



# AREAS OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE (ASBS) GRANT PROGRAM



**OUR MISSION:** *To solicit, fund and manage projects to assist local public agencies to comply with the discharge prohibition into ASBS contained in the California Ocean Plan.*

## HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

Proposition 84 provides approximately \$32,025,000 million in matching grants to assist local public agencies to comply with the discharge prohibition into ASBS contained in the California Ocean Plan.

## WHAT PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASBS FUNDING?

Project eligibility is established in the Clean Beaches Program (PRC, Section 30915)

- Through Proposition 84, the ASBS Grant Program is authorized to administer grants for projects that:
  - Improve water quality at public beaches to meet current ocean water bacterial standards;
  - Improve, upgrade, or convert existing sewer collection systems and septic systems for the restoration and protection of coastal water quality; or
  - Implement storm water and runoff pollution reduction and prevention programs for the restoration and protection of coastal water quality.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any "local public agencies", which is define as:

- City
- County
- City & County
- District

## WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THIS GRANT PROGRAM?

- Winter 2008 – Public Comments on Draft Guidelines
- Spring 2008 – State Water Resources Control Board adopts Guidelines
- Spring 2008 – Begin Application Period
- Project Selection/Grant Award – TBD

Funding commitments will be based on availability of funds.

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