

Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS)

Prop. 84 Grant Program

Scoping Meeting

Introductions

- Please state your name and what agency or organization you represent.
- What is your interest in ASBS?
- Have you received grants from SWRCB before?

Meeting Purpose

- Provide information on ASBS Program specified in Proposition 84
- Initial scoping, identify policy issues to address
- Obtain public input on Guideline development

Topics of Discussion Today

- Eligible Applicants
- Proposed Grant Schedule
- Eligible Project Types
- Funding Priorities
- Setting Minimum, Maximum and Match Requirements
- Solicitation Process

Definition of Eligible Applicants

- Prop. 84 specifies grants to “local public agencies” to assist those agencies to comply with the discharge prohibition into ASBS’s contained in the California Ocean Plan.
- Local public agency defined as “any city, county, city and county, or district.”

Proposed Schedule

- Fall 2007 – Scope Guidelines
- Winter 2007 – Public Comment on Draft Guidelines
- Spring 2008 – Board Adopts Guidelines
- Spring 2008 – Begin Application Period
- TBD – Project Selection / Grant Award

Types of Projects To Be Funded?

- Prop. 84 ASBS money is available pursuant to the Prop. 40 Clean Beaches Program, which focuses on implementation projects
 - Improve water quality at public beaches
 - Upgrade or convert existing sewer/septic system
 - Reduce and prevent stormwater and runoff pollution or BMP implementation

Priorities Proposed by Staff

- Address sources and causes vs. symptoms
- Proven technologies / BMPs that remove pollutants
- Address high threat discharges

Other Requirements

- Contribute to long-term benefits for 20-years
- Submit a monitoring & reporting plan
- Obtain necessary permits or agency approvals, including CEQA.
- Consistent with recovery plans for coho salmon, steelhead trout, or any other threatened or endangered aquatic species and implement actions specified in those plans.

Determining Grant Program Requirements

ITEM	P50 CLEAN BEACHES	PROP 84 ASBS
Minimum Grant Amount per project	\$ 125,000	None specified
Maximum Grant Amount per project	\$ 5 Million	Not to exceed \$5 million*
Funding Match	15-20%, depending on total project cost	None specified, but must have match.

*There is flexibility to set a lower maximum in Guidelines

Review Process

- Prop. 84 requires projects be reviewed by the Clean Beaches Task Force
- Additional Task Force Members to be added at Oct. 2nd Board Meeting
- Establish an ASBS Subcommittee of the Clean Beaches Task Force

For More Information

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- **ASBS Website:**

- <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/cbasb.html>

- **LYRIS List:**

- http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lyrisforms/swrcb_subscribe.html

Breakout Groups

- **Group A** - Project Types
 - Discuss types of implementation projects
- **Group B** - Basic Funding Requirements
 - Discuss Eligible applicant types, minimum and maximum grant amounts per project, funding match.
- **Group C** – Grant Process
 - Defined Steps / Cycles
 - Continuous Cycle

THANK YOU !!!!!

