Program Description

The TransNet Extension Ordinance and Expenditure Plan, as approved by the voters on November 2, 2004, includes an Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP). The EMP is a funding allocation category for the costs to mitigate habitat impacts for regional transportation projects. The EMP is a unique component of the TransNet Extension Ordinance in that it goes beyond traditional mitigation for transportation projects by including a funding allocation for habitat acquisition, management, and monitoring activities as needed to help implement regional habitat conservation plans.

On September 27, 2013, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved the release of the FY 2014 Call for Projects for land acquisitions of up to $20 million to promote regional habitat conservation plans. The SANDAG Board may choose to acquire one or more properties that will not exceed $20 million. Project applicants are encouraged to provide matching funds. Funding is contingent on SANDAG Board adoption of the FY 2015 budget and subsequent approval of the prioritized list of land acquisition project proposals.

Eligible Project Proposals

The FY 2014 Call for Projects for the TransNet EMP Land Acquisition Grant Program provides up to $20 million to assist with land acquisition that promotes the success of the Natural Communities Conservation Planning Program (NCCPP) through conservation of habitat areas critical to promoting endangered species and wildlife movement.

All applicants are required to fill out a Grant Application Form (Attachment 3), which will help SANDAG staff determine if a project proposal is eligible for land acquisition grant funding and how it ranks among other eligible project proposals. The Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria for the project proposals are provided as Attachment 2. Project proposals must first be determined to be eligible for funding before being evaluated and ranked.

Process for Allocating Funds

SANDAG will accept project proposals from applicants in San Diego County that will benefit regional habitat conservation planning under the NCCPP. The applicant must own the land or submit documentation that the owner is a willing seller. The owner of the property does not need to be the applicant or co-applicant on the project proposal. Applicants will need to estimate the total cost of the project proposal and provide information on how the costs were determined.

The land must be acquired or conserved as open space for natural resources. The application must include a discussion of who will own the property, who will manage the property, and who will be responsible for the financial management of any funds associated with the acquisition and/or management.

Applications must complete a Grant Application Form (Attachment 3) that does not exceed 10 pages (not including attachments).
All project proposals will be reviewed for eligibility, evaluated, ranked, and prioritized using the criteria in Attachment 2. The top-ranked project proposals that cumulatively total up to $20 million will be appraised by SANDAG through its on-call appraisers. The appraisal will follow the Uniformed Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice by a member of the Appraisal Institute. SANDAG will use this appraisal to determine the value of the property for its highest and best use. SANDAG will only fund the appraised value of the property as part of the grant.

A list of recommended project proposals and their appraised value will be submitted for consideration to the Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group (EMPWG) and Regional Planning and Transportation Committees for a recommendation to the SANDAG Board of Directors. The SANDAG Board of Directors would authorize any funding for approved project proposals in FY 2015.

If approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors, successful applicants will be required to enter into escrow for the acquisition of property, provide a conservation easement or similar restrictive covenant, in favor of SANDAG, and sign a land management agreement that spells out the terms of management of the property.

Who Will Score the Project Proposals?

An evaluation committee will be made up of representatives from SANDAG, Caltrans, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and U.S. Geological Survey; and would rank all project proposals.

Submittal Requirements and Application Deadline

One (1) signed hardcopy and one (1) signed electronic copy as a PDF file on disc or flash drive of the project proposal shall be submitted. Project proposals submitted by facsimile or email are not acceptable and will not be considered.

The applicant is responsible for submitting its entire project proposal package with all required submittal documents and any modifications or revisions, so as to reach the SANDAG office as designated in the Call for Projects by the time specified below. Any proposal, modification, or revision received by SANDAG after the exact time specified for receipt of proposals is “late” and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made and the Chief Deputy Executive Director determines that accepting the late proposal would not unduly delay the procurement process; and:

(1) The proposal was received, with all required submittal documents, by SANDAG before proposals were distributed for evaluation or within 24 hours after the exact time specified for receipt, whichever is earlier; or

(2) There is acceptable evidence to establish that the proposal was received, with all required submittal documents, at the SANDAG location designated for receipt of proposals and was under SANDAG control prior to the time set for receipt of proposals; or

(3) There is acceptable evidence to establish that the proposer submitted its proposal, with all required submittal documents, to a third-party carrier for guaranteed delivery to SANDAG by the specified “Closing Time/Date” written below; however, due to an unforeseen event beyond the proposer’s reasonable control, such as poor weather, an act of God, or a delivery mistake by a third-party carrier, the proposal package arrived after the “Closing Time/Date”; or

(4) It is the only proposal received.
The project proposal must be addressed to and received no later than 4 p.m., local time, on January 8, 2014, at the office of:

Katie Levy, Grant Administrator  
San Diego Association of Governments  
401 B Street, Suite 800  
San Diego, California 92101  
*Postmarks will NOT be accepted in lieu of this requirement.*

Proposed Schedule

**October 4, 2013** – FY 2014 Call for Projects for the TransNet EMP Land Acquisition Grant Program is provided to interested stakeholders included in the SANDAG EMP stakeholder database. This Call for Projects also will be posted on the SANDAG website and in select local newspapers.

**November 5, 2013** – A public workshop will be provided to address any questions on the Call for Projects or the process. Staff from SANDAG will be present to address questions and provide information on the eligibility, approval, contracting, and specific requirements of this grant program.

**January 8, 2014** – Project proposal application submissions are due to SANDAG, no later than 4 p.m. local time.

**January - February 2014** – SANDAG staff will determine the eligibility of all submitted project proposals. Eligible projects will be distributed to the evaluation committee for review and evaluation. SANDAG staff and evaluation committee members may conduct site visits to any submitted and top-ranking project proposals to confirm the information provided by the applicant.

**March 2014** – The list of prioritized project proposals, including those top-ranked project proposals to be appraised, will be presented for information to the Independent Tax Payer Oversight Committee (ITOC), Regional Planning, and Transportation Committees.

**March 2014 - May 2014** – Project proposals receiving the top-ranks totaling up to $20 million will be appraised by SANDAG through its on-call appraisers.

**June or July 2014** – The prioritized list of project proposals, including the appraised value of the top-ranked project proposals, will be presented to the EMPWG for its recommendation to the Regional Planning Committee.

**July or September 2014** – The prioritized list of project proposals, including the appraised value of the top-ranked project proposals, will be presented to the ITOC, Regional Planning, and Transportation Committees for information.

**September or October 2014** – The Regional Planning and Transportation Committees will be asked to recommend that the Board of Directors consider awarding funds for the top-ranked, appraised project proposals.

**September or October 2014** – The prioritized list of project proposals including the appraised value of the top-ranked project proposals, will be presented to the SANDAG Board of Directors for consideration.

**October or November 2014** – Approved project proposals will enter into escrow.
PART 1: ELIGIBILITY

SANDAG will utilize the following findings for potential acquisition opportunities to determine their eligibility. A project proposal must meet **ALL five** of the findings to be considered eligible:

1. **Promotes Natural Communities Conservation Planning Program**: The proposed acquisition will contribute to the success of the San Diego regional Natural Communities Conservation Planning Program by acquiring and restoring unique habitat areas, key populations of endangered species, lands adjacent to existing conserved habitat lands, and/or promoting wildlife linkages.

2. **Jurisdictional Land Use Plans**: Use of the site as habitat conservation/open space is consistent with the long-range land use and transportation policies of one or more local jurisdictions. If the use of the site as habitat conservation/open space is not consistent, the jurisdiction(s) does not object to the site being purchased for habitat conservation/open space.

3. **Willing Seller**: Owner of the property is a willing seller with clear title to the property and any hazardous material identified in a Phase I environmental site assessment has been evaluated and addressed to the satisfaction of SANDAG.

4. **Appraisal**: The property must be appraised by a qualified licensed appraiser in accordance with established acquisition and appraisal standards, and reviewed independently by an appraisal specialist working for SANDAG. The first written offer will reflect the fair market value of the property.

5. **Owner/Manager**: Perpetual ownership of the land has been identified as well as a qualified land manager. The identified owner is a public agency or nonprofit organization willing to provide a conservation easement or deed restriction to SANDAG or mutually agreed-upon third party. SANDAG and the land manager have agreed upon the annual cost to manage the land and the method for funding the annual management costs.
PART 2: EVALUATION CRITERIA

If a potential acquisition opportunity is deemed eligible, then the following Evaluation Criteria will be used to evaluate and prioritize the project proposal:

A) SPECIES BENEFITS:

The purpose of this section is to evaluate how beneficial the land acquisition will be for listed and unlisted species.

Listed Species

1. Acquisitions that benefit more listed, proposed, or candidate species will score higher.

   Score: Number of state and federally listed, proposed, or candidate species (a species that is both state and federally listed only counts as 1) that will benefit from the land acquisition. (10 points maximum)

   0 species (0 pts.) - Skip to Question 3

   1 species (1 pt.)

   2-5 species (4 pts.)

   6-10 species (8 pts.)

   11+ species (10 pts.)

2. Acquisitions that provide greater benefit to listed species will score higher. The benefits to the listed species will be considered major if, through the acquisition, the majority of the species’ range-wide habitat or an essential piece (e.g., core or linkage) of habitat is protected, a major/critical/significant population necessary for recovery is protected, or major threats to the species are eliminated. The benefits to the listed species will be considered minor if, through the acquisition, only a small percentage of the species’ range-wide habitat is protected, etc.

   Score: Magnitude of benefits for listed species that will result from the land acquisition. (10 points maximum)

   Score: Magnitude of species benefits for listed species. (10 points maximum)

   Mostly minor benefits will result for the listed species (1 pt.)

   A combination of major and minor benefits will result for listed species (6 pts.)

   Mostly major benefits will result for the listed species (10 pts.)
**Unlisted Species**

3. Acquisitions that benefit more unlisted sensitive (e.g., on the County of San Diego’s Sensitive Plant List; California Department of Fish and Wildlife list of species of special concern) species will score higher. Unlisted species do not include species listed by the state or federal governments as listed as threatened or endangered or that are proposed or candidates for listing.

*Score:* Number of unlisted, proposed, and candidate species that will benefit from the land acquisition. (10 points maximum)

- 0 species (0 pts.) - Skip to Question 5
- 1-5 species (3 pts.)
- 6-10 species (6 pts.)
- 11+ species (10 pts.)

4. Acquisitions that provide greater benefit to unlisted species will score higher. The benefits to the species will be considered **major** if, through the acquisition, the majority of the species’ range-wide habitat is protected, an essential piece of the habitat is protected, a major population necessary for conservation is protected, or major threats to the species are eliminated. The benefits to the species will be considered **minor** if, through the acquisition, only a small percentage of the species’ range-wide habitat is protected, etc.

*Score:* Magnitude of species benefits for unlisted species. (10 points maximum)

- Mostly minor benefits will result for the unlisted species (1 pt.)
- A combination of major and minor benefits will result for unlisted species (6 pts.)
- Mostly major benefits will result for the unlisted species (10 pts.)

**B) ECOSYSTEM BENEFITS**

The purpose of this section is to evaluate how beneficial the land acquisition will be for the identified ecosystem function and services.

5. Lands that require little or no management or significant restoration to provide benefits for the identified species will score higher in this evaluation factor. This habitat can include occupied or suitable, unoccupied habitat. The level of management and/or restoration expected to be necessary is based on an evaluation of the biotic and abiotic components and ecological processes and known or anticipated threats. Biotic factors include the structure and composition of plant and animal communities. Abiotic factors include soil, hydrology, natural topography, and salinity gradients. Ecological processes include succession, trophic energy flows, and disturbance regimes.

*Score:* When considered in the context of the surrounding landscape, what is the anticipated need for management and/or restoration to maintain the ecological processes necessary to maintain a fully functioning ecosystem? (15 points maximum)
Continued management and/or restoration to maintain ecosystem functions

___Significant (0 pts.)
___Moderate (10 pts.)
___Little to none (15 pts.)

6. Land acquisitions that fill in critical components for land protection will score higher (e.g., lands that link two preserves together to reduce habitat fragmentation).

   Score: Do the lands proposed for acquisition fill a critical void in the matrix of protected lands, such as a connection between protected areas or protection of a core population area? (15 points maximum)

   To some degree for at least one identified listed species (5 pts.)

   To a great degree for one identified listed species and some degree for one or more identified listed or unlisted species (10 pts.)

   To a great degree for more than two identified listed species (15 pts.)

C) THREATS

This section includes consideration of how the acquisition removes or minimizes threats/stressors on the species identified above.

7. Acquisitions that address an imminent threat will score higher. Examples of threats/stressors include fragmentation; edge effects; loss of habitat from proposed development, conversion to agriculture, or lack of or inappropriate management. (15 points maximum)

   Score: What is the lands likelihood that the land targeted for acquisition will be converted from natural habitat in the near term (2 years)?

   ___Not likely (0 pts.)

   ___Possible (e.g., land owner has been pursuing development permits, infrastructure is in, prime agricultural land adjacent to the site) (10 pts.)

   ___Highly likely (e.g., property has an approved development plan, identified species habitat is degrading due to lack of or current management practices) (15 pts.)

8. Land acquisition projects with a focus on climate change adaptation should be addressed here to identify the conservation benefits to be derived through acquisition of the property in support of the identified species (15 points maximum).

   Score: Do the lands proposed for acquisition increase the likelihood that species and their habitats will be able to respond/adapt to climate changes (e.g., temperature and precipitation) or remove potential impediments to those responses?

   ___Not likely (0 pts.)

   ___Possible (8 pts.)
Highly likely (15 pts.)

D) SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS (15 points maximum).

This section documents special considerations that are not addressed in the above point scoring sections. Special considerations may include but are not limited to: percentage of matching funds; cost per acre for acquisition and/or management; significantly facilitates broader management goals beyond the targeted parcel boundaries; ancillary benefits (e.g., supports water quality, flood control, or wildfire management needs); completes or significantly benefits a local or regional acquisition strategy/opportunity; etc.

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Fiscal Year 2014 Land Acquisition Grant Program  

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**Brief Project Proposal Summary that includes location of property** (200-word maximum)

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1 Attach Statement of Qualifications to Application
FUNDING NEEDS SUMMARY

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Explain how the acquisition cost was determined (200-word maximum). __________________________

Explain how the management cost was determined (200-word maximum). __________________________

2. Are there matching funds available? If yes, how are the matching funds assured (200-word maximum)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Explain how matching funds are assured. __________________________
PROJECT PROPOSAL SUMMARY

(Maps and/or graphics can be referenced and pasted at the end of this Word document or attached as a separate digital file.)

The summary will include the location of the acquisition property(ies), the proposed strategy for acquisition, identification of matching funds, discussion of both short-term and long-term land management, and the method to assure financial accountability of management funds.

A. Project Purpose

Address the following in the proposal.

1. Describe how the property will contribute to the success of the San Diego regional Natural Communities Conservation Planning Program by acquiring and restoring unique habitat areas, key populations of endangered species, lands adjacent to existing conserved habitat lands, and/or promoting wildlife linkages. Describe the location of the property in relation to the regional open space plans (e.g., Multiple Species Conservation Plan South, Multiple Habitat Conservation Plan, Multiple Species Plan North, etc.) and existing or proposed conserved lands. PROVIDE A CLEAR, LEGIBLE MAP as an attachment.

2. Describe the designation of the property in the local jurisdiction’s long-range land use and transportation plans, and discuss any conflicts. If the use of the site as habitat conservation/open space is not consistent, a letter from the City Council or its designee will be required indicating that the jurisdiction does not object to the site being purchased for habitat conservation/open space. PROVIDE LETTER as an attachment.

3. Describe how the property will provide benefit for federal and/or state-listed species and/or unlisted sensitive species. Identify all known federal or state-listed endangered species, species that are candidate for listing, or unlisted sensitive species (e.g., County of San Diego’s Sensitive Plant List, California Department of Fish and Wildlife list of species of special concern), and the source of the information. Discuss to the extent known, if there are any core populations of listed or sensitive species on or near the property. PROVIDE A CLEAR, LEGIBLE MAP as an attachment of species on property if available.

4. Describe the property’s benefit to ecosystem functions and services. Describe the existing biotic and abiotic condition of the property in relation to its disturbance and need for management. Discuss the level of required management needed to (1) restore and (2) maintain the abiotic, biotic, and ecological processes of the property when considered in context of the surrounding landscape. Biotic factors include the structure and composition of plant and animal communities. Abiotic factors include soil, hydrology, natural topography, and salinity gradients. Ecological processes include succession, trophic energy flows, and disturbance regimes.

5. Include a discussion of how the acquisition of the property would contribute to overall open space connectivity throughout the region and how this acquisition could fill a void in the matrix of protected open space lands.
6. Describe how the acquisition of the property removes or minimizes threats on the species identified in number 2, above. Examples of threats/stressors include fragmentation; edge effects; loss of habitat from proposed development, conversion to agriculture, or lack of or inappropriate management.

7. Describe the likelihood that the land targeted for acquisition will be converted from natural habitat in the near term. Explain why.

8. Describe how the land proposed for acquisition will increase the likelihood that species and their habitats will be able to respond/adapt to climate changes (e.g., temperature and precipitation) or remove potential impediments to response to climate change.

9. Describe who would own the title of the property and who would manage the property. Describe the qualification of the land manager. Describe how the management cost, both one-time and on-going, have been determined. Discuss the proposed funding strategy for long-term management, including who would fund management and where funds would be held. Describe the experience of the financial manager (proposed entity to hold any endowments for management and/or monitoring) and assurances of long-term funding.

10. Describe the approach for the development of a long-term management plan for the property.

11. Describe any special considerations of the proposed acquisition. Special considerations may include but are not limited to: percentage of matching funds; cost per acre for acquisition and/or management; significantly facilitates broader management goals beyond the targeted parcel boundaries; ancillary benefits (e.g., supports water quality, flood control, or wildfire management needs); completes or significantly benefits a local or regional acquisition strategy/opportunity.

NOTICE REGARDING PREVAILING WAGES

The SANDAG EMP Land Acquisition Grant Program is funded with TransNet revenues consistent with the Transnet Extension Ordinance adopted by the voters in November 2004 (SANDAG Ordinance 04-01). While SANDAG does not require grantees to pay prevailing wages, recent California appellate court opinions (Reliable Tree Experts v. Baker, 200 Cal. App. 4th 785 [2011]; Reclamation Dist. No. 684 v. Department of Industrial Relations, 125 Cal. App. 4th 1000 [2005]) and Department of Industrial Relations advisory opinions strongly suggest that many potential aspects of EMP Land Acquisition Grant Program projects, especially those involving habitat restoration and maintenance or environmental remediation, will be subject to prevailing wage law. Grant applicants are encouraged to review the provisions of Labor Code §§ 1720 and 1771, and California Code of Regulations, title 8, § 16000. These outline activities constituting public works for purposes of prevailing wage law. Grant applicants are further encouraged to seek advice from an attorney to determine the applicability of the aforementioned statutory provisions and regulation to their proposed grant-funded projects. If awarded EMP Land Acquisition Grant Program funding, the management agreement between SANDAG and the grantee requires grantee’s compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances applicable to the agreement.
REQUIRED STATEMENTS FROM APPLICANT

☐ Yes ☐ No The owner of the property is a willing seller and a letter of interest, purchase agreement, or similar commitment from the owner has been attached to this application.

☐ Yes ☐ No The site is consistent with the local jurisdiction’s land use plan as habitat conservation/open space, or the local jurisdiction does not object to the site being acquired for habitat conservation/open space and a letter from the jurisdiction has been included with this application.

☐ Yes ☐ No A preliminary title report to the property(ies) has been included with the application.

☐ Yes ☐ No If the property is selected for consideration to be acquired, the applicant understands that SANDAG will conduct through its proxies an appraisal consistent with the Uniformed Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice by a member of the Appraisal Institute. SANDAG will use this appraisal to determine the value of the property for its highest and best use. The applicant understands that SANDAG, at the sole discretion of the SANDAG Board of Directors, only will offer the appraised value of the property.

☐ Yes ☐ No If the project proposal is successfully awarded, the applicant agrees to use the escrow account and instructions acceptable by SANDAG.

☐ Yes ☐ No If the project proposal is successfully awarded, the applicant understands that upon review of the title report, hazardous waste assessments of the property, or any other real property document, SANDAG may choose to not pursue acquisition of the property at its sole discretion.

☐ Yes ☐ No If the project proposal is successfully awarded, the applicant agrees to provide to record a conservation easement, deed restriction, or similar restrictive covenant, in favor of SANDAG, that that will run with the title of the property and be binding on the applicant, heirs, successors, lessees, representatives, and other occupiers of the property.

☐ Yes ☐ No If the project proposal is successfully awarded, the applicant understands that SANDAG would need to accept the identified land manager and the financial manager for management funds.

☐ Yes ☐ No If the project proposal is successfully awarded, the applicant agrees to enter into a Land Management Agreement with SANDAG for the perpetual stewardship and biological management of the property.

☐ Yes ☐ No If the project proposal is successfully awarded, the applicant agrees to complete a resource management plan within one year of the acquisition of the property for review by the state and federal wildlife agencies.
If the project proposal is successfully awarded, the applicant agrees to comply with SANDAG Board Policy No. 035 “Competitive Grant Program Procedures,” which outlines project milestone and completion deadlines. SANDAG Board Policy No. 035 is included in the standardized agreement, and also is on the SANDAG website at the following link: http://www.sandag.org/organization/about/pubs/policy_035.pdf

If the project proposal is successfully awarded, the applicant understands that a resolution including the requirements of SANDAG Board Policy No. 035, Section 4.1, must be submitted to SANDAG at least two weeks prior to the recommendation by the Regional Planning Committee of the list of prioritized project proposals to be considered by the SANDAG Board of Directors. SANDAG will provide applicants with advance notice of the Regional Planning Committee’s anticipated meeting date.

The applicant understands that only the SANDAG Board of Directors can authorize any funding and costs borne by the applicant prior to SANDAG Board of Director approval is at the risk of the applicant and may not be reimbursed.

The applicant understands that this grant is an opportunistic purchase by SANDAG and the SANDAG Board of Directors may at its sole discretion choose to fund all, part, or none of the project proposal.

I have the authorization to submit this Grant Applicant Form and agree to the above Required Statements on behalf of my organization.

__________________________________________  _________________
Applicant Name/Title (print or type)       mm/dd/yy

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Applicant Signature       Date