

AUTHORIZING DOCUMENTATION

Note: The following authorizing documentation from The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) is not available by the application due date, because our next Board meeting will not be held until February 7, 2015. We will submit the documentation of acceptance of the resolution by February 27, 2015 in accordance with your instructions, and the resolution will read as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolved by the Board of Directors of the California Native Plant Society, that application be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a 2014 Water-Energy Grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 103 Section 11 (2013-2014 Regular Session), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the Proposal titled "The Real California Landscapes." The Executive Director of the organization, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto, with California Department of Water Resources.

Passed and adopted at a meeting of the California Native Plant Society on <Insert date>.

Authorized Original Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Clerk/Secretary: _____

We will submit the documentation to:

Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001
Attn: IRWM Financial Assistance Branch
Water-Energy Grant Program

ELIGIBLE APPLICANT DOCUMENTATION

Eligible applicants are local agencies, joint powers authorities, or nonprofit organizations. The applicant must provide a written statement (and additional information if needed) containing the appropriate information, as follows:

Is the applicant a local agency, joint powers authorities, or nonprofit organization, as defined in Appendix B? Please explain.

Yes. We are meet the definition of Appendix B for a "Non-profit Organization," qualified to do business in California under §501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?

We are qualified to do business in California under §501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?

Yes.

Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the project and tracking of funds.

CNPS has successfully engaged in, and completed a variety of legal agreements for funding in the past. For example, here is the status of the five most recent grants and awards as reported below:

Agency: USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)		Type: Grant Agreement
Agreement Number: 68-9104-9-120		
Start Date: 9/17/09	End Date: 6/30/11	Final Report: Final report sent 9/26/2011
Federal Amount: \$32,470 Matching : \$34,470		
Project: California Rangeland Monitoring and Mapping, Focusing upon Central Valley and Carrizo Plain Grassland Habitats		
Purpose: The California Native Plant Society, in collaboration with partners, will establish baseline knowledge of natural grasslands, associated plant communities, and invasive plant threats on grazing lands in California. We will develop and apply new tools to categorize and map grassland resources and associated invasive plants; we also will improve vegetation monitoring protocols to positively influence grassland resource and grazing management. This pilot project will inventory, analyze, map and report on grassland habitats within a priority area of the Central Valley region containing a diversity of vegetation types. We expect to inventory and map grassland vegetation and wildlife habitats across 5,000-10,000 acres of grazing land within the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition Priority Area.		
Agency: USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)		Type: Grant Agreement
Agreement Number: 68-9104-0-121		
Start Date: 9/7/10	End Date: 3/31/2013, extended to 7/31/13	Final Report: 12/19/13
Federal Amount: \$65,791 Matching : \$66,278		
Project: California Rangeland Monitoring in Central Valley and Carrizo Plain Grassland Habitats		
Purpose: The California Native Plant Society, in collaboration with partners, will continue to establish baseline knowledge of natural grasslands and invasive plants on grazing lands in California. We will apply new tools to evaluate inter-annual changes of grassland plant communities across an environmental gradient in the Central Valley and Carrizo Plain. By revisiting at least four sites, visiting four new sites, and reassessing a pilot mapped area, we will evaluate grassland variation and provide better descriptions of grassland resources and associated invasive plant threats.		
Agency: USDA, Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region		Type: Challenge Cost Share Agreement
Agreement Number: 12-CS-11052007-036		
Start Date: 4/3/12	End Date: 3/1/13	Final Report: final report sent April 2013
Federal Amount: \$20,000 Matching : \$15,237		

Project: Collaborative Plant Conservation Work		
Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties to do work cooperatively to conserve the diversity of California's native flora by coordinating efforts at a Statewide level, including but not limited to: conservation of rare plant species and their habitats, vegetation ecology, conservation education, and training. The goal of this agreement is to participate in the planning and implementation of collaborative rare plant treasure hunts in the Pacific Southwest's Region, primarily on National Forests and adjacent lands in California.		
Agency: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Type: Cooperative Agreement		
Agreement Number: L10AC20418		
Start Date: 9/1/10	End Date: 9/30/14	Final Report: Currently working on final report
Federal Amount: \$100,000	Matching : \$0	
Project: Rare Plant Treasure Hunt Projects		
Purpose: 1) To survey for new and historic populations of rare and sensitive plant species that may be impacted by renewable energy projects using teams of volunteers and trained experienced botanists. The data collections will be from lands managed by the BLM. 2) to collect population information from federally listed (T/E) and sensitive plant species. The recipient will use standardized protocols from the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) and submit all data as required to the CNDDDB and BLM.		
Agency: The United States Department of the Interior, National Parks Service Type: Cooperative Agreement		
Agreement Number: P09AC00281 (originally agreement #H2128090514)		
Start Date: 9/25/09	End Date: 8/14/14	Final Report: Project in progress
Federal Amount: \$279,557	Matching : \$9,500	
Project: Vegetation Classification and Mapping at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Mojave National Preserve and Death Valley National Park		
Purpose: To prepare a vegetation classification as part of vegetation mapping projects at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Mojave National Preserve and Death Valley National Park; assist with field sampling strategy; train field crews in classification and accuracy assessment data collection; work with the mapping contractor to develop map classes based on the final vegetation classification; provide input on the results of the accuracy assessment; prepare a final classification, vegetation descriptions, a field key to vegetation types and a report describing the methods used and the results obtained during the development of the classification.		