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II. Executive Summary

II(a) Project Title and Applicant Name:

Sulphur Creek Coordinated Resource Management Planning Group Proposal
submitted by:
Sacramento Watersheds Action Group (SWAG)

II(b) Project Description and Primary Biological/Ecological Benefits:

This proposal requests funding to continue the operation of the Sulphur Creek Coordinated Resource Management Planning Group (CRMP) for two years, until October 2000. Specifically, we are requesting funding for part-time staff, namely, a CRMP coordinator, and a secretary. The coordinator and secretary each will require 15 hours per month to maintain a functioning and participatory CRMP. We are also requesting funds for postage and some office expenses. All other expenses such as meeting rooms, and meeting facilitator, and presentation materials will continue to be volunteered by SWAG and CRMP members as an in kind contribution.

The Sulphur Creek CRMP has at least one public meeting every month, coordinates and promotes volunteerism, writes grant proposals, provides community education and awareness, encourages and facilitates public participation in the CRMP process, provides on-site training opportunities for students at all levels, and pursues land acquisitions within the watershed. The Sulphur Creek CRMP provides formal recommendations to the City of Redding General Plan regarding urbanizing impacts to the Sulphur Creek watershed.

The primary benefit of having a Sulphur Creek CRMP is that we use the meetings and public relations to heighten public awareness in Sulphur Creek watershed resource issues, facilitate public participation and encourage stewardship of the watershed. The CRMP members and agency advisors will provide technical expertise and oversight to ensure effective planning and implementation.

II(c) Approach/Tasks/Schedule:

This proposal begins October, 1998 and ends October, 2000.

II(d) Justification for Project:

There are many conditions and activities which simultaneously affect the Sulphur Creek watershed. These will continue to be addressed using the CRMP. The Sulphur Creek CRMP provides a forum for communication and cooperation among interested individuals, groups, businesses and local, state and federal agencies.

II(e) Budget Costs and Third Party Impacts:

This proposal is for \$23,828. This includes labor costs of \$18,468 for the two year period, October 1998 through October 2000, and \$5,360 for other direct costs during the two year period.

There are no known third party impacts.

II(f) Applicant Qualifications:

SWAG has many participants and technical advisors including natural resource managers, a watershed manager, educators, environmental planners, water quality specialists, a horticulturist, a hydrologist, fisheries biologists, recreation enthusiasts, a statistician, and interested community members. One SWAG member has professional meeting facilitation skills which has proved invaluable during the first year of CRMP operation. She will continue to volunteer meeting facilitation during this grant period.

II(g) Monitoring and Data Evaluation:

SWAG will employ monitoring on all restoration work. However, this proposal is not for a specific restoration project, so monitoring is not part of this proposal. We will, however, prepare annual reports summarizing the work completed by the CRMP during the previous year, a detailed operating budget for the previous year, and goals for the upcoming year. This report will be submitted by the first of September after each year of funding.

II(h) Local Support/Compatibility with CALFED Objectives:

The Sulphur Creek CRMP has the following participants and technical advisors:

- Buckeye Middle School
- Bureau of Reclamation
- California Bureau of Mines
- California Department of Fish and Game
- California Department of Water Resources
- California Conservation Corps
- California Regional Water Quality Control Board
- City of Redding Planning Department
- City of Redding Sewage and Drainage Division
- City of Redding Wastewater Treatment
- Landowners
- Redding Arboretum by the River
- Sacramento Watersheds Action Group
- Sequoia Middle School
- Shasta College
- Shasta County Department of Resource Management
- Shasta County Mountain Bike Riders' Association
- Turtle Bay School
- US Fish and Wildlife Service.