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## Watershed Coordinator Program



### 2020 Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator Grant Program

A watershed coordinator is a position that the state funds for a local government or non-profit to work with local stakeholders and downstream beneficiaries. The purpose is to develop plans and projects to improve watershed health, and to achieve state and local natural resources goals. Their work is centered around the ability to leverage local relationships and understandings, to build broad and trusting coalitions across a watershed and to cultivate a shared vision of progress. Key state policy goals that watershed coordinators help to achieve include:

- Water Supply and Quality
- Outdoor Access
- Forest Health and Fire Prevention
- Carbon Sequestration
- Biodiversity and Species Recovery
- Environmental Education
- Biodiversity
- Climate Resiliency

The maximum limit on the amount of each grant proposal is \$200,000.

### **3. Objectives**

The goal of the Program is to improve watersheds and related groundwater sustainability by supporting local watershed and groundwater improvement efforts.

The Program will fund watershed coordinator positions to facilitate watershed and groundwater improvement efforts in basins designated as high and medium priority.

The Program offers organizations a unique opportunity to implement watershed improvements and facilitate local SGMA implementation through a coordinated collaborative process.

A major goal of this program is to foster collaboration and partnerships and applicants are therefore strongly encouraged to work cooperatively with other organizations to formulate comprehensive proposals.

Projects funded under this solicitation will be for watershed coordinators that:

- develop and implement watershed improvement plans consistent with related groundwater sustainability plans developed pursuant to SGMA and
- are within a watershed containing at least one SGMA basin identified in Appendix D

## 2. Eligible Projects

- Supporting local watershed activities. Implementing watershed restoration, maintenance, and conservation activities.
- Facilitating coordination and assistance government agencies, other organizations, and local watershed groups.
- Developing watershed monitoring and assessment protocols.
- Facilitating monitoring efforts that are consistent with program protocols and support watershed activities.
- Supporting education and outreach.