

# **Proposition 84 Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) Grants Program**

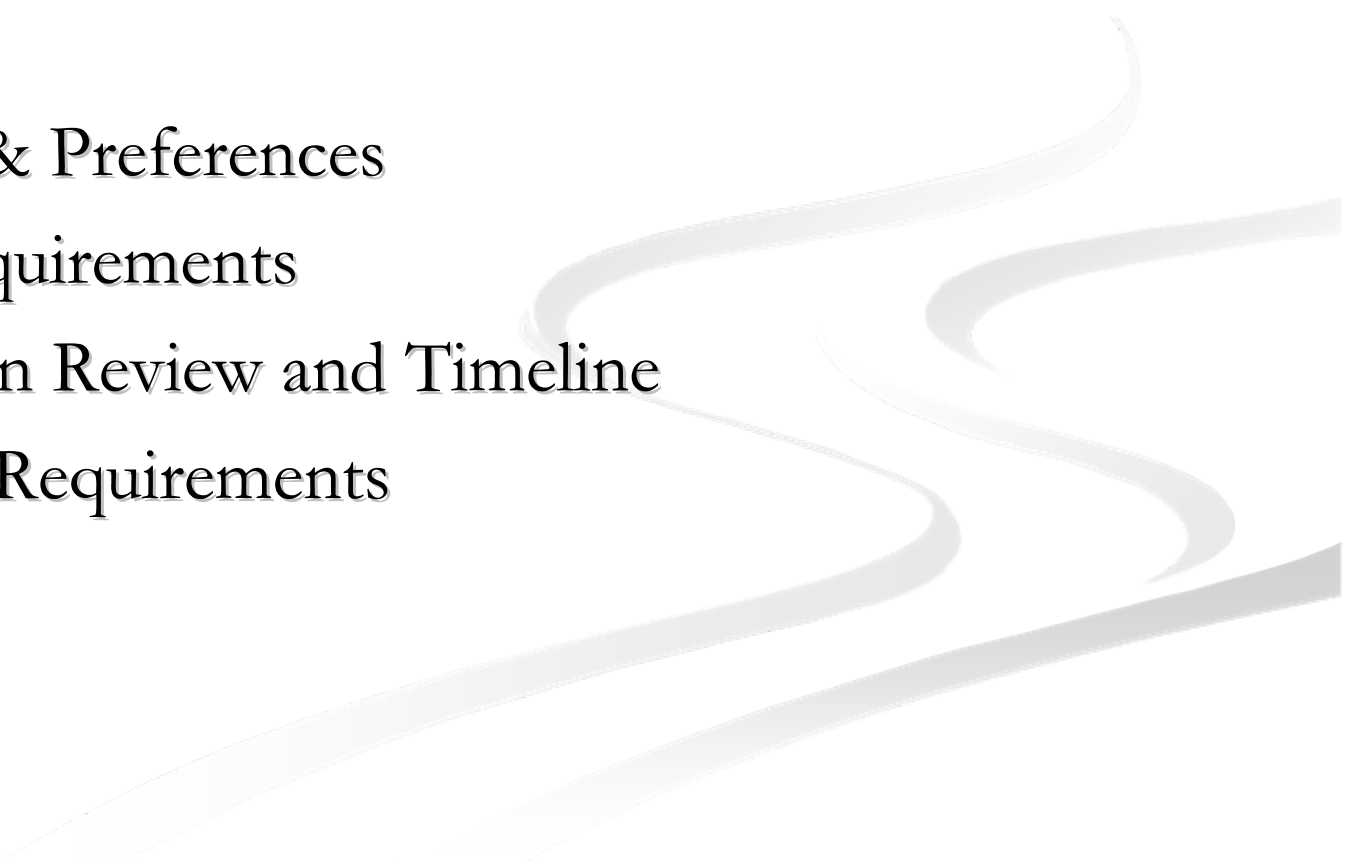
## **Concept Proposal Applicant Assistance Workshop**



# Applicant Workshop Objectives

- Review applicant eligibility, project eligibility, geographic scope, and ASBS program priorities and preferences
- Review timeline for grant application, review and award
- Process for Submitting Concept Proposal
- Question and Answer period

# Presentation Outline

- ASBS Grant Program:
    - Process
    - Eligibility
    - Priorities & Preferences
    - Match Requirements
    - Application Review and Timeline
    - Submittal Requirements
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# ASBS Grant Program Process

- Based on ASBS Guidelines adopted by the Board on 4/1/08
- Eligibility and Program Priorities are in the Guidelines
- Criteria and Selection process detailed in Guidelines

# Program Requirements

- Approximately \$33.025 million will be made available for this Solicitation
- Minimum Grant Amt = \$500,000  
\$100,000 (for sewer projects)
- Maximum Grant Amt = \$2,500,000
- Funding will be split using a 40/40/20 system
  - ❖ **40% - for Southern California**
    - (Counties of San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, and Ventura)
  - ❖ **40% - for Northern California**
    - (Counties of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Humbolt, and Del Norte)
  - ❖ **20% - for Northern & Southern California**
    - (for most competitive remaining projects without regard to location.)



# Applicant Eligibility

- Local public agencies are eligible, which includes the following:
  - ❖ City
  - ❖ County
  - ❖ City and County, or
  - ❖ District
- Completed application for Exception, or letter sent by December 31, 2007.



# Project Eligibility

**Capital improvement projects that assist with meeting ASBS discharge prohibition AND implement at least one of the following:**

- Improve water quality at public beaches and make improvements to ensure that coastal waters adjacent to public beaches meet bacteriological standards
- Make improvements to existing sewer collection systems and septic systems for the restoration and protection of coastal water quality
- Implement stormwater and runoff pollution reduction and prevention programs, or for the implementation of best management practices, for the restoration and protection of coastal water quality

# Education Eligibility

- Education and outreach activities that communicate the significance and value of the natural resources in a way that increases understanding and enjoyment of the resources, are eligible for funding.



# Priorities

- Address the high threat discharges into ASBS
- Provide the greatest water quality improvement
- Protect beneficial uses of ASBS
- Address the specific constituents of concern of ASBS
- Help meet the Water Quality Objectives defined in the California Ocean Plan



# Program Preferences

**Bonus points given to projects that address any of the following:**

- Located within Marine Protected Areas
- Integrate into a larger project and provide multiple benefits
- Consistent with adopted Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plans and/or Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plans
- Low Impact Development that contribute to stormwater quality improvements



# Program Preferences

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- Implement the *Ahwahnee Principles for Resource Efficient Land Use*, or similar land use or planning principles
- Capture and treat stormwater for re-use, consistent with supporting beneficial uses and existing Water Rights
- Contribute expeditiously and measurably to the long-term attainment and maintenance of water quality standards by implementing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)



# Program Preferences

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- Provide low cost sharing or leverage local bond measure funds
- Improve ocean water quality near disadvantaged communities
- Address environmental justice community needs and issues

# Match Requirements

- Cost match may include, but is not limited to, Federal funds, state funds, local funds, or donated and volunteer services and other funding sources
- May be reduced if Disadvantaged Community criteria met
- Eligible reimbursable expenses incurred after passage of Proposition 84 on November 7, 2006 and prior to project completion date
- Based on Sliding Scale



# Funding Match Calculation Requirements

Calculation of funding match  
is based on Total Project Cost

# Reimbursable Expenses

- Only direct costs related to projects are eligible for reimbursement
- Timeframe: Only work performed within terms of grant agreement is reimbursable
- No “overhead” costs allowed

# How to Submit Your Concept Proposal

- Submit your application via the Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST), online at


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

- Due by 5:00 PM on May 22, 2008



# Concept Proposal Submittal Requirements in FFAST

- Completed Application
- Application Questionnaire
- Application Attachments
  - Attachment 1 – Project Description
  - Attachment 2 – Project Site : Location Maps and Photos



# Proposal Review and Selection Process

- ASBS Taskforce and Water Board Staff Review Concept Proposals
- Concept Proposal will be scored based on criteria in Guidelines
- Invite most competitive Concept Proposals to submit a Full Proposal



# Grant Program Timeline

- Concept Proposal Apps Due May 22, 2008
- Invitation for Full Proposals July 2008
- Full Proposal Apps Due Sept 2008
- State Water Board Approval of Grants January 2009

# Project Timing

- Grant Agreement Finalized June 2009
- Project End Date March 2013
- Final Invoicing April 2013
- Final Project Report May 2013

\* Note: Dates provided are only estimates

# For More Information

## ➤ PROGRAM QUESTIONS

- Solicitation Notice, Attachments and FAQ are posted <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/asbs.html>
- Contact your State Board or Regional Board, representatives listed in the Solicitation Notice

## ➤ FFAST ONLINE APPLICATION

- Email [FFAST\\_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:FFAST_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov) or
- Call 1-866-434-1083

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# State Water Board Program Information

- **ASBS Grant Program Website:**

<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/cbasb.html>

- **LYRIS List:**

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lyrisforms/swrcb/subscribe.html>

# Question and Answers

