

# **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
- Submit questions into the box on the right-hand side of your webinar screen



# 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



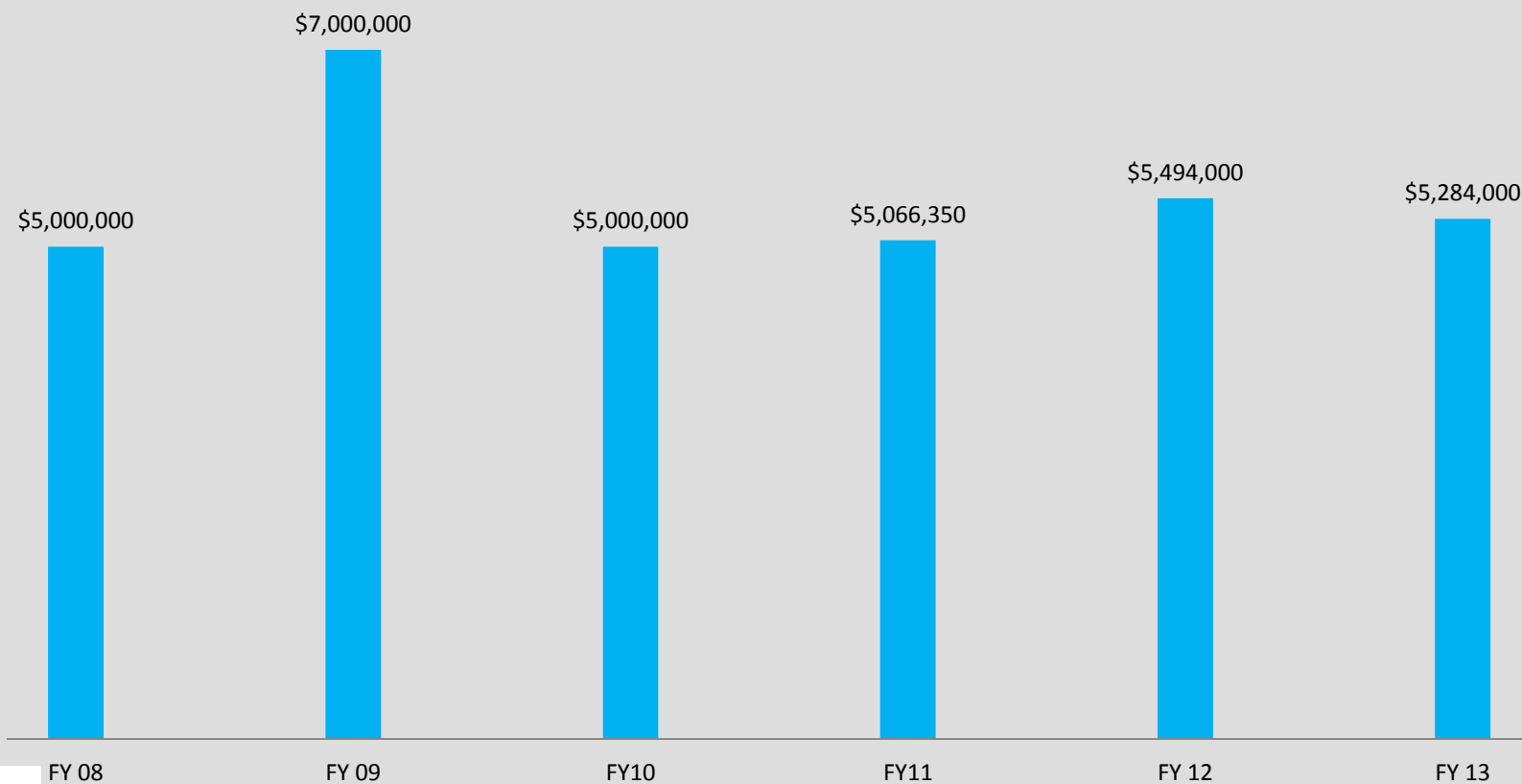
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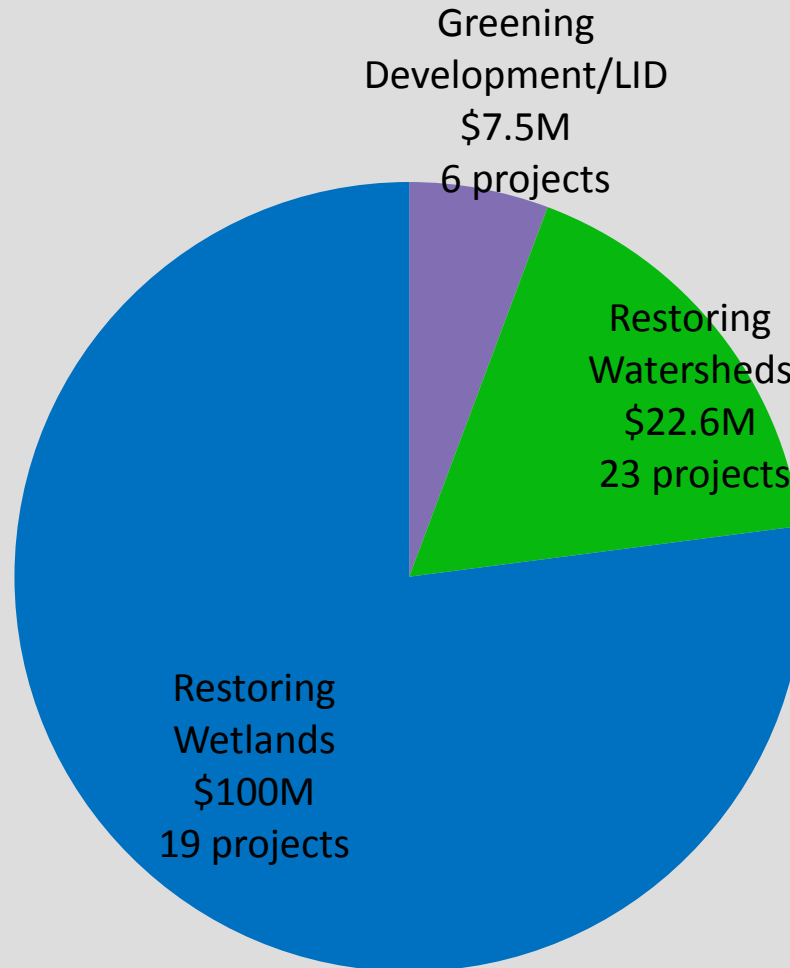


# SF Bay Grant Program History

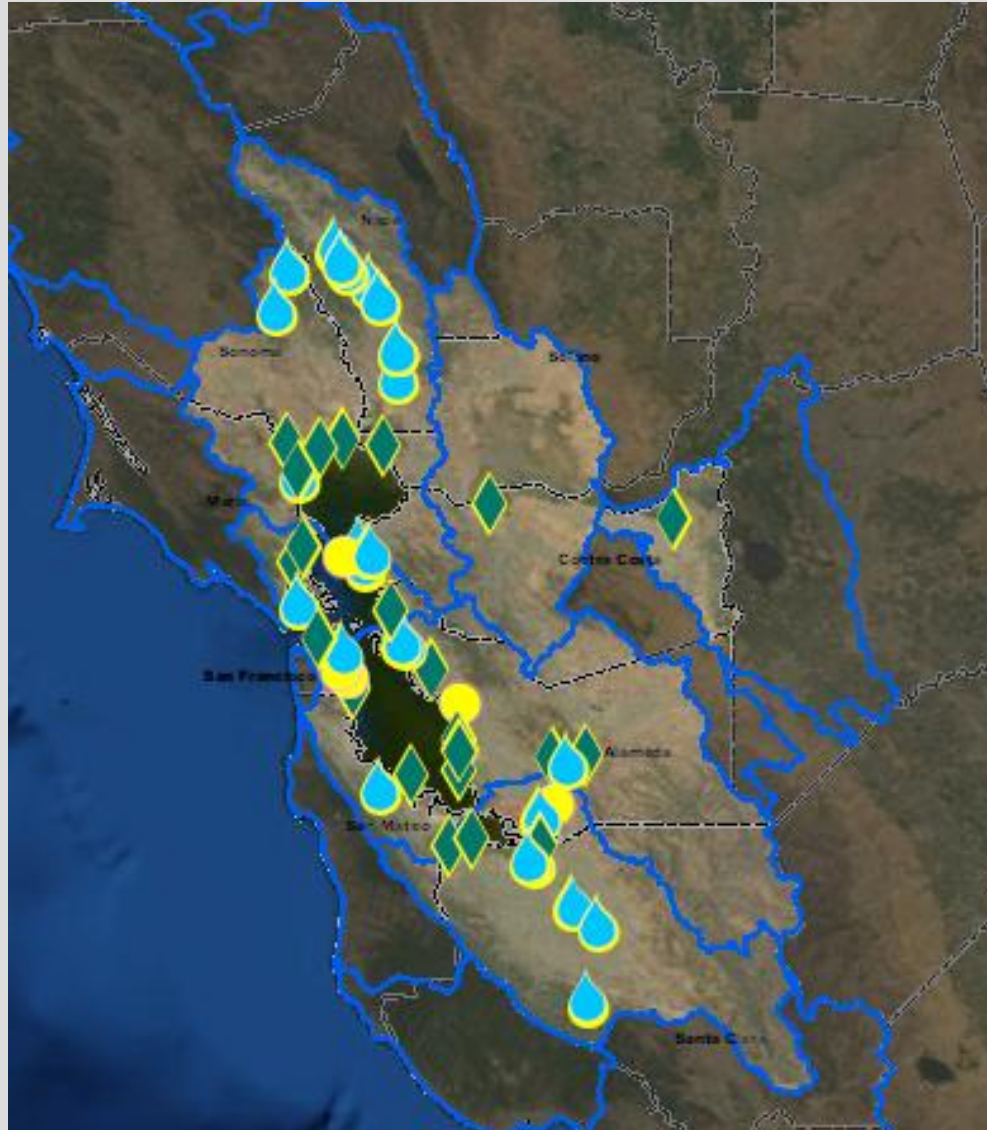
SFBWQIF Grant Funding by Fiscal Year (Total = ~\$33 mil)



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



# SFBWQIF Project Locations



# FY 13 RFIP

<b>Available Funds</b>	~ \$5 million
<b>Funding Range for Projects</b>	\$800,000 to \$2,000,000
<b>Match (statutory authority)</b>	50%
<b>Project Period</b>	Up to 4 Years
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b> - <u>Initial Proposals</u> (100 pts)	Scope/Approach (45 pts) Environmental Results (45 pts) Budget Summary (10 pts)
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b> - <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](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

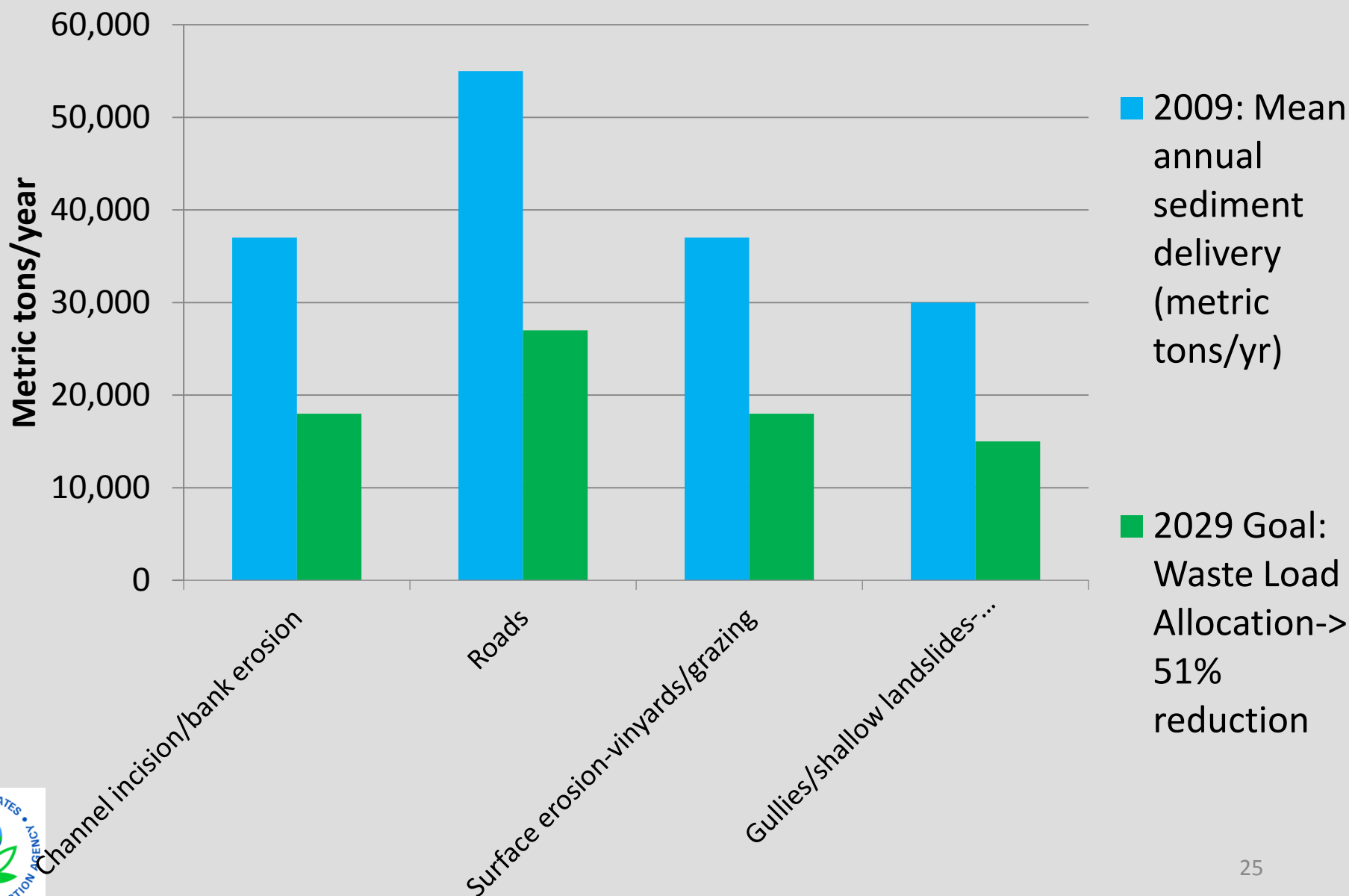
## San Pablo Green Spine

- 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



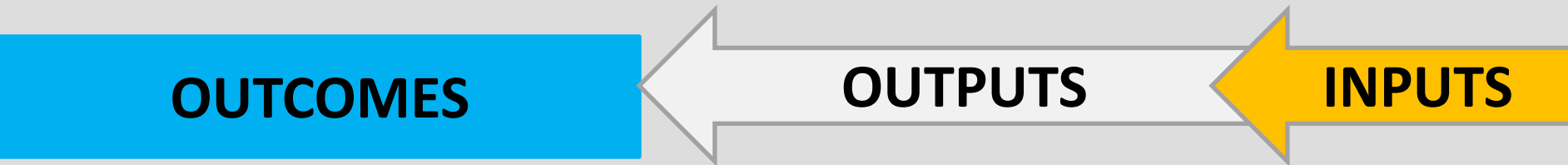
# Napa River Sediment TMDL

## Fine Sediment Reductions by Nonpoint Source



# Planning Tool

## Napa River Sediment TMDL Implementation



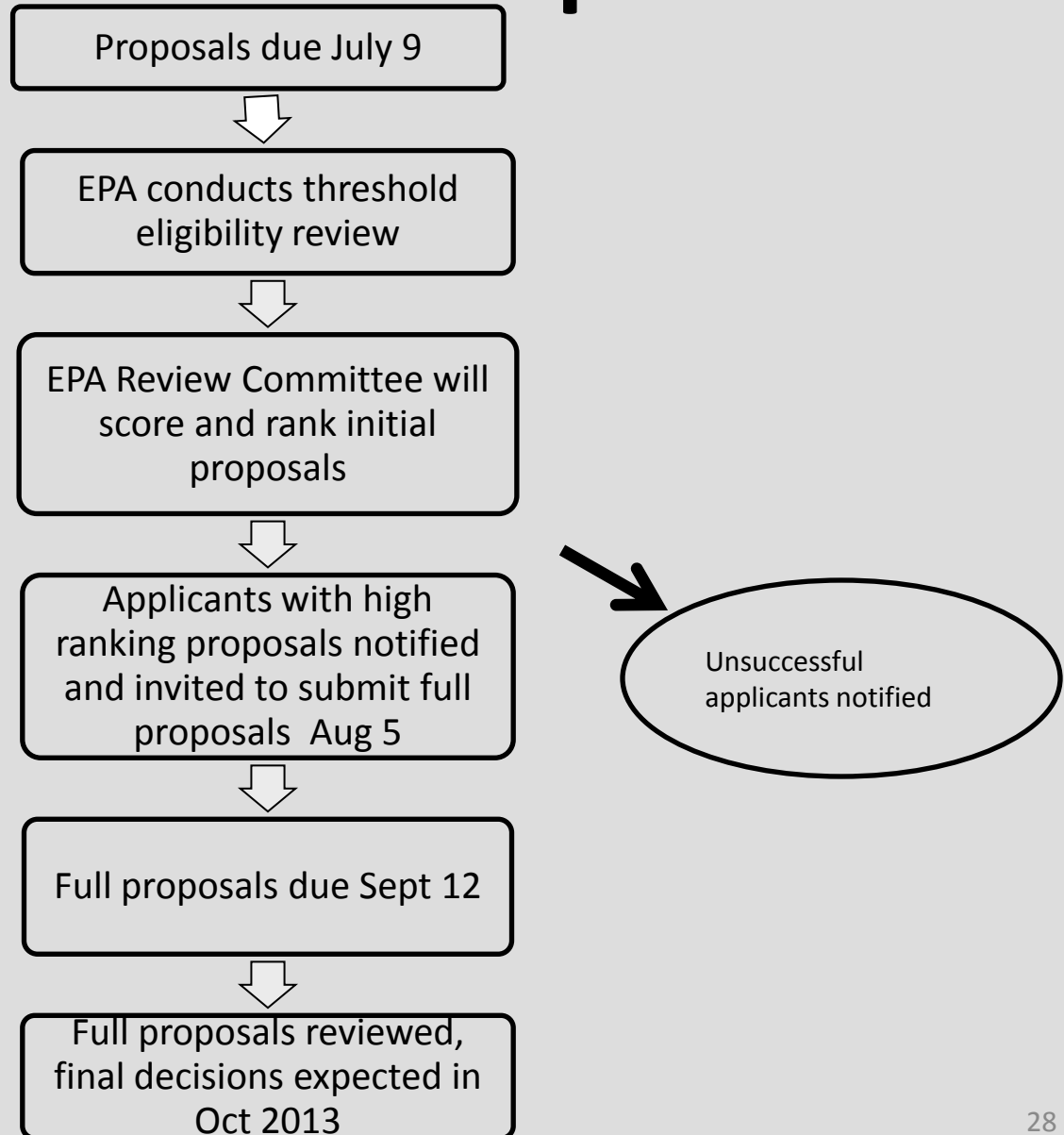
Long Term	Short Term	Project Activities	Project Participants	What is invested
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•51% reduction in fine sediment by 2029</li> <li>•Recovery of Ecological Services</li> <li>•Salmonid Recovery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•25% reduction in fine sediment by 2017</li> <li>•Habitat Restoration</li> <li>•BMP Implementation</li> <li>•Knowledge Gained</li> </ul>	<i>(What we do)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Instream restoration</li> <li>•Remove fish barriers</li> <li>•Technical Assistance-&gt; landowners</li> <li>•Public Outreach</li> <li>•Monitor gravel permeability &amp; streambed scour</li> </ul>	<i>(Whom we reach)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•RCD</li> <li>•FFF</li> <li>•Citizens</li> <li>•Federal/State/Local Agencies</li> <li>•Consultants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Money</li> <li>•Staff</li> <li>•Time</li> </ul>

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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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