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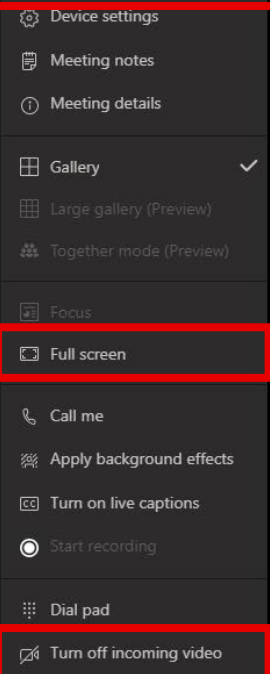
Prop 1 Revised Grant Guidelines Public Input Webinar





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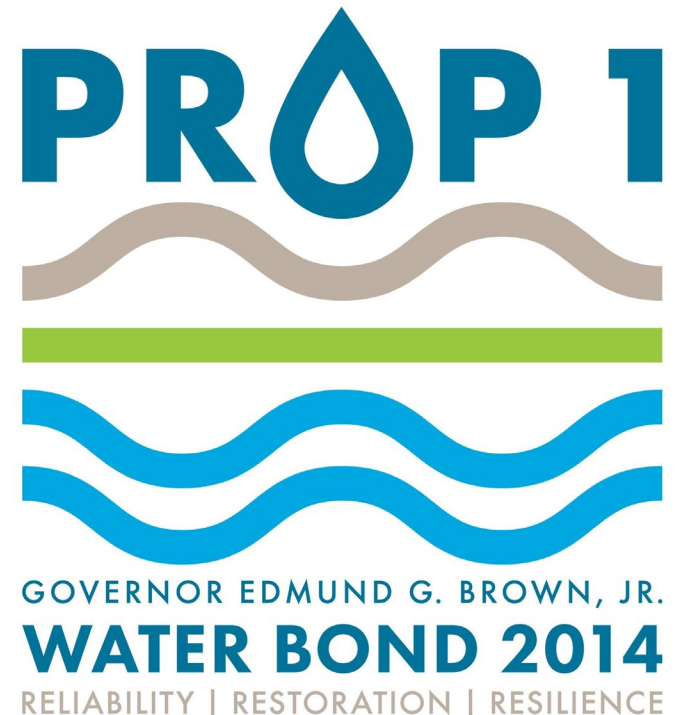


Overview: What is the OPC?

- The mission of OPC is to ensure that California maintains healthy, resilient, and productive ocean and coastal ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations.
- OPC is at the intersection of science, policy, and management
- Today's focus is on OPC's funding work – Proposition 1 grants

Overview: What is Prop 1?

- Prop 1: Passed by the voters in November 2014, focuses on improving water supply, water quality and flood protection.
- OPC's funds in Chapter 6 are to be used for:
 - Multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities.



Prop 1 Eligible Applicants

- Eligible applicants for Prop 1 funding:
 - Public agencies
 - › Note: Federal agencies are not public agencies
 - Public or private universities
 - Any private, nonprofit organizations, including CBOs
 - › Note: Must be 501(c)(3) of the IRS
 - Federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribes listed on the NAHC's California Tribal Consultation List
 - Public utilities and mutual water companies

Overview: Grant Guideline Revisions

Major Revisions include:

- **Changes to Funding Priorities**
- **Changes to Application Process**
- **Changes to Scoring Criteria**

Other Revisions include:

- **Opportunities for advanced payments**
- **Project Minimum and Maximum Amounts**

Prop 1 Funding Priorities: Communities

Coastal projects* benefiting **Communities entitled to environmental justice (Communities)**

Communities: disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities (DACs), CA Native Tribes and Tribal Governments, and communities that score above 80% on CalEnviroScreen results

*Prop 1 projects must support **multi-benefit ecosystem** and **watershed protection and restoration projects** with a component that **improves water quality.**

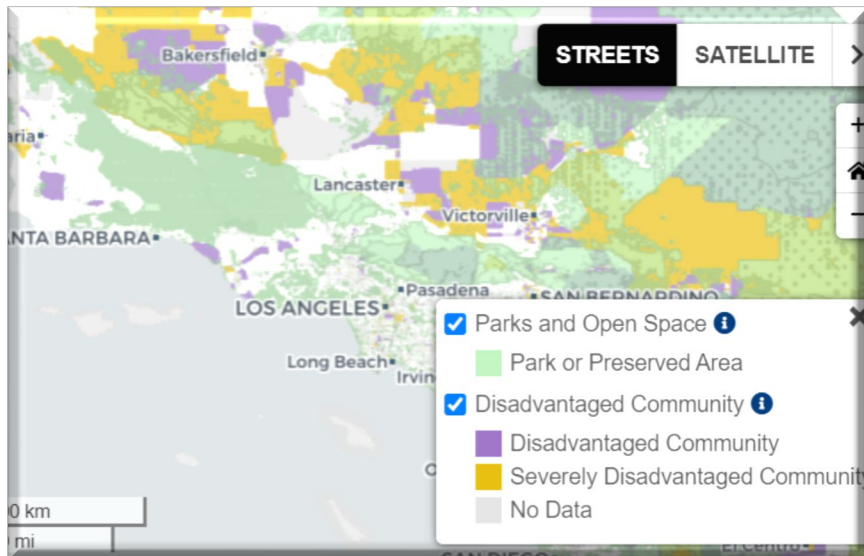
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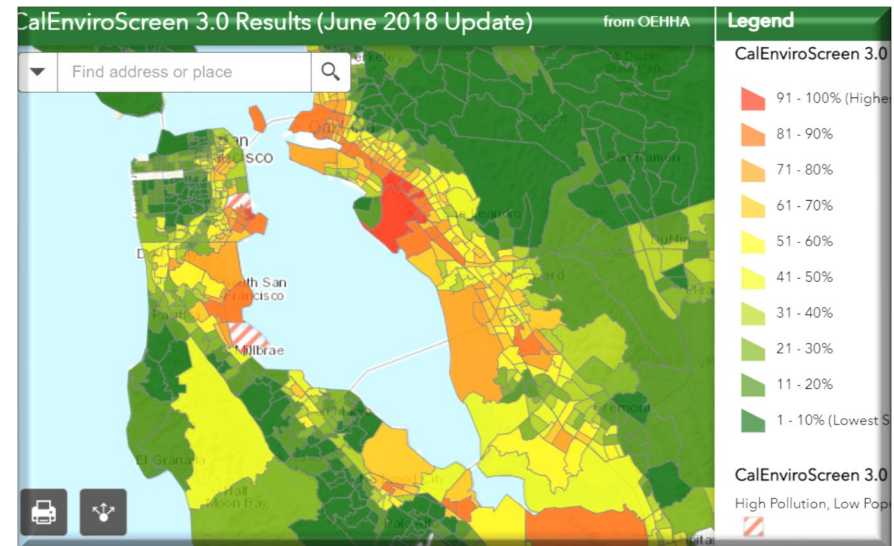
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Prop 1 Funding Priorities: Communities

[California State Parks Community FactFinder map viewer](#)

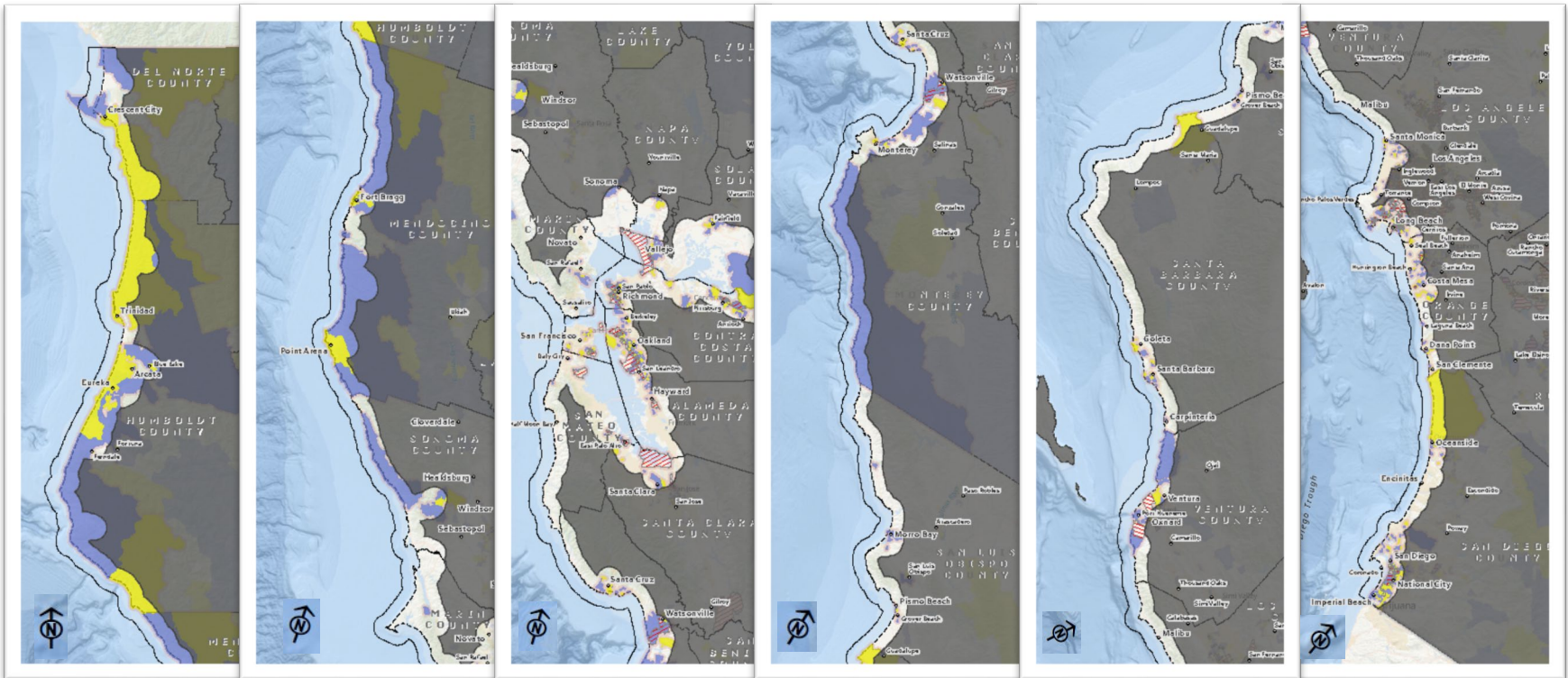


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Prop 1 Priority Areas

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Prop 1 Funding Priorities: Project Types

Priority Project Types for coastal projects benefitting Communities

Restoration and habitat enhancement projects

- Restoration projects that address habitat loss and environmental degradation.
- Community-led projects that reduce pollutant run-off, restore urban waters, streams, and beaches and address water quality in a Critical Coastal Area (CCA).
- Multi-benefit projects that improve access, coastal ecology, and local water resilience. Multi-benefits may include carbon sequestration.

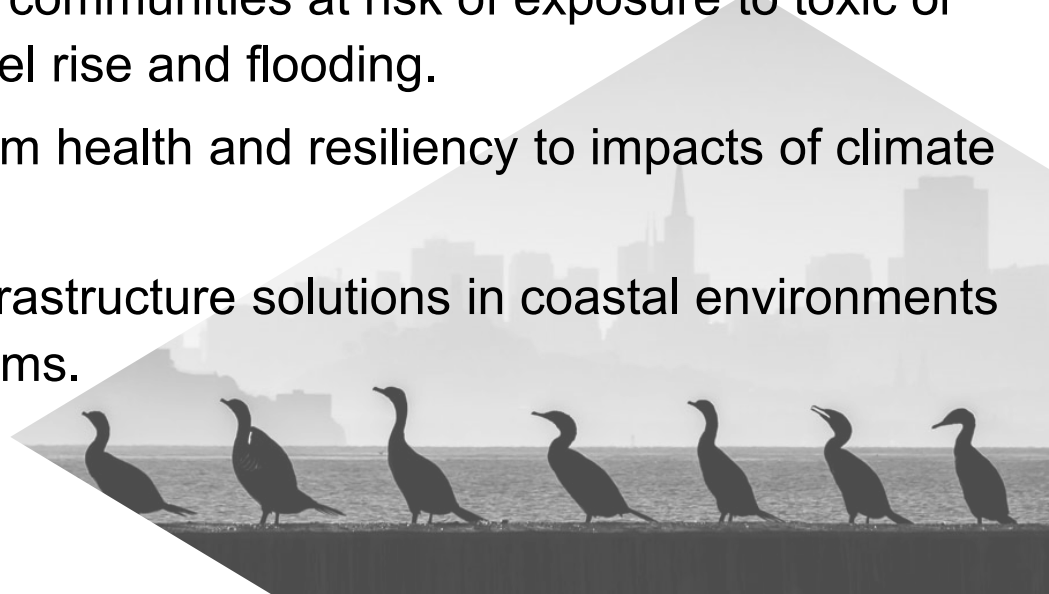


Prop 1 Funding Priorities: Project Types

Priority Project Types (cont.)

Adaptation to Sea-Level Rise, Flooding, and Shoreline Erosion

- Projects that promote risk reduction and resiliency of the built and natural environment in the face of sea-level rise, including innovative design elements and approaches such as living shorelines and nature-based infrastructure.
- Projects that address needs of communities at risk of exposure to toxic or hazardous sites due to sea-level rise and flooding.
- Projects that improve ecosystem health and resiliency to impacts of climate change.
- Projects that develop green infrastructure solutions in coastal environments to address water quality problems.



Changes to Application Process

- We are no longer using the System for Online Application Review (SOAR)
- Instead we are requiring applicants to email us a letter of intent
 - We will provide a template
 - Selected applicants will be invited back to provide full proposals



Changes to Scoring Criteria

3.6 Evaluation Criteria and Scoring for Proposals

SCORING CRITERIA FOR PROPOSALS	
The extent to which the project proposal:	Points
Includes complete, reasonable and well thought out proposal elements, including proposed scope of work (3 points), budget (3 points), and schedule (3 points).	9
Applicant demonstrates capacity to execute project, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant has experience successfully implementing similar projects or demonstrates appropriate and necessary partnerships to complete the project. When applicable, the applicant shows that it can hire or contract with experienced scientific staff in an area of specialty that would improve the potential success of the underlying proposal. (4 points) Applicant has existing infrastructure or administrative capacity to develop, manage and implement the project successfully. (2 points) 	6
Applicant clearly articulates how the project promotes and implements the goals and actions of the California Water Action Plan ¹⁵ (CWAP)	10
Provides multiple benefits in OPC Key Priority Areas described in Section 1.5. OPC seeks projects that remove or reduce multiple stressors from the ocean and near coastal environment. Proposals receive 5 points for the project's direct relevance to each of the four OPC Priority Issues (Marine Managed Areas; Coastal and Ocean Water Quality Impacts; Fisheries; and Climate Change)	20
Utilizes green infrastructure (2 points), natural systems (2 points), or systems that mimic natural systems (2 points).	6
Employs new, innovative, or proven technologies or practices to improve the manner in which the state manages ocean and coastal resources. Applicant demonstrates how the proposed technologies and practices are innovative in comparison to similar projects and the current practices and technologies.	5
Is consistent with best available science. Applicant demonstrates how relevant science used is up to date and appropriate for projects for the specific topic, as well as the feasibility of proposed work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains technical/scientific merit (5 points) Determining project effectiveness is very feasible (5 points) Project has a high likelihood to fulfill its stated goals and objectives (5 points) 	15
Has a clear and reasonable method for measuring and reporting project effectiveness. (Section 4.5)	10
Has both local community support and greater than local interest. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project has local community support, as demonstrated by the submittal of correspondence demonstrating local support of the project (2 points) Project also has support from outside of the project area, as demonstrated by the submittal of correspondence from outside the project area. Prefer projects that demonstrate solutions that could be implemented regionally and/or statewide (2 points) 	4
Project benefits disadvantaged communities as described in Section 2.6	10
Project leverages private, federal or local funding sources: projects with at least 25% matching funds (1 point); more than 50% matching funds (2 points); or 100% matching funds (5 points). ¹⁶	5
Total possible points	100



3.5 Evaluation Criteria and Scoring for Proposals

SCORING CRITERIA FOR PROPOSALS	
	Points
Alignment with Prop 1 and OPC Priority Project Types	20
Project Demonstrates Significant Benefits to Communities Entitled to Environmental Justice	25
Project Proposal Scope, Readiness, and Applicant Capacity	20
Measuring Effectiveness and Operations and Maintenance	15
Partnerships and Collaboration	10
Leveraging of Funding Sources	10
Total possible points	100

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Other Guideline Revisions

Other Revisions include:

- **Opportunities for advanced payments**
 - *Qualified* grantees may receive up to 25% of the grant award at a time
- **Project Minimum and Maximum Amounts**
 - Minimums: OPC *strongly* encourages project budgets over \$250,000. However, the minimum project award amount is \$100,000.
 - Maximum: The maximum project award is \$5,000,000.

Process for Commenting and Next Steps

- We are happy to take verbal comments now.
- Written comments are accepted through **January 26, 2021**.
- Please email comments to OPC_Prop1Grants@resources.ca.gov.
- We plan to incorporate comments and bring the proposed final guidelines to the OPC on **February 16th**.
- If the guidelines are adopted, we plan to release the first solicitation in early **March 2021**.



Questions Received...

- What information and level of detail is required for the Round 4 letter of intent?
 - This will be provided in the template; we're expecting it to be around 4-5 pages long
- Does a project need to be located within or adjacent to a disadvantaged community to be eligible?
 - No, but it does need to demonstrate direct benefit to a Community
- If a project serves multiple disadvantaged communities, but is not located within or adjacent to them, would it still be eligible for Round 4 funding (and how can this be demonstrated)?
 - Yes, it would be eligible. Demonstrating through partnerships and collaboration, and narrative description or photos.

Questions Received...

- Our coastal city is not considered "disadvantaged" by state standards, would it still be possible to receive a Prop 1 grant for a local environmental justice project that supports citizen science working on coastal climate change issues like ocean acidification?
 - Communities are defined in a variety of ways, we recommend checking the maps provided. That being said, Prop 1 is for construction projects, not science projects.
- Are joint applicants acceptable, i.e. two public agencies doing a cooperative project?
 - OPC can only grant funds to one entity, so one agency would be the applicant/main grantee and the other would have to be a subgrantee.
- Can the grant application include funding for design/engineering/permitting, as well as construction?
 - Yes, planning and design projects are eligible

Questions Received...

- Do the CEQA determination and permits need to be completed by the April letter of intent deadline, or another later date in the solicitation/application process?
- CEQA and permitting need to be completed before a proposed project is recommended to the Council for funding.



Q&A Discussion

- Please use the “**Raise Hand**” feature if you have a verbal question or comment
- We will get to as many questions as we can!





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Thank you!

Please Submit Written Comments to:
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[Comment Deadline: January 26, 2021](#)