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The California Ocean Protection Council (OPC), part of the California Natural Resources Agency, is pleased to announce a new solicitation for grant proposals for projects benefiting California's ocean and coast, made possible with funding from [Proposition 1](#).

OPC priorities for this round of Proposition 1 ("Prop 1") grant funding are projects that:

- benefit marine managed areas, including the state MPA network;
- address coastal and ocean water quality impacts through reduction of pollution and contaminants, prevent or remove marine litter and debris, and help detect and understand harmful algal blooms;
- support fisheries infrastructure that protects marine and estuarine ecosystems, or restore habitat for marine, estuarine and diadromous fish;
- address climate change and sea level rise with improved resiliency of built and natural coastal environments, including living shorelines and nature-based infrastructure;
- reduce risk to communities near toxic or hazardous sites that are risk due to sea-level rise and flooding;
- and reduce the impacts of ocean acidification and hypoxia on marine and estuarine ecosystems, natural resources and fisheries.

The OPC also encourages applications for wetland and other coastal habitat restoration projects such as those typically funded with Prop 1 funding. See the Grant Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation for more details on funding priorities. Prop 1 bond funding requires that projects must provide long-term benefits.

Applicants should carefully review the OPC Proposition 1 [Grant Guidelines](#), the [Grant Proposal Solicitation and Application Instructions](#), and the forms and templates found on the OPC's Prop 1 webpage. This webpage and all relevant documents can be found here: <http://www.opc.ca.gov/2015/05/prop1/>.

Eligible applicants include public agencies (as defined by Prop 1 Statute), nonprofit organizations, Indian Tribes, public utilities and water suppliers (See the [Grant Guidelines](#) for details). Proposed projects must have a minimum budget of \$250,000, except for a limited number of projects that will be considered in a new Small Grants category with a minimum budget of \$50,000. Applications are **due February 23, 2018** and must be submitted online via the [SOAR grant application system](#), though hard copies are also required (see the OPC Prop 1 Solicitation and Application Instructions).

We are planning an informational webinar for **Monday, January 8, 2018** at 11am Pacific. Public outreach events with office hours are also being planned for January and February in the following tentative locations: Eureka, Oakland, San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles and San Diego.

Details for the webinar and public meetings will be posted via the: [OPC Prop 1 webpage](#); the [OPC email list](#); and OPC Twitter: https://twitter.com/OPC_California. Questions? Email: OPC_Prop1grants@resources.ca.gov.