

ASBS TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008

Attendees

Sarah Allen, Point Reyes National Seashore
Mark Carr, University of California, Santa Cruz
Chris Crompton, County of Orange
Angela Haren, California Coastkeeper Alliance
Steve Leiker, County of Monterey
Peter Raimondi, University of California, Santa Cruz
Jack Gregg, California Coastal Commission
Dominic Gregorio, State Water Resources Control Board
Leslie Laudon, State Water Resources Control Board
Julé Rizzardo, State Water Resources Control Board
Mark Fong, State Water Resources Control Board
Ahmad Kashkoli, State Water Resources Control Board
Kari Holmes, State Water Resources Control Board
Ruben Mora, State Water Resources Control Board

ITEMS DISCUSSED

ASBS Grant Information

- Funding Amount: \$33.25 million
- Eligible Applicants: Local Public Agencies (City, County, City and County, and District). If applicant is not a Local Public Agency, they can partner with an eligible agency.
- Match Required: Sliding scale match for total project cost based on population and Median Household Income
- Grant Program Timeline:
 - Public comment period on “draft” guidelines ends by COB February 22, 2008

- Task Force face-to-face meeting in Monterey on March 31, 2008. Location and time to be determined.
- Take guidelines to April 1, 2008 Board meeting for adoption
- Start accepting Concept Proposal applications via the Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) system on April 2, 2008
- Applicant Assistance Workshops starting the week of April 20, 2008
- Web-based training for reviewers on how to use FAAST in mid-May 2008
- Concept Proposals due late May 2008
- Invite back applicants to submit Full Proposal in early July 2008
- Full Proposals due early September 2008
- State Water Board approval of grants sometime in November 2008

ASBS Guideline Update

- Competitive two-step process: Concept Proposal and Full Proposal
- Geographic split of funding:
 - 40% - Southern CA (counties of San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, and Ventura)
 - 40% - Northern CA (Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Humbolt, and Del Norte)
 - 20% for Northern CA & Southern CA (for most competitive remaining projects without regard to location.
- Grant amounts
 - Minimum: \$500,000 (\$100,000 for sewer projects)
 - Maximum: \$2,500,000

Task Force Member Responsibilities

- Review Concept and Full Proposals
- Conflict of Interest
 - Task Force members will not review or comment on any projects for which they would potentially receive direct or an indirect financial gain, either as a lead applicant or cooperating entity

- Review structure setup so that proposals in Northern CA are evaluated by reviewers from Southern CA areas, and those proposals in Southern CA are evaluated by reviewers from Northern CA areas.
- FFAST Accounts & Training will be provided for Task Force members by State Board staff.

NEXT MEETING

A face-to-face meeting was agreed upon with the members for the afternoon of March 31, 2008 in Monterey (a day before the State Water Board adopts the ASBS guidelines). The purpose of this meeting is to meet each other in person and to go over the scoring procedures so there is consistency on how each reviewer will be scoring the Concept and Full Proposals. State Water Board staff will send out further details and an agenda for this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- State Water Board staff to work with Steve Leiker to find a meeting location for March 31, 2008 face-to-face meeting in Monterey.
- Summarize comments received on the draft Guidelines and send it to Task Force before the March 31st meeting.