

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
			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

