



Date: May 26, 2016
To: CA LCC Steering Committee
From: Steven Culberson, Acting Science Coordinator
Subject: 2016 Project Recommendations
Action: Approval of 2016 Project Recommendations

2016 Place-based projects

The CA LCC has \$400,000-\$450,000 to support up to four collaborative place-based projects that lead to [climate-smart conservation](#) actions by natural resource managers. Place-based projects develop adaptation strategies and actions in a CA LCC ecoregion or landscape that can be implemented by the partners.

The request for proposals aims to fill Objective 1 of the CA LCC [Science-Management Framework](#).

Proposals were submitted by teams of scientists and resource managers working together. This year proposals with Tribal engagement received special consideration.

A diverse Science/Management Review team (Attachment A) evaluated 25 proposals requesting approximately \$3,541,000. Each proposal was scored by 5 - 6 reviewers. Reviewers did not score any proposal that he/she had any direct involvement. The Review Team met in person and/or on the phone at the CA LCC offices on April 13th to discuss and agree on the set of projects to recommend to the Steering Committee.

The Science-Management Team recommends funding 3 projects totaling \$419,000. These projects are located in Sierra Nevada (2) and in the North Coast Ecoregions. One additional project located in the South Coast is recommended as an alternate for funding should money be available. Attachment B provides information about the 4 projects.

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Attachment A

First Name	Last Name	Organization	Expertise
Emily	Alejandrino	CA Dept. Water Resources	Tribal Engagement, citizen science, water conservation.
Sarah	Allen	National Park Service	Aquatic/marine mammals and coastal ecosystems.
Grant	Ballard	Point Blue Conservation Science	Ecologist, marine and terrestrial systems; climate change impacts, and informatics.
Dore	Bietz	Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk	Tribal Environmental Restoration and management.
David	Boughton	National Marine Fisheries Service	Hydrologist.
Carolyn	Enquist	Southwest Climate Science Center	Conservation and management implications of climate change, vulnerability assessments, and adaptation.
Andrea	Graffis	California Landscape Conservation Cooperative	Climate smart planning, vernal pools.
John	Hopkins	CA Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition	Conservation planning for at risk, upland, and wetland species.
Megan	Jennings	Climate Alliance South Coast	Terrestrial Connectivity and large vertebrates.
Amber	Kerr	Climate Hub	Agriculture, grapes/vineyards, climate change.
Karen	Laing	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Migratory birds, FWS refuges.
Javier	Linares	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Anadromous and inland fishes.
Anne	Morkill	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	San Francisco Bay refuges. Coastal ecosystems, restoration.
Pat	Rutten	NOAA	Hydrologist, fishes, Russian River watershed, water management for improved ecosystem health.
Sarah	Sawyer	US Forest Service	Primates, forest management.
Chuck	Striplen	San Francisco Estuary Institute	Traditional Ecological Knowledge, historical ecosystems mapping.
Karen	Thorne	U.S. Geological Survey	Sea-level rise, marshes, estuaries, coastal conservation
Jim	Weigand	Bureau of Land Management	Oak woodlands, serpentine, chaparral, marine and coastal ecology.

Greg	Yarris	CVJV	migratory birds, hunting, Central Valley, wetlands, rice, birds in general
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2016 Review Team members