



Wildlife Conservation Board Stream Flow Enhancement Program 2020 Proposal Solicitation Notice and WCB Staff Consultation Announcement

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) is preparing to release the 2020 Proposal Solicitation Notice (Solicitation) for the Stream Flow Enhancement Program (Program). We are seeking high quality grant proposals that will result in enhanced stream flow and contribute to achieving the objectives of the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), California Water Action Plan, State Wildlife Action Plan, and the fulfillment of WCB's Mission. Enhanced stream flow is defined as 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. Funds granted under the Program are prioritized towards enhancing flow in streams that support anadromous fish; support special status, threatened, endangered, or at-risk species; and/or provide resilience to climate change. The goals of the Program are to:

- Support projects that lead to meaningful increases in the availability and quality of water in streams, particularly by protecting and restoring functional ecological flows for streams identified as a priority for fish and wildlife.
- Support projects that work to remove key barriers to securing enhanced flows for nature.
- Support projects that allocate resources for infrastructure (e.g., gauges) for evaluating stream flow conditions and stream responses to enhancement efforts.

Eligibility requirements, the proposal process, proposal evaluation procedures, and other pertinent topics are described in the Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Notices. These documents and additional information are available on the [Program webpage](#).

The 2020 Proposal Solicitation Notice (Solicitation) will be released on **July 9, 2020** and will be posted on the Program web page. All application materials will be provided at that time. Grant applications will be due by **September 10, 2020**. Up to \$40 million is anticipated to be available through the 2020 Solicitation. Projects should be completed by April 30, 2025.

Potential applicants are welcome to contact Program staff until **July 8, 2020**, to consult with us about project ideas and developing competitive proposals, and to address questions about the Program, the Solicitation, and grant process. Please note that the WCB staff consultation period closes once the 2020 Solicitation is released.

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