

Project Title: Ramona Grasslands Reserve Project
Project Contact (name and organization/agency): Chris Basilevac, The Nature Conservancy

**Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
 Project Proposal Form**

Detailed guidance on the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board’s Prop 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant program web page at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/irwmgp/index.html>. Please familiarize yourself with the general requirements of this program before preparing and submitting a project proposal.

Completed forms should be submitted no later than December 1, 2004, either via email to jon.vanrhyn@sdcountry.ca.gov or mailed to the following location:

Jon Van Rhyn
 County of San Diego
 Watershed Protection Program
 9325 Hazard Way
 San Diego CA 92123 PHONE: 858-495-5133 FAX: 858-495-5263

SECTION A – PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project Title	Ramona Grasslands Reserve Project
2. Contact Information	
? Agency/organization	The Nature Conservancy
? Address	3033 5 th Ave., Suite 105 San Diego, CA 92103
? Phone	(619) 209-5830 x 406
? E-mail	cbasilevac@tnc.org
? Submitted by (name & title)	Chris Basilevac, Project Manager
3. Project Location (City/Community)	West of the community of Ramona in west-central San Diego County
4. Watershed (if multiple or regional, please indicate)	San Dieguito River Watershed
5. Amount Requested	\$5,000,000
6. Match Information (a minimum 10% match is required for all projects):	
? Estimated match amount	At least \$500,000
? Has a match been identified (y/n)?	Yes
? If so, please identify the source(s)	Federal funding (e.g., from USFWS) and private donations
7. Status of Project (conceptual, designed & ready to build, CEQA completed, etc.)	Designed and being implemented (i.e., The Nature Conservancy has already acquired one property in the core area of the proposed Reserve and is in the process of negotiating the purchase of several

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	others from willing landowners)
8. Project Description (less than 100 words) The Nature Conservancy seeks Proposition 50 funds in order to continue its acquisition and protection efforts in the Ramona Grasslands Reserve Project Area. The Project Area contains the Santa Maria Creek, a source of drinking water for the City of San Diego, as well as one of the last remnants of extensive grassland habitat and associated species in coastal Southern California. The Project Area is largely undeveloped at this time. However, development proposals are pending which, if carried out, would add hundreds of homes to the Project Area further compromising downstream water quality as well as the wildlife and habitat found thereon.	
9. Additional information (include photo, regional map, text as needed. Please limit entire document to 3 pages or less): See attachments.	

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SECTION B – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. CWC section 79561 states that eligible projects must include one or more of the water management elements listed below (see Guidance Section III.C.). Please check all that apply to your proposed project.

- Programs for water supply reliability, water conservation, and water use efficiency
- Storm water capture, storage, treatment, and management
- Removal of invasive non-native plants, the creation and enhancement of wetlands, and the acquisition, protection, and restoration of open space and watershed lands
- Non-point source pollution reduction, management and monitoring
- Groundwater recharge and management projects
- Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation, desalting and other treatment technologies
- Water banking, water exchange, water reclamation and improvement of water quality
- Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood control programs that protect property; and improve water quality, storm water capture and percolation; and protect or improve wildlife habitat
- Watershed management planning and implementation
- Demonstration projects to develop new drinking water treatment and distribution methods

2. The Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) have established the statewide priorities listed below for guiding the selection of projects for funding (see Guidance Section II.E.). Please check all that apply to your proposed project.

- Reduce conflict between water users or resolve water rights disputes, including interregional water rights issues
- Implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads that are established or under development
- Implementation of Regional Water Quality Control Board Watershed Management Initiative Chapters, plans, and policies
- Meet Delta Water Quality Objectives
- Implementation of recommendations of the floodplain management task force, desalination task force, or recycling task force;
- Address environmental justice concerns
- Assist in achieving one or more goals of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program

NOTE: The eligibility requirements and statewide priorities listed above should be considered minimum screening criteria for project selection. Additional prioritization criteria will be identified once regional goals have been established for the draft IRWM Plan. In general, applicants should assume that preference will be

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given to projects that are regional, multi-functional, and able to demonstrate multiple benefits.

NOTE: Proposals that include on-stream or off stream surface water storage facilities are not eligible.