

OPC Proposition 1 Draft Grant Guidelines  
Public Comment Period May 21-August 21, 2015

Comments Number	Name of Commenter	Organization	Date of letter or conversation	Comment	Recommended Action	Notes
1	Krista Kramer	CSU COAST	6/11/2015 Conversation	1a. Directly state that CSU's and UC's as eligible applicants	1a. Incorporated	1a. California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) schools are considered public agencies under Department of Education.
2	Jenn Eckerle	NRDC	6/24/2015 Comment made at public hearing	2a. Include interagency collaboration 2b. Add points for agency collaboration 2c. Focus on projects that achieve multiple ecological benefits 2d. Additional points for MMAs 2e. Consider developing joint funding guidelines with other agencies.	2a. Incorporated into Letter of Intent Template 2b. Did not incorporate 2c. Did not incorporate 2d. Incorporated 2e. Did not incorporate	2a. Will improve outcome of grant program 2b. Not all projects will overlap with other agencies' grant programs 2c. Believe the criteria already accurately prioritizes multibenefits 2d. Will further support MMAs and the statewide network 2e. OPC will engage in interagency coordination but joint solicitation programs may be inefficient from a grant administration standpoint.
3	Grant Wilson	Earth Law Center	6/24/2015 Comment made at public hearing	3a. See 2b. 3b. See 2c. 3c. Increase points of "removes stressors" 3d. Earth Law supports how draft includes sustainable outcomes in the long-term, best available science, and community oriented projects	3c. Did not incorporate 3d. No action needed	3c. Already equal to highest point categories 3d. N/A
4	Kevin Murphy	CSUS	6/24/2015 Comment made at public hearing	4a. See 1a 4b. Provide more explicit information on min/max values for projects 4c. Identify funding horizon dates	4b. Incorporated into section 2.3 4c. Incorporated into section 2.3	4b. Staff propose \$250,000 min; do not propose max 4c. Projects must be completed 5 years from date funds appropriated by legislature
5	Jenn Feinberg; Sara Aminzadeh; Dana Murray	NRDC; California Coastkeeper Alliance; Heal the Bay	7/20/15 Letter and conversation	5a. Develop interagency panel to coordinate funding decisions, establish shared or jointly funded efforts and facilitate joint investment 5b. Issue joint proposal solicitations or collective agreement on funding projects in specific geographic areas 5c. Incorporate agency collaboration on Letter of Intent 5d. Consider as scoring criteria "advances inter-agency collaboration towards a common goal, particularly achieving healthy ecosystems." 5e. see 5a 5f. Include multi-benefit as a criteria in full proposal review (in addition to LOI); 5g. Increase value of "removes or mitigates multiple stressors from the ocean and near coastal environment" criterion in full Proposal evaluation; 5h. Offer planning and technical assistance	5a. Have begun discussions with other agencies 5b. Did not incorporate 5c. Incorporated 5d. Did not incorporate 5f. Incorporated into section 3.8 5g. Did not incorporate 5h. No action needed	5a. Will look for options and opportunities in upcoming review and solicitations 5b. Agencies already have solicitations out; possibility for future solicitation (efficiency of grant administration should be considered) 5c. Will improve outcome of grant program 5d. Staff believe existing criteria under sections 3.5 and 3.8 advance goal of healthy ecosystems; 5f. Will improve outcome of grant program 5g. Staff believe existing scoring criteria is appropriate, applicants can receive points under multi-benefits and under reducing stress 5h. OPC staff capacity is limited, however the Letter of Intent offers an opportunity for this type of assistance
6	Karen Kho	Stop Waste	7/14/15 Letter	6a. Expand project criteria beyond capital assets 6b. Include sing-use bag ban ordinances as eligible 6c. Fund training on organizations/cities working on stormwater	6a. Did not incorporate 6b. Did not incorporate 6c. No action needed	6a. Inconsistent with general obligation bond law (see Gov't Code section 16727) 6b. Inconsistent with general obligation bond law (see Gov't Code section 16727) 6c. Projects funded by Prop 1 can have some minor components of education/training, current language meets intent of comment
7	Mary Creasman	Trust for Public Land	6/30/15 Letter	7a. Include "protection" of wetlands in Section 2.5 and include "Projects that protect and restore coastal watersheds including bays, marine estuaries and nearshore ecosystems."; "Projects that prevent or reduce water pollution or contamination" 7b. Support for Letter of Intent process 7c. Modify evaluation criteria to read "employs new, innovative, or proven technologies" 7d. Provide clarify on climate ready fisheries 7e. Clarify project area 7f. Give equal priority to land acquisitions	7a. Incorporated 7b. No action needed 7c. Incorporated 7d. Incorporated 7e. Did not incorporate 7f. Did not incorporate	7a. Consistent with Prop 1 Chapter 6. 7b. N/A 7c. Consistent with Prop 1 Chapter 6. 7d. New language is intended to be more clear in meaning 7e. The type and scale of project will identify the appropriate project area 7f. OPC is not prioritizing land acquisitions.
8	Letise LaFeir	Monterey Bay Aquarium	8/21/15 Letter	8a. See 2d 8b. Increase points for "best available science" points and include points for Letters of Intent 8c. Increase points for natural infrastructure to 15 and add to full proposal 8d. Add citizen involvement/engagement as bonus points for LOIs and full proposal. 8e. Include disadvantaged communities as bonus points for full proposal.	8b. Did not incorporate 8c. Partially incorporated 8d. Did not incorporate 8e. Incorporated	8b. Believe the criteria already accurately prioritizes best available science 8c. Added natural infrastructure to full proposal scoring 8d. Believe criteria already prioritizes community engagement 8e. Consistent with Prop 1 Chapter 6
9	Dana Murray	Heal the Bay	7/14/2015, comment made at public hearing	9a. Provided support for the core principles that have been integrated into Prop 1 Guidelines 9b. See 5a 9c. See 2d 9d. Prioritize restoration of wetlands to pre-development standards	9a. No action needed 9d. Did not incorporate	9a. N/A 9b. Believe the criteria already accurately prioritize wetlands, other agencies also are funding this project type.

10	Sara Aminzadeh (Coastkeeper Alliance)	Coastkeeper Alliance; Community Water Center; Heal the Bay; NRDC; Los Angeles Waterkeeper; American Rivers; Clean Water Fund	8/21/15 Letter	10a. Generally support guidelines and focus on projects regarding MMAs 10b. Include opportunities for consultation for LOI and final proposal for small communities/organizations. 10c. If minimum budget is included, include an exemption for disadvantaged communities or smaller projects/organizations 10d. Broaden the definition of multiple benefits. Project applicants should be able to score highly for multiple benefits if the project demonstrates that it will successfully achieve a number of multiple benefits, but not necessarily all of them 10e. Continue the focus on projects that will provide multiple ecological benefits via OPC evaluation of the extent to which a project "leverages the resources of private, federal or local funding sources," which will enhance interagency collaboration 10f. See 5a 10g. See 5b 10h. See 5c 10i. Revise Guidelines to evaluate the extent to which a proposal "advances interagency collaboration towards a common goal, particularly achieving healthy ecosystems" 10j. Developing and facilitating a coordinated approach to the establishment of program valuation criteria to provide for consistency in assessment across projects supported by the various Proposition 1 agencies of appropriation and comparable monitoring results	10a. No action needed 10b. Did not incorporate 10c. Partially incorporated 10d. Incorporated, see additional language in sections 3.5 and 3.8 10e. No action needed 10i. Did not incorporate 10j. Have begun discussions with other agencies	10a. N/A 10b. Believe current LOI process allows for appropriate feedback from OPC staff 10c. Included possibility for exemption for disadvantaged communities, but not "small" organizations 10d. Consistent with Prop 1 Chapter 6 10e. Believe current Guidelines accurately address funding leverage and interagency collaboration 10i. Believe revised Guidelines accurately address interagency collaboration 10j. Will look for options and opportunities in evaluation of projects
11	Linda Sheehan; Grant Wilson	Earth Law Center	8/21/15 Letter	11a. See 5b 11b. See 5a 11c. See 5c 11d. See 2b 11e. See 10e 11f. See 10d 11g. Prioritize projects that advance "ocean health" and include it as a Key Issue area.	11g. Did not incorporate	11g. Believe current Key Issue areas cover OPC's goals
12	Anne Morkill	San Francisco Bay Joint Venture	8/17/15 Letter	12a. Support of overall guidelines and linking in marine and estuarine enhancement 12b. Prioritize funding for San Francisco Bay 12c. Remove requirement that CEQA be complete; allow projects for which CEQA is underway 12d. Recommend quarterly or ongoing RFP's 12e. Modify funding timeline with need and different phases of large projects	12a. No action needed 12b. Did not incorporate 12c. Did not incorporate 12d. Did not incorporate 12e. Did not incorporate	12a. N/A 12b. OPC's allocation of Prop 1 funds are not designed for a particular geographic region 12c. Staff confirmed with OPC legal counsel that CEQA must be complete before project can go before the Council for approval. 12d. Solicitation periods will depend on funding allocations and staff capacity 12e. Timing on solicitations will be based on need and staff capacity.
13	Margaret Leinen	Scripps Institution of Oceanography	8/21/15 Letter	13a. Remove language of relevance to freshwater and broaden project location scope 13b. Incorporate infiltration and storage with reduction of stormwater 13c. Reword marine debris to help identify sources of marine debris 13d. Highlight how estuaries are impacted by water resources and the ocean	13a. Did not incorporate 13b. Did not incorporate 13c. Did not incorporate 13d. Did not incorporate	13a. Prop 1's intent is to implement the California Water Action Plan 13b. Believe current language captures the intent of pollution reduction, the means to achieve this goal do not need to be identified 13c. Intent is to be as inclusive as possible with eligible projects related to marine debris; suggested language may not be consistent with general obligation bond law. 13d. Estuaries are certainly important; no one area (estuaries, beaches, intertidal ecosystems) are specifically called out.
14	Konrad Fisher	Klamath Riverkeeper	8/21/15 Letter	14a. Prioritize instream flow restoration 14b. Have funding for instream flow studies contingent on DFW and SWRCB committing to implementing the study recommendations 14c. Incorporate key federal and state laws into studies 14d. Prohibit funding projects that reduce stream flows	14a. Did not incorporate 14b. Did not incorporate 14c. Did not incorporate 14d. Did not incorporate	14a. Sections 3.5 and 3.8 (multibenefit projects) can prioritize instream flow restoration. 14b. Council approval of a project would be bolstered by DFW and SWRCB's interest in the results. 14c. Potentially an aspect that could be incorporated into a specific grant agreement 14d. Staff believe the language in section 2.4 addresses this comment, projects that create negative environmental impacts are not eligible for funding.
15	Joyce Dillard		8/21/15 Letter	15a. The process is not competitive 15b. Clarify the meaning of stormwater and if there are stormwater outfalls on the coast 15c. Identify the scientific data for sea-level rise and peer review process. 15d. Explain why the Water Action Plan is incorporated in the guidelines.	15a. Did not incorporate 15b. Did not incorporate 15c. Did not incorporate 15d. Did not incorporate	15a. Section 1.2 identifies the competitive process as well as the evaluation criteria 15b. Most coastal areas have stormwater systems with outfalls that drain to the ocean 15c. See the reports cited in section 3.4 (row 7). Within these reports are references to peer-reviewed reports regarding sea-level rise projections. 15d. Prop 1 was written to implement the California Water Action Plan