)
  3. Prepare full proposals and submit applications
     › Guidelines Section 3.3
  4. Proposal Evaluation
     › Guidelines Section 3.5
  5. Project Recommendation to OPC
Competitive Grant Program

- Scoring Criteria – starts on page 13
  - Main scoring criteria and additional scoring for chapter 9 and 10. The maximum points possible is 100.

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Projects may only be considered under the chapter 9 or chapter 10 additional scoring, not both.
Discretionary Grant Program

- Unsolicited proposals should address OPC priorities
- Must meet all eligibility requirements
- Evaluated using criteria in section 3.5, however proposals will not receive scores
OPC Grant Requirements

- Grant Agreement Timing: 3 months
- Work is only eligible within the grant agreement timeframe.
- Total grant administration costs: 15% of the budget
- Prop 68 acknowledgement and signage
- Data Sharing: Open Data Platform
Next Steps

- **February 28: Deadline for comment submission**
  - We’re accepting oral comments, we will also accept written comments: Prop68@resources.ca.gov
- **May 15: Revised Guidelines considered at OPC Meeting**
Questions?
Thank you!

To submit comments or questions email Prop68@resources.ca.gov by February 28, 2018