

Agenda Item VIII

2011-12 Grant Awards Healthy Forests



FY 2011-12 Grant Program

□ Focus on Healthy Forests

✓ Category 1 Grants

- Site Improvement/Restoration or Conservation Easement Acquisition
- Funding Level: \$5,000 to \$350,000

✓ Category 2 Grants

- Pre-project activities for an eligible Category 1 project
- Funding Level: up to \$75,000

FY 2011-12 Grant Program

□ Board Direction March 2012:

- ✓ Phase the FY 2011-12 awards over two Board meetings (June and September, 2012) for total of \$7,000,000
- ✓ Award the highest benefit Category 1 projects in June up to \$5,000,000 (Phase 1)
- ✓ Merge remaining high-scoring Category 1 projects with the highest benefit Category 2 projects and award \$2,000,000 in September (Phase 2)

Pre-Applications

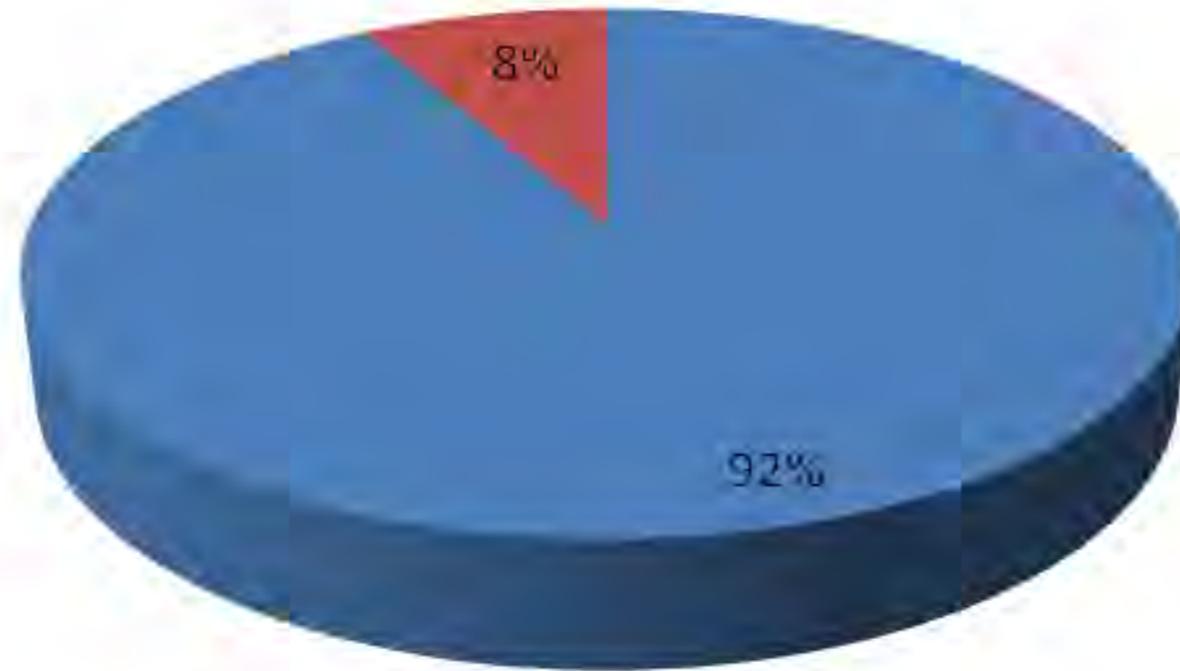
□ Outcome of Pre-Application Review:

- ✓ **197 Pre-Applications Received – \$28 million**
 - 132 Category 1 Projects - \$24 million
 - 65 Category 2 Projects - \$4 million
- ✓ **16 Pre-Applications Declined - \$2 million**
 - 13 Category 1 Projects - \$2 million
 - 3 Category 2 Projects - \$140k
- ✓ **181 Projects Invited - \$26 million**
 - 119 Category 1 Projects - \$22 million
 - 62 Category 2 Projects - \$4 million

Pre-Applications

Outcome of Pre-Application Phase

- Pre-Applications Invited (181) \$26 million
- Pre-Applications Declined (16) \$2 million



Applications Received

□ Outcome of Application Submittal Phase:

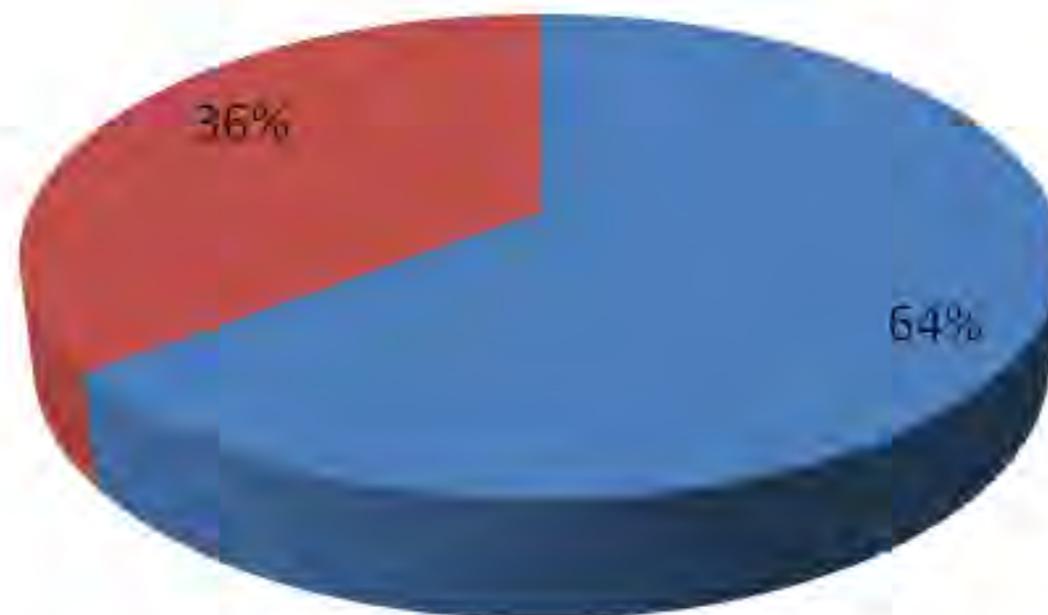
- ✓ **181 Projects Invited to Submit Full Applications - \$26 million**
 - 119 Category 1 Projects - \$22 million
 - 62 Category 2 Projects - \$4 million

- ✓ **121 Full Applications Submitted - \$17 million**
 - 78 Category 1 Projects - \$14 million
 - 43 Category 2 Projects - \$3 million

Applications Received

Outcome of Application Phase

- Cat 1 Projects Submitted (78) \$14 million
- Cat 2 Projects Submitted (43) \$3 million



Evaluations – CEQA Review

❑ **CEQA Compliance Continues to be a Challenge for Some Applicants and the SNC**

❑ **Outcome of CEQA Review:**

✓ **121 Full Applications Submitted - \$17 million**

- 78 Category 1 Projects - \$14 million
- 43 Category 2 Projects - \$3 million

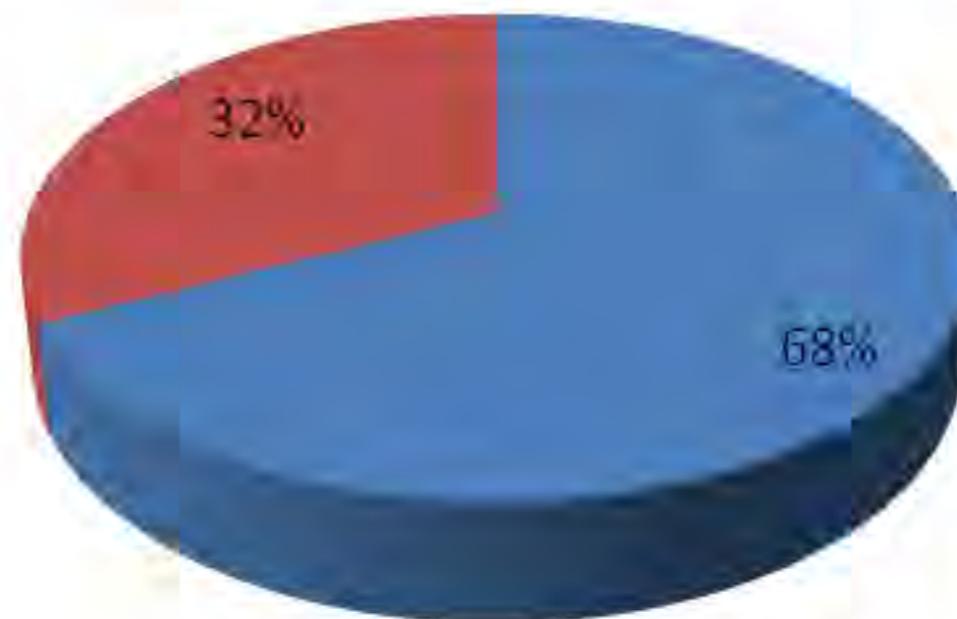
✓ **26 Projects Disqualified - \$5 million**

- 25 Category 1 Projects (CEQA) - \$5 million
- 1 Category 2 Project (Not Eligible) - \$70k

Evaluations – CEQA Review

Outcome of CEQA Review

- Total Cat 1 Projects Submitted (78) \$14 million
- Total CEQA Disqualifications (25) \$5 million



Evaluations - Process

❑ Evaluation of Full Applications

- ✓ Technical Evaluation – up to 55 points
- ✓ SNC Internal Evaluation – up to 45 points
- ✓ Environmental Document(s) Review

❑ Technical Team Scores Final

- ✓ Evaluators asked to review “outlier” scores
- ✓ Adjusted own scores per their assessment

❑ Internal Scores Preliminary

- ✓ Considered Organizational Capacity
- ✓ Considered Geographic Distribution

Recommendations

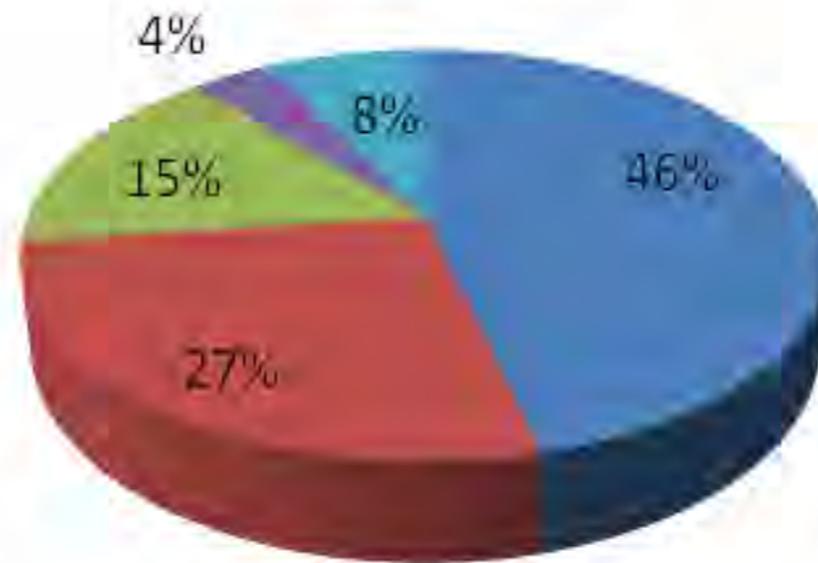
☐ Staff Recommendations:

- ✓ 26 Highest Benefit Projects
- ✓ Award total of \$4,923,007.23
- ✓ Scores from 77.75 – 91 (of 100)

Recommendations

Recommended Projects by Type

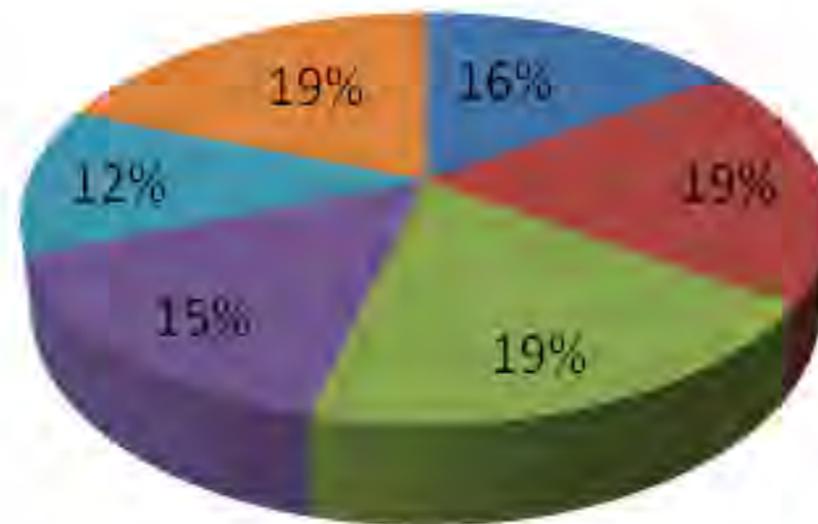
- Fuels Reduction (12) \$2.5m
- Forest Health/Restoration (7) \$1.5m
- Meadow Restoration (4) \$500k
- Conservation Easements (1) \$350k
- Invasive Species Removal (2) \$74k



Recommendations

Recommended Projects by Applicant

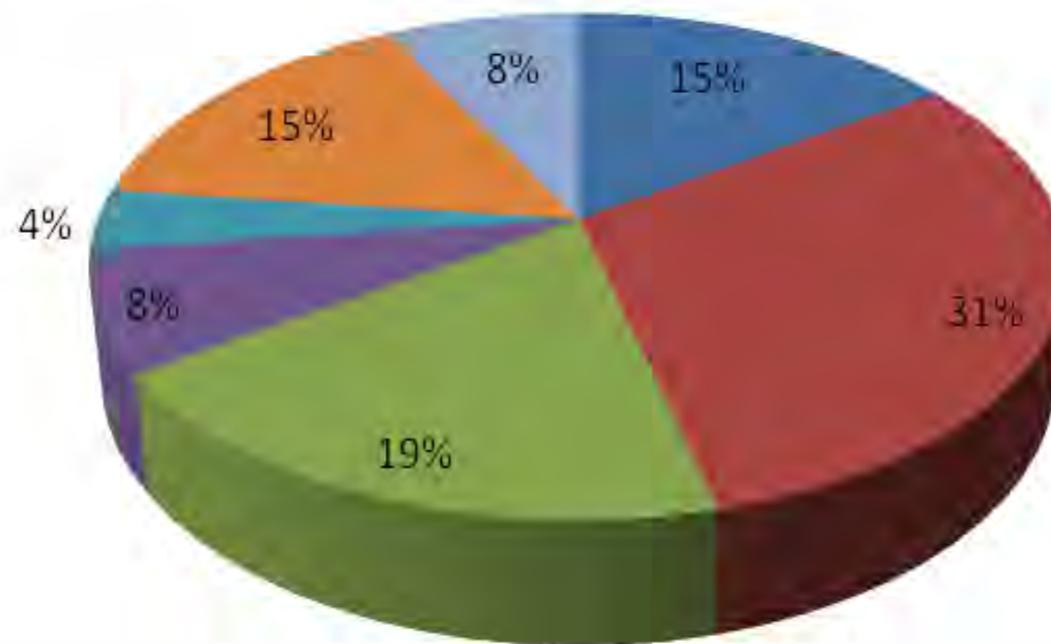
- RCDs (4) \$1.2m
- Fire Safe Councils (5) \$1.1m
- Federal Govt (5) \$772k
- Non-Profits (4) \$738k
- State Govt (3) \$589k
- Local Govt (5) \$504k



Recommendations

Recommended Projects by Subregion

- North (4 of 4) \$1.1m
- Central (8 of 19) \$1.02m
- North Central (5 of 13) \$997k
- South Central (2 of 7) \$699k
- East (1 of 1) \$323k
- South (4 of 7) \$423k
- Multiple (2 of 2) \$390k



Next Steps

□ Next Steps:

- ✓ **42 Category 2 Projects - \$2.7 million**
 - Scoring to be completed

- ✓ **12 Category 1 Projects - \$2.4 million**
 - Remaining highest ranking projects (scored between 70.00 and 77.75)

- ✓ **Bring final recommendations on 2011-12 Healthy Forests grant awards to Board in September 2012**
 - Combine all highest ranking projects, for awards up to \$2 million