# \*Note: every question must be answered in order for the application to be considered for funding. Use N/A where applicable.

## PROJECT

Project Name:

If applicable, what is the Native American name of your project site?

Brief Project Summary (one paragraph):

Total cost (round up to nearest $1,000):

Amount requested from WCB (round up to nearest $1,000):

Start date: Click or tap to enter a date.

End date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Project type (select one*)*:Choose an item.

## Applicant

Organization name:

Organization type: Other, specify

Primary applicant contact name and title:

Phone:

E-mail address:

Mailing address:

Signatory Name and Title:

## Landowner

Organization type: Choose an item.

Primary landowner contact name and title:

Phone:

E-mail address:

Signatory Name and Title:

Signatory Address:

Signatory Email:

**State Elected Officials**

Assembly District Number and Representative (<https://www.assembly.ca.gov/>):

Senate District Number and Representative (<https://www.senate.ca.gov/>):

## Location

# Briefly describe the project location. Identify any previous WCB projects that you are aware of on the site, property or nearby. Describe historic and current land uses.

* County(ies):
* Nearest City and Distance To:
* Specific Location (APN or Address):
* Latitude (Decimal Degrees):
* Longitude (Decimal Degrees):
* What is represented by the lat/long coordinates (e.g., center of project site)?:

## BOARD MEETING DATES

Projects must meet readiness standards in order to be considered for funding approval at a board meeting (e.g., CEQA documents must be completed no less than 15 days prior to the board meeting where funding approval may be considered).

Use the following drop-down lists to select which board meeting dates are feasible, not feasible, and preferred from the applicant’s perspective. Note: WCB requires a minimum of three months for due diligence prior to taking any item to the Board.

* February: Choose an item.
* May: Choose an item.
* August: Choose an item.
* November: Choose an item.

PURPOSE AND NEED

1. Describe the specific problems (current conditions, limiting factors, etc.), issues, or unserved needs the project will address.
2. Describe the goals and objectives, quantify expected outcomes and benefits of the project. Be specific.
3. What would happen to the project if no funds were available from WCB? What project opportunities or benefits could be lost if the project is not implemented?

APPROACH

1. Thoroughly describe the full project, the scientific merit of the approach, use of best available science, and methodologies and technologies to be used.
2. Describe the actions required to solve the identified problem(s).
3. Provide a description of how the data and other information generated from the project will be handled, stored, and made publicly available.
4. Provide a detailed workplan as an attachment.

CONSISTENCY WITH STATE, FEDERAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANS

1. Identify and discuss how the proposed project meets the specific goals, strategic initiatives, and objectives outlined in the [WCB Strategic Plan](https://wcb.ca.gov/About/Strategic-Plan).
2. How does your project support the State’s Pathway’s to 30x30 strategy ([https://www.californianature.ca.gov/](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.californianature.ca.gov%2F&data=05%7C01%7CHeather.McIntire%40wildlife.ca.gov%7Cf627064f944941c72ec508da3a772eb8%7C4b633c25efbf40069f1507442ba7aa0b%7C0%7C0%7C637886580798256495%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5Kkrp90R9qHC5wTumkNr8OsBWigC76UrfZVzHH3acXg%3D&reserved=0))?
3. Describe ecosystem benefits, such as restoration or enhancement of rare species habitats, or the protection of priority vegetative communities (macrogroups) identified in the [State Wildlife Action Plan](https://wildlife.ca.gov/SWAP) and/or [CDFW’s Areas of Conservation Emphasis](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/Analysis/Ace)**.** Describe those benefits and how they alleviate existing ecological problems.
4. Identify any key plan(s) that the proposed project supports or will help achieve its goals. For example, [Central Valley Joint Venture 2020 Implementation Plan](https://www.centralvalleyjointventure.org/science/2020-implementation-plan), [2008 American River Parkway Plan](https://planning.saccounty.net/LandUseRegulationDocuments/Documents/AmericanRiverParkwayPlan.pdf), [State Wildlife Action Plan](https://wildlife.ca.gov/SWAP), etc.

DURABILITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY

1. Describe how the proposed project will deliver enduring sustainable benefits.
2. Describe the provisions to maintain the benefits and how long management and maintenance activities will occur. Implementation grants shall require a long-term management plan of the grantee to maintain the improvements for typically 20-25 years.
3. For projects involving restoration or construction, describe a plan for monitoring, evaluating, and reporting project effectiveness. Describe the adaptive management strategies (compiling baseline data, adaptive management strategies, documentation, etc.), if applicable. Who will be responsible for funding and implementing on-going management and monitoring? For planning projects, does the project include development of monitoring and metrics for project success?
4. Describe how the proposed project will provide habitat and/or species resilience to climate change:

a) What are the projected climate impacts? Tools such as [CalAdapt](https://cal-adapt.org/) and the Department of Fish and Wildlife’s [Areas of Conservation Emphasis](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/Analysis/Ace) can aid in identifying climate vulnerabilities and potential resilience in the project area.

b) How would the project address those impacts and provide long-term climate resilience?

c) Will there be net, long-term carbon sequestration benefits from the project, taking into consideration the carbon emissions from construction and vehicle miles traveled to the site for management and monitoring? How is this evaluated?

1. Are there any protections or restrictions affecting the project (e.g., utility easements, conservation easements, mineral rights, etc.)?

PROJECT TEAM QUALIFICATIONS

1. Describe the project team’s qualifications, experience, and capacity to perform the proposed tasks to complete the proposed project. Provide specific examples of similar projects completed to date.

PROJECT READINESS

1. Are the environmental documents complete and all required State, federal and local permits for the projects obtained? If not, what is the anticipated date for completion.
2. For implementation projects: is the project shovel-ready? If yes, describe.

For planning projects, will the planning project result in an implementation-ready project? If yes, describe.

1. A CEQA determination is required prior to WCB approval. What is the status of CEQA for the proposed project?
   1. If complete, what document was prepared?

Provide the State Clearinghouse Number and a copy of the NOD or NOE, and associated CEQA document.

* 1. If using a CEQA exemption, specify which exemption(s) apply and the basis for this determination.
  2. If CEQA is not complete, specify who is the “lead agency” under CEQA, status of the CEQA documents, what documents are under consideration, and when the documents will be submitted to the State Clearinghouse.

For more information on CEQA, visit the [Governor’s Office of Planning and Research CEQA](https://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/getting-started/) page.

1. Using the [WCB Budget template](https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=204632), provide a complete line-item budget for the proposed project. Submit budget electronically along with the application. Budget tasks should be consistent with the work plan tasks and sufficiently detailed to describe project costs. Ensure all tabs are completed including the cost share tab. Justification must be provided for costs to ensure that they are cost effective and appropriate to the work proposed.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION

1. Does the project have broad-based public and institutional support, at the local, regional, or larger scale? Describe efforts to include stakeholders in project planning, design, outreach/education, implementation, monitoring, and maintenance.
2. a) Is the Project Area in a Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC)? Use the [DWR Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool](https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/). Select one Choose an item.

b) Is the Project in an area mapped as being between the [75th and 100th percentile in CalEnviroScreen](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/6b863505f9454cea802f4be0b4b49d62/)? Select one Choose an item.

1. Will the project benefit or serve severely disadvantaged or climate vulnerable communities? If yes, describe services and/or benefits provided.
2. Will the project include work undertaken by the California Conservation Corps or a Local Conservation Corps?
3. Describe which tribe(s) were consulted for this project, the outcome, and any on-going discussions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - ONLY AS APPLICABLE

1. **Use of Herbicide:** If the proposed project will use herbicides, complete the [Herbicide Questionnaire](https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=200646)
2. **Planning Projects:** For planning projects, describe potential or secured funding for project implementation.
3. **Groundwater Sustainability Plan:** Is the proposed project located within a medium or high priority groundwater basin and what is the status of the [Groundwater Sustainability Plan](https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management/Groundwater-Sustainability-Plans)?
4. **Stream Flow:** Projects must measurably enhance stream flows (a change in the amount, timing, and/or quality of the water flowing down a stream, or a portion of a stream, to benefit fish and wildlife) at a time and location necessary to provide fisheries or ecosystem benefits that improve upon existing flow conditions, are measurable, and significant, in that they help alleviate a limiting factor.
   1. How significant is the anticipated stream flow enhancement in the context of the stream’s current (pre-project) flow regime? Will the limiting factor be eliminated or reduced and by how much? Provide analysis and documentation to demonstrate the significance of expected stream flow benefits and the likelihood that anticipated outcomes will be realized.
   2. Quantify to the best of your ability the stream flow benefits anticipated from successful completion of the project (i.e. length of stream improved, flow enhancement in cfs, water quality improvements, as applicable).
   3. If applicable, please complete and attach the [Water Rights Supplemental Questionnaire](https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=200744).
5. **Lower American River Parkway Project:** Select the primary goal of the project Choose an item..  If other, please describe.
   1. Lower American River Parkway Project: Is the project area within the American River Parkway boundary? Choose an item. If other, please describe.
   2. Lower American River Parkway Project: For projects that are completely or partially within the American River Parkway boundary, what is the Land Designation and what Area Plan is the project within? See the [[2008 American River Parkway Plan](https://regionalparks.saccounty.net/Parks/Documents/Parks/ARPP06-092617_sm.pdf" \t "_blank)](https://planning.saccounty.net/LandUseRegulationDocuments/Documents/AmericanRiverParkwayPlan.pdf).
   3. Lower American River Parkway Project: Explain how the project is compatible and consistent with the [2008 American River Parkway Plan](https://planning.saccounty.net/LandUseRegulationDocuments/Documents/AmericanRiverParkwayPlan.pdf).
   4. Lower American River Parkway Project: Explain how the project advances the goals and objectives of the 2022 American River Parkway Natural Resources Management Plan.
6. **Inland Wetlands Conservation Program Project**: Explain how the project advances habitat and/or species conservation objectives of the Central Valley Joint Venture.
7. **Wildlife Corridors:** Does the proposed project address wildlife barriers as described in the [CDFW’s 2020 Wildlife Movement Barrier Priorities](https://map.dfg.ca.gov/metadata/ds2867.html) list? What is the proposed project’s location connectivity score based on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s

(CDFW) [Areas of Conservation Emphasis (ACE) Terrestrial Connectivity](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/Analysis/Ace#:~:text=Areas%20of%20Conservation%20Emphasis%20(ACE)%20is%20a%20CDFW%20effort%20to,connectivity%2C%20and%20climate%20change%20resiliency.) dataset?

1. **Public Access and ADA:** Does the proposed project include public access? If so, describe how the project will enhance public access and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility. Be specific (e.g., the project will install one ADA compliant fishing pier, ADA compliant vault toilet, and 2 miles of accessible trails).

By signing this form, I certify that I am authorized to apply for this grant and the information contained in this application and its attachments is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE

Name:

Title:

Date Signed:

**END OF APPLICATION**

**CHECKLIST NEXT PAGE**

CHECKLIST

Application is signed

[Budget Template](https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=200645) completed

A Payee Data Record ([Standard Form 204](http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/dgs/fmc/pdf/std204.pdf))

Resolution from applicant’s governing board ([Resolution Sample](https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=87605&inline))

CDFW letter of support if on CDFW lands

Support letters. Letters should be current and specific to the proposed project and include contact information of the individual submitting the letter (if available).

Project location maps

Regional map – clearly identify project location in relation to prominent area features

Site-scale map – clearly delineate project site and boundaries on an appropriately scaled map

Representative photographs showing project area and specific problems and issues the project is addressing

Detailed project drawing showing relevant features of the proposed project. Include engineering design drawings, if available

GIS, Arcmap, KMZ, KML shapefiles, if available

Land Tenure/Site Control/ Landowner Access agreements or templates that cover the life of the project (typically 20-25 years).

Workplan: Provide a workplan. [Workplan examples](https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=200654)

Management Plan: Provide a management plan. [Management Plan examples](https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=200658)

Project Timeline: Provide a timeline, Gannt chart, or similar option to show project timelines, milestones, and deliverables.

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| Category | Evaluation Criteria |
| Purpose and Need | The extent to which a proposed project warrants action for its need, and how well the goals and objectives meet the needs of the project. |
| Approach | The extent to which the proposed project’s approach seem likely to result in a successful project, how well the approach will meet the goals and objectives, and the appropriateness of the methodologies and technologies. How well the underlying scientific basis for the proposed work is clearly explained (e.g., does it include a clearly articulated conceptual model, if applicable) and is it based on the best available science. |
| Consistency with State, Federal, Regional and Local Plans | The extent to which the proposed project meets initiatives, goals, or objectives for WCB’s Strategic Plan, the State Wildlife Action Plan, or other State, federal, regional, or local plans. |
| Durability and Climate Resiliency | The extent to which the project benefits will be maintained over time. The extent to which the application addresses a project’s ability to improve climate resilience in fish, wildlife, water, habitats, and infrastructure. |
| Project Team Qualifications | The extent to which a proposal demonstrates that the project team, and any partnership as appropriate, has the appropriate experience, facilities, equipment, and capacity to successfully perform the proposed tasks. |
| Project Readiness | The extent to which a proposal demonstrates that access to the property, environmental compliance, permitting, planning, engineering, design, or other necessary preparations for the project are sufficient for prompt project implementation. |
| Budget | The extent to which a proposed budget and justification are appropriate to the work proposed, cost effective, and sufficiently detailed to describe project costs, and are consistent with the tasks shown in the work plan and schedule. The extent to which a project provides secured federal, State, private, or local cost share. All fund sources must be identified. |
| Community Support and Collaboration | The extent to which an application demonstrates that the project has  broad-based public and institutional support, engaged in public and stakeholder outreach, and supports local communities. |
| Additional Information  Only if Applicable | The extent to which the proposed project addresses the appropriate additional information question. Only questions that are directly related to the proposed project will be evaluated. |