SDMMP Tips for EMP Land Management Grants

1. Call for Projects
   - Call-for-projects likely Oct 2017, with applications due Jan 2018, and funding awarded end of summer/fall 2018
   - $2M split between Species and Habitat Mgmt ($1.2M) and Short-Term Threats Mgmt ($800k - cap raised to $80k).

2. Projects should focus on MSP management objectives available for implementation
   - "Highest priority will be given to projects that focus on SL and SO species"
   - Short and long species list (attached to meeting event page)
   - Priority Viewer on MSP website

3. MSP Portal - find the priority objectives for Land Management Grants on the portal
   - https://portal.sdmmp.com/ ->Portal tab -> Track MSP Progress ->search by species from priority species list (handout) and view associated objectives

4. Possible projects:
   a. Oncosiphon management/removal
   b. Cactus nursery and restoration
   c. IMG management for rare plants
   d. IMG management for animals – ARTO, Bats, LETE, NOHA, SKR, SWPT, BUOW, QCB, Hermes
   e. QCB & Hermes fire [& IMG management]
   f. BUOW management plan implementation
   g. Threats- Human Use BMPs, altered hydrology, invasive plants and animals, linkage improvements, urban development

5. Overview of steps to developing projects for grants:
   1. Choose priority MSP species/habitat/threat with objectives/actions available for implementation
   2. Make sure it is a Management objective
   3. If you have IMG monitoring data, mention that in application to make the proposal more competitive
   4. Identify the whole area to be managed, including adjacent landowners
   5. Work with partners on project development. Only 1 entity can apply, but multiple entities can participate. This may be allowing access – need ROEs (or letters of intent) with application, so get those going sooner rather than later
   6. Make sure your entity will allow you to apply for the grant, accept the grant, and process the contract
   7. Choose which bucket: short-term 18-month ($80k cap) or long-term 3-5 years
   8. Split activities by task and by years in case proposal budget gets cut

6. Using volunteers for projects- you can add budget into your proposal for another entity to provide/coordinate your volunteers.