

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Determination for Issuing a Single Source Financial Assistance Award

Instructions: In accordance with Service policy 516 FW 6, *Issuing Discretionary Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards without Competition*, complete this form to document the justification for issuing a single source grant or cooperative agreement award. This form must be signed by both a program representative and the employee with signature authority for the award to be issued (see 516 FW 3, *Signature Authority for Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards*). The completed and signed form must be maintained in the official award file.

Recipient Name: Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District
Project Title: Effects of Nonnative Alga on the Santa Ana Sucker
Program Contact: Kai Palenscar

Select all criteria that apply (from 505 DM 2):

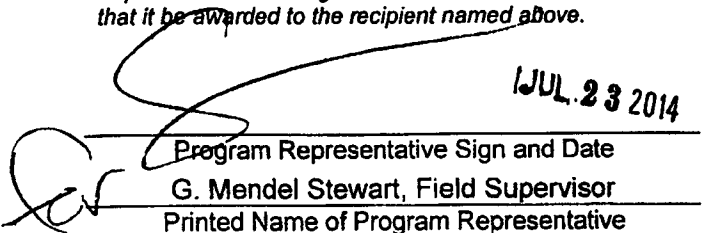
✓	(1) Unsolicited Proposal: The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited application that represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach that is not the subject of a current or planned award, but is found to be advantageous to program objectives.
	(2) Continuation: The activity to be funded is necessary for the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity we are funding and holding a competition would have a significant adverse effect on continuing or completing the activity.
	(3) Legislative Intent: The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates the intent of Congress to restrict the award to a particular recipient or purpose.
	(4) Unique Qualifications: The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based on a variety of demonstrable factors such as location; property ownership; voluntary support capacity; cost-sharing ability, if applicable; technical expertise; or other such unique qualifications.
	(5) Emergencies: Because of a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety, there is not enough time to follow adequate competitive procedures.

Explain below why competition for this award is not practical. As applicable, summarize the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and any cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient. Be brief and specific:

This project will assess the impact the nonnative, invasive alga *Compsopogon coeruleus* is having on the long-term health of the Santa Ana sucker (SAS), a federally threatened species, within the Santa Ana River. The Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD) has conducted extensive field surveys and monitoring of Santa Ana sucker (SAS) throughout its range. They are the leading experts familiar with this species and have worked to develop sound methodology to monitor for this threatened species. They are the only entity to have reared SAS in aquaculture and have maintained a healthy, breeding population for over six years. The RCRCD has the most expertise with this sensitive species, have the resources to conduct the work, and have the skills and abilities to perform at a level consistent with previous experimental work conducted on SAS. This project will benefit the public by maintaining the native population of SAS within the Santa Ana River, thereby creating opportunities for public education on this species, associated endangered and threatened species, and connections to the larger ecosystem in Riverside county and the City of Corona, California. This project is contingent upon the availability of funds.

I have determined that this project meets the requirements for a single source award and recommend that it be awarded to the recipient named above.

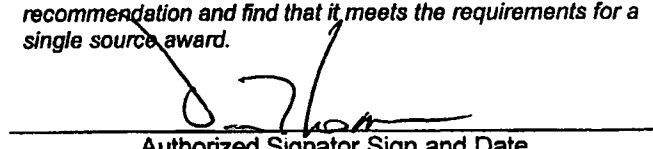
I, as the Service employee with signature authority for this award under 516 FW 3, have reviewed this program recommendation and find that it meets the requirements for a single source award.



Program Representative Sign and Date

G. Mendel Stewart, Field Supervisor

Printed Name of Program Representative



Authorized Signator Sign and Date

Darrin Thome, Deputy ARD, ES, Region 8

Printed Name of Signator