

# Ecosystem Restoration Program

Proposal Solicitation Package

*Projects that assist farmers  
in integrating agricultural  
activities with ecosystem  
restoration*

# Purpose of Briefing

- Provide brief overview of 2005 ERP PSP: *Projects that Assist Farmers in Integrating Agricultural Activities with Ecosystem Restoration*
- Report on the funding recommendations
- Recommend concurrence with DFG's funding decisions



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October 2005



**Implementing  
Agency:** Dept. of  
Fish and Game

**Funding Source:**  
Proposition 50

# Solicitation Priorities

- Projects that develop and implement agricultural activities that benefit MSCS-covered wildlife and fish
- Pilot implementation and research projects that conserve giant garter snakes (GGS)
- Restoration permit coordination or regulatory assurances for agricultural activities benefiting MSCS species
- Projects that protect farmland habitats and buffer previous conservation investments
- Targeted research and demonstrations of integrating agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration

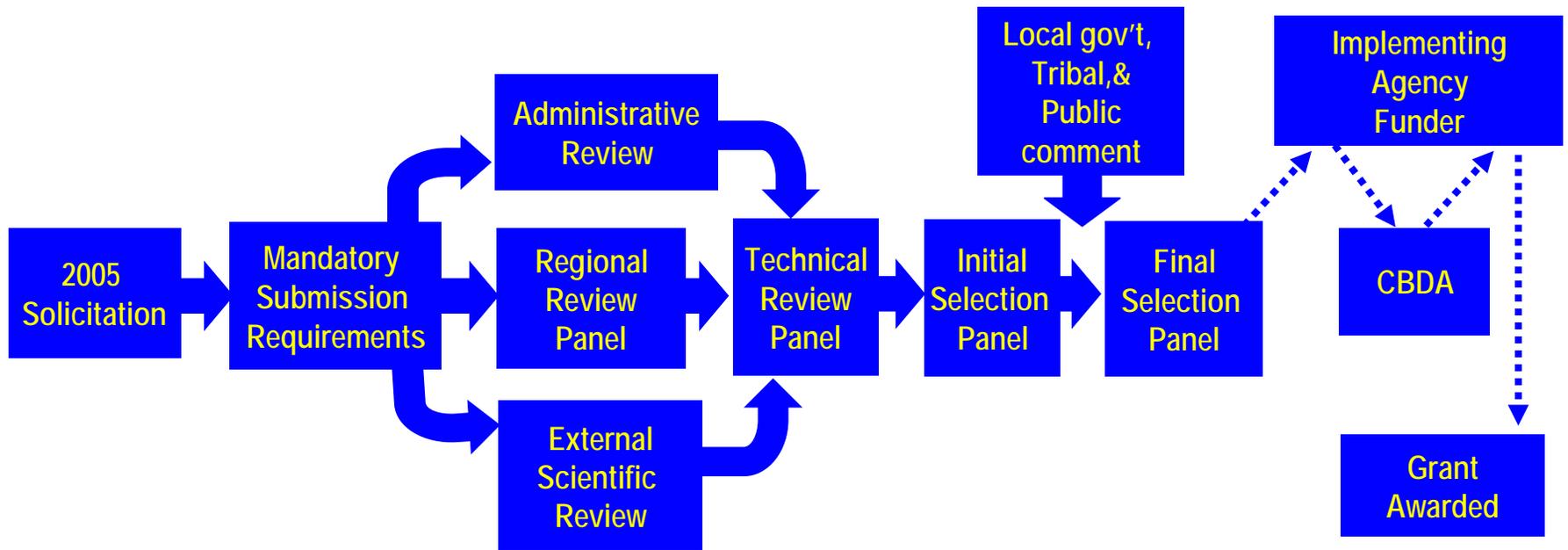
# Proposals Submitted

- 25 proposals submitted
- 24 proposals considered
- \$29.5 million total requested (target for the solicitation was approximately \$9 million)
- Proposals ranged from \$101,000 to \$5.46 million

# Schedule

- Released: Oct. 11, 2005
- Due Date: Dec. 15, 2005
- Extensive reviews: January through May 2006
- Public Comment Period: 30-days
- Selection Panel: June and August 2006

# Review Process



# DFG Funding Decision

- Fund 7 proposals immediately
- Reconsider 4 proposals if revised
- Fund 1 additional proposal as a directed action

# Difference Between Final Selection Panel Recommendation and Proposed DFG Decision

## *American Basin Working Landscape Project:*

**Selection Panel** – Fund in part.

**DFG** - Fund project at full request consistent with Selection Panel recommendations and technical reviews.

## *Riparian Sanctuary (Phase II) – Bringing Agricultural and Ecological Interests Together for Pumping Plant Protection and Riparian Restoration:*

**Selection Panel** – Do not fund; project not within narrow purposes of PSP.

**DFG** – Fund project as Directed Action consistent with Selection Panel recommendations due to its importance and benefits.

# Staff Recommendation

- Recommend that the Authority adopt the proposed resolution concurring with DFG decision to award grants and execute contracts.