

SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund

FY13 Request for Initial Proposals Overview

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- Presentation will last approximately 35 min.
- Q&A in the middle and at the end
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Purpose of Webinar

- Help you develop excellent and competitive proposals for eligible projects that:
 - Improve water quality and restore habitat
 - Focus on environmental results
 - Well written



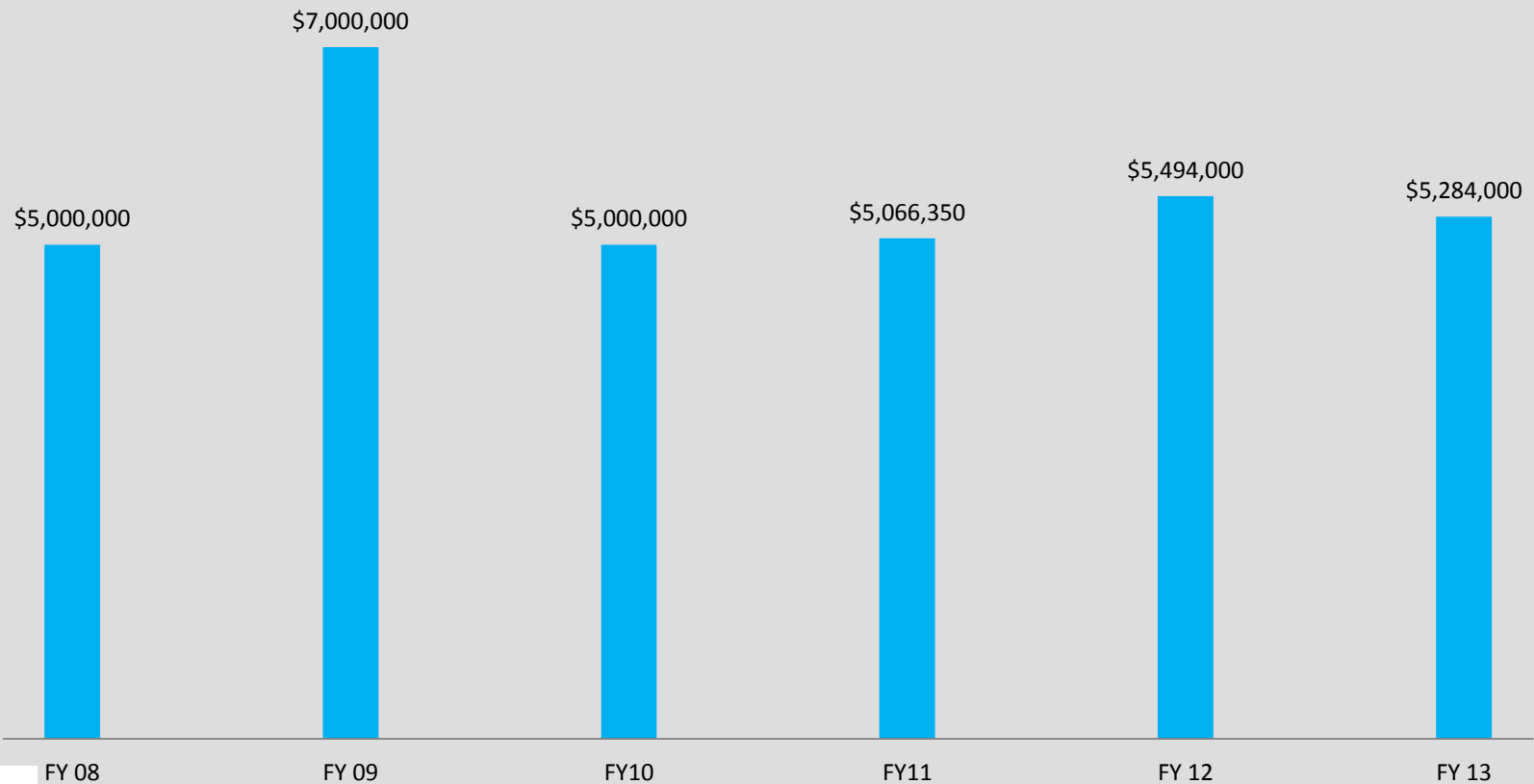
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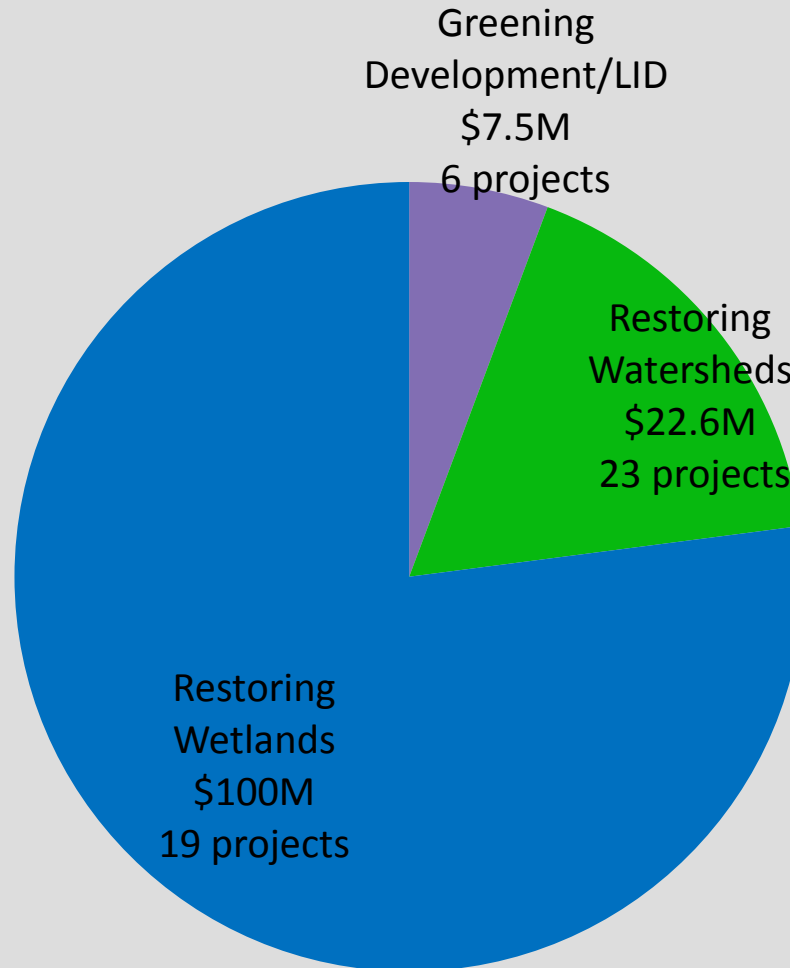


SF Bay Grant Program History

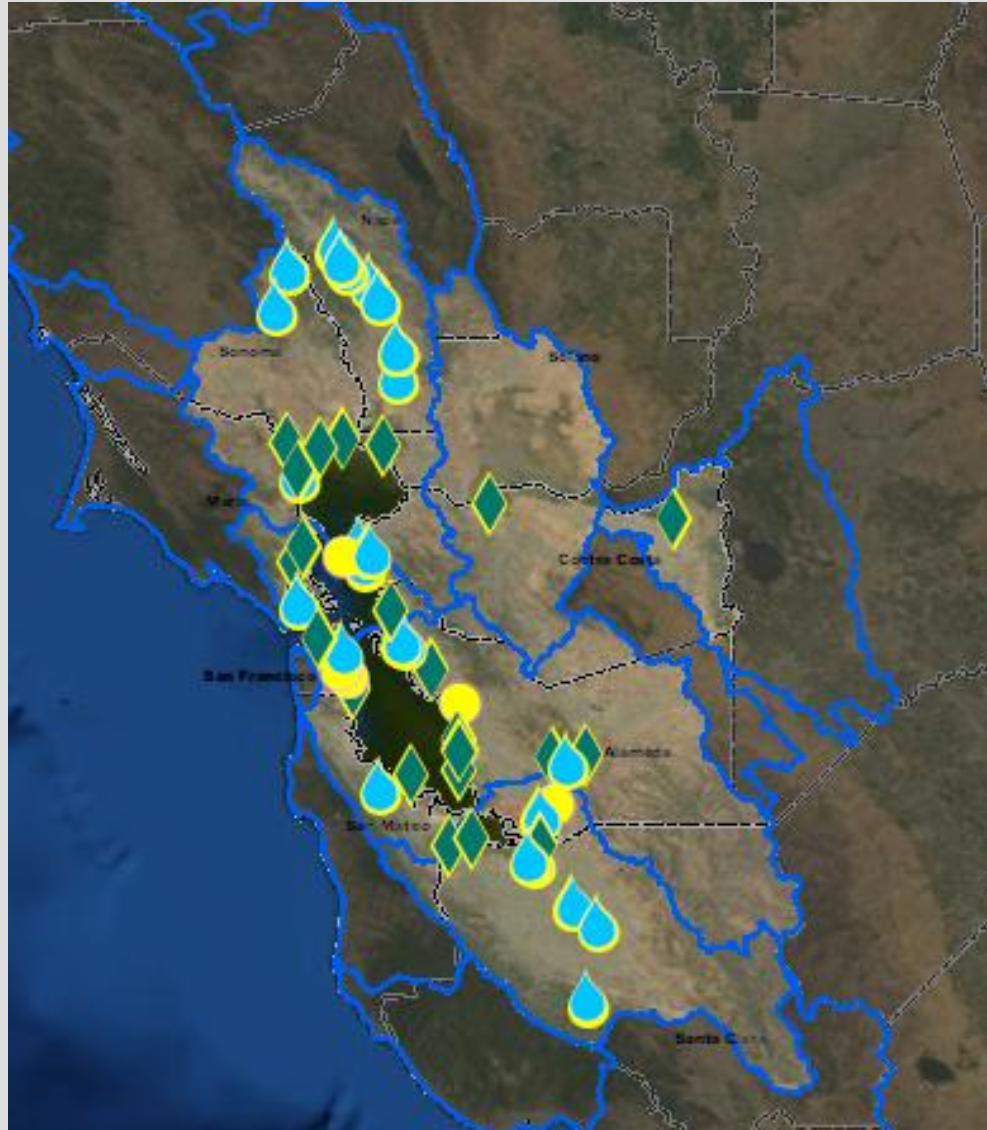
SFBWQIF Grant Funding by Fiscal Year (Total = ~\$33 mil)



SF Bay Grant Investments (EPA + non-EPA funding)



SFBWQIF Project Locations



FY 13 RFIP

Available Funds	~ \$5 million
Funding Range for Projects	\$800,000 to \$2,000,000
Match (statutory authority)	50%
Project Period	Up to 4 Years
Evaluation Criteria - <u>Initial Proposals</u> (100 pts)	Scope/Approach (45 pts) Environmental Results (45 pts) Budget Summary (10 pts)
Evaluation Criteria - <u>Full Proposals</u> (100 pts)	Partnerships (35 pts) Budget Detail (40 pts) Programmatic Capability and Past Performance (20 pts) Expenditure of Awarded Grant Funds (5 pts)



Important Dates

July 9, 2013 - Due Date for Initial Proposals -> EPA via Grants.gov, mail, overnight delivery, hand delivery, or courier service by 5pm Pacific Standard Time (no e-mail or fax deliveries).

August 5, 2013* EPA notifies successful applicants to prepare full proposals.

September 12, 2013* Full proposals -> EPA via mail, overnight delivery, hand delivery, or courier service by 5pm Pacific Standard Time. *(Note: no submittal through Grants.gov for full proposals)*

November 2013* Awards made.

**Subject to change.*



Program Priorities

- Emphasis on wetlands and restoration of impaired waters, and other project types are encouraged
- Projects based on existing analysis and plans (e.g. TMDL implementation plans) are more likely to be selected as better investments
- Planning projects eligible, but to be competitive, describe how it will be implemented and describe expected environmental results



CCMP & Attachment A

- Proposals must demonstrate consistency with the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's (SFEP) Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP)
- CCMP objectives and actions list is included as Attachment A



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What materials must be included in my initial proposal package?

- Four page narrative which addresses evaluation criteria
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Not included in 4-page limit:

- Standard form (SF) 424
- SF 424 A – Budget Summary
- Map of the watershed and proposed project area

Submittal options: grants.gov, mail, hand delivery
(*no email or fax*)

Due date: July 9, 2013 by 5:00 PM PST



What do I need in my four-page narrative? (Section V.A.)

- Succinct project summary including expected environmental results
- Identify water quality problem
- Describe project activities, timeframes, QAPP needs, and any related climate change considerations
- If planning activities proposed, discuss implementation and environmental results
- List CCMP Objectives to be implemented (see Attachment A of RFIP)

A good title helps!



EXAMPLE Standard Form 424A

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

OMB Approval No. 0348-0044

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal(EPA) (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (Project Cost) (g)
1. SFBWQIF	66.126	\$	\$	Amount applying for: \$1,700,000	Put match here: \$1,700,000	\$3,400,000
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.TOTALS				\$800,000	\$800,000	\$1,600,000

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. OBJECT CLASS CATEGORIES	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				(5) Total
	(1) Federal (EPA)	(2) Match	(3)	(4)	
a. Personnel	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$	\$	\$300,000
b. Fringe Benefits	0	0			\$0
c. Travel	0	0			\$0
d. Equipment	0	0			\$0
e. Supplies	0	0			\$0
f. Contractual (<i>construction dollars typically go here</i>)	1,000,000	500,000			\$1,500,000
g. Construction	0	0			\$0
h. Other	500,000	1,100,000			\$1,600,000
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a - 6h)	0	0			\$0
j. Indirect Charges	0	0			\$0
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000			\$3,400,000

How do I calculate a 50% match?

If your total project cost is \$2,000,000, the formula below would result in \$1,000,000 as your match, and \$1,000,000 as your federal EPA grant portion.

$$\text{EPA Ask} + \text{Match} = \text{Total Project Cost}$$
$$\text{\$1,000,000} + \text{\$1,000,000} = \text{\$2,000,000}$$



New! EPA HQ Website for grant solicitation provisions

- Please go to this website to see other requirements that apply to this RFIP
 - http://www.epa.gov/ogd/competition/solicitation_provisions.htm
- These provisions are important and applicants must review them when preparing proposals for this solicitation.
- Found on RFIP pgs 12 and 17



Questions?



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Environmental Results: Outputs & Outcomes

- Outputs = activities and/or deliverables
- Outcomes = consequences/results from your project
- Quantify anticipated outcomes
- Projects with clear and quantifiable environmental outcomes & a plan for tracking progress towards achieving those goals **will be more competitive.**



Project Examples

- South Bay Salt Pond A 17 Tidal Marsh Restoration
- San Pablo Ave. Green Spine – LID implementation
- Napa River Sediment TMDL Implementation



Wetland Restoration

South Bay Salt Pond A 17

- Restore 130 acres of tidal marsh
- Part of 15,000 +acre restoration
- Leveraged resources from state, federal, and local partners



Greening Urban Development

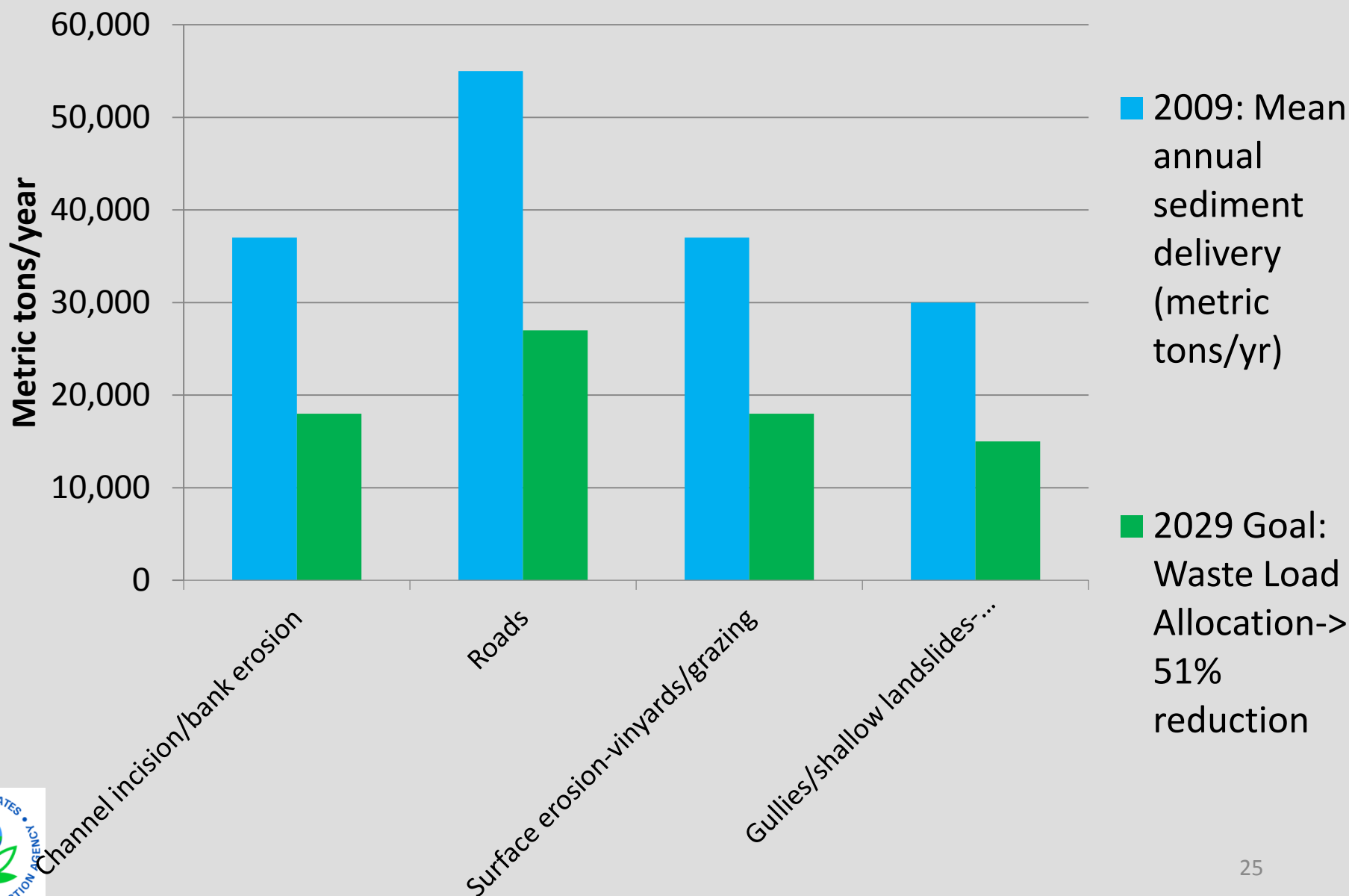
San Pablo Green Spine

- Partnering with Caltrans and seven cities located along San Pablo Ave. to treat 7+ acres of polluted stormwater runoff
- Pilot projects help institutionalize LID for Caltrans and cities in long term
- Developing model ordinance to further LID treatments in public right-of-way



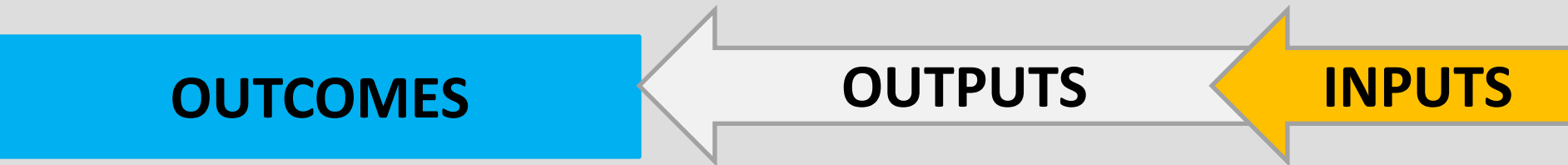
Napa River Sediment TMDL

Fine Sediment Reductions by Nonpoint Source



Planning Tool

Napa River Sediment TMDL Implementation



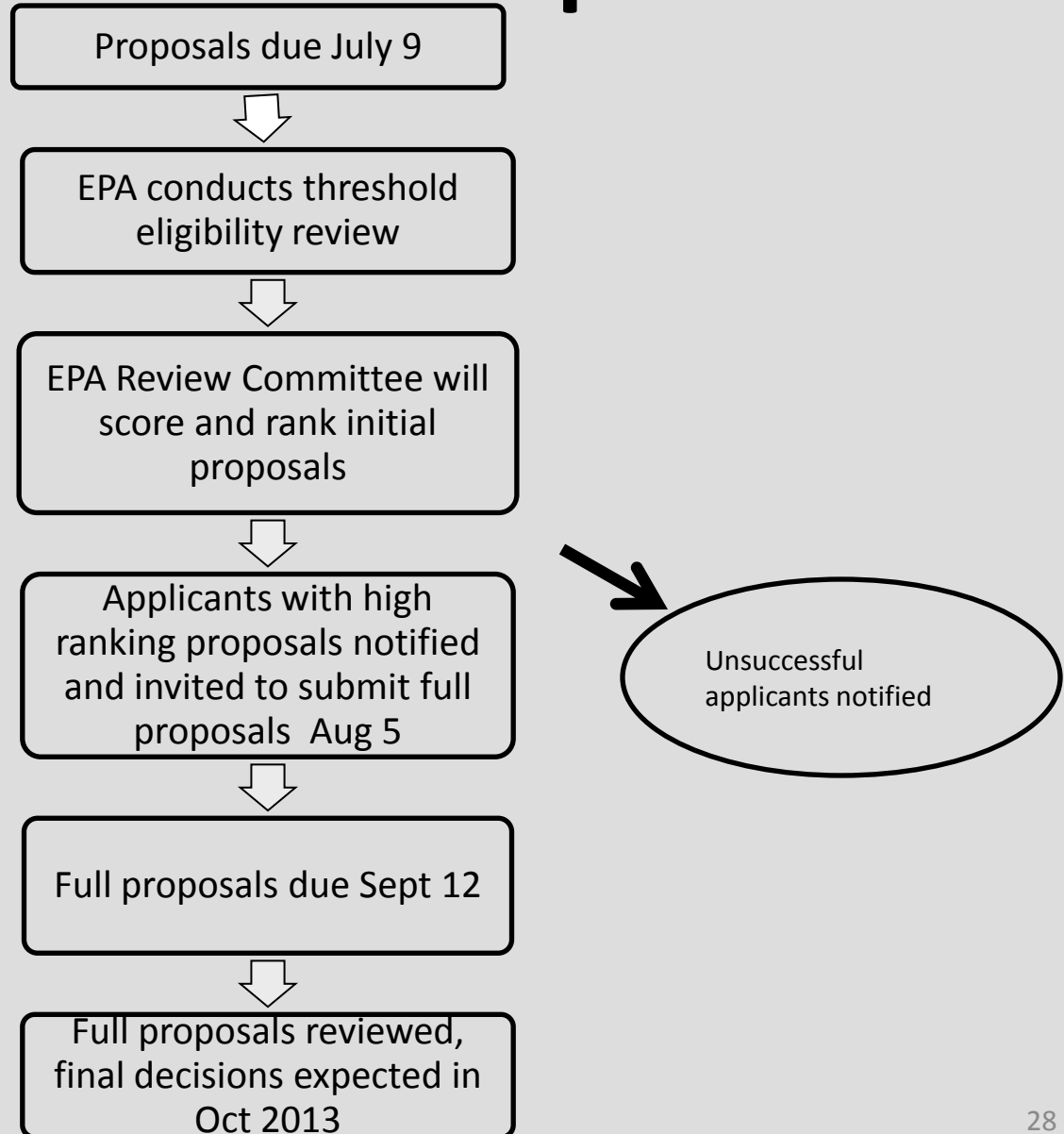
Long Term	Short Term	Project Activities	Project Participants	What is invested
•51% reduction in fine sediment by 2029 •Recovery of Ecological Services •Salmonid Recovery	•25% reduction in fine sediment by 2017 •Habitat Restoration •BMP Implementation •Knowledge Gained	<i>(What we do)</i> •Instream restoration •Remove fish barriers •Technical Assistance-> landowners •Public Outreach •Monitor gravel permeability & streambed scour	<i>(Whom we reach)</i> •RCD •FFF •Citizens •Federal/State/Local Agencies •Consultants	•Money •Staff •Time

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What is the selection process?



Resources

- **EPA Region 9 Grant Application Resources (SF 424, SF 424 A)**
<http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.htm>
- **San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund RFIP, FAQ, Environmental Results, Project Info, Copy of webinar**
<http://www2.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/sf-bay-water-quality-improvement-fund>
- **SF Bay Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plan**
<http://www.sfestuary.org/about-the-estuary/documents-reports/>



Key Points

- **Competitive process**
 - Succinct one paragraph project summary (abstract)
 - 4 page submittal – clearly describe your project and address the evaluation criteria
 - EPA will select best projects based on criteria
- **Read RFIP, especially Sections on:**
 - Program Priorities
 - Environmental Results
 - Initial Proposal Submission Content
 - Initial Proposal Evaluation Criteria
- **Good luck!**



Q & A

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