

Criteria for Allocation of Partnership Funding for the Conservation of Habitat Lands (Project D7)

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| SCW Criteria | Scoring Objective | Scoring Metric(s) | Assessment Methodology and Scoring | | | Max Score |
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| | | | Low (0-5 pts: 20 pt scale) (0-2 pts: 10 pt scale) | Moderate (6-10 pts: 20 pt scale) (2-5 pts: 10 pt scale) | High (11-20 pts: 20 pt scale) (6-10 pts: 10 pt scale) | |
| Conservation Partnership fulfills elements of the Valley Habitat Plan (VHP) Conservation Strategy | Proposed partnership supports VHP reserve system design and assembly principles to fulfill the requirements of the permit. | Proposed partnership/ area is identified in the Valley Habitat Plan reserve design or other published critical habitat or recovery plan. | Partnership area is identified as Low or not in the VHP Land Acquisition Strategy. | Partnership area is identified as Medium in the VHP Land Acquisition Strategy. | Partnership area is identified as High in the VHP Land Acquisition Strategy. | 20 |
| Contributes to the recovery of special status species | Proposed partnership or acquisition helps achieve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection of 100 miles of streams Creation or restoration of ponds or freshwater wetlands Supports Conservation Strategy -- Natural Community Level and Species Level Goals | Addresses critical habitat or species need(s) as specified by an adopted Recovery Plan, Habitat Conservation Plan have more importance. | Proposed enhancement for single species | Habitats to supports several species or critical habitat or species' need as identified by a formally adopted plan. | Proposed project addresses documented critical habitat or species needs | 10 |
| Coordinates regional mitigation projects to create larger, less fragmented conservation lands that are more beneficial for wildlife and the environment. | Assesses how many organizations would benefit and how does the project improve coordination and/or landscape linkages between key habitat areas and existing protected areas | Funding sources and/or ability to support reduced fragmentation of conservation areas. | Grantee funding only (in addition to District grant) isolated project or acquisition. | Multiple funding sources (in addition to District grant)/ project or acquisition reduces fragmentation of conservation areas. | Multiple funding sources (in addition to District grant) and supports connection or enhancement of existing preserve areas. | 10 |
| Fulfills a portion of the District's commitment to the Valley Habitat Plan. | Fulfills ESA/CESA requirements or conditions for implementation of key SCVWD covered activities | Objectives of the proposal support implementation of specific SCVWD or key partnership projects specified in the VHP. | Proposed project is not a covered activity or is outside VHP or Recovery Plan area. | | Project would support or expedite implementation of SCW project. | 10 |
| | | | | | Total | 50 |

