

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
February 11, 2005

ITEM: **15**

SUBJECT: **EIGHT GRANT PRE-PROPOSALS**

Attached is an overview of the eight grant pre-proposals recently submitted on behalf of the Conservancy. No formal Board action is recommended; this item is provided for information. Discussion of this item may be requested by a member of the Board or public. (*Deborah Jayne*)

PURPOSE: Information Item.

DISCUSSION: I recently submitted eight “*pre-proposals*” for grant funding on behalf of the Conservancy:

- four to the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project 2005 Work Plan;
- three to the Proposition 50 San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Group; and
- one for potential FY 2006 Federal Appropriations

These pre-proposals are listed below (as Supporting Documents) and are attached.

Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project – 2005 Work Plan Update

On January 10, 2005, I gave an oral presentation on each of the four pre-proposals to the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project Manager’s Group and San Diego Wetlands Task Force for comment and recommendations. Based on comments received at the meeting and follow-up discussions with lead staff of the Wetlands Recovery Project and Rob Hutsel (San Diego River Park Foundation), I have agreed that:

- Two of the proposals (San Diego River Estuary Hydrologic Assessment Project and San Diego River Estuary Restoration Project) should be combined into one project with two phases.

Rob Hutsel will take the lead on the first phase. Rob Hutsel will combine the two phases into a single proposal and submit the final proposal for consideration.

- The other two proposals (San Diego River Revolving Fund Project and San Diego River Acquisitions Project) were deemed not appropriate for this particular grant source. Never-the-less, these are strong concepts that I will continue to refine and resubmit for consideration under other grant funding opportunities.

Proposition 50 San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Group

On December 10, 2004, I attended a meeting of the San Diego River Watershed WorkGroup for the purpose of introducing myself and the Conservancy and offering to assist/participate in the ongoing Prop 50 San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Group effort. I have since participated in several additional meetings. Discussions regarding coordination within the San Diego River Watershed and the potential role of the Conservancy are currently underway.

Federal Appropriations Pre-Proposal

I am also learning about a developing regional effort to apply for potential FY 2006 federal appropriations. My involvement in this effort is in the very early stages and I have submitted a very draft pre-proposal /concept paper for local review and discussion.

LEGAL CONCERNS: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS:

1. Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project Pre-Proposals
 - a) *San Diego River Revolving Fund Project*
 - b) *San Diego River Acquisitions Project*
 - c) *San Diego River Estuary Hydrologic Assessment Project*
 - d) *San Diego River Estuary Restoration Project*
2. Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management Project
 - a) *San Diego River Area Acquisitions*
 - b) *San Diego River Area Restorations*
 - c) *San Diego River Area Improvements*
3. *Federal Appropriations Pre-Proposal*
 - a) *San Diego River Park Acquisitions*

RECOMMENDATION: No Action