

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: Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

Project Title: Habitat Enhancement for the Santa Ana Sucker in the Santa Ana River

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 fund habitat enhancement for Santa Ana sucker in the Santa Ana River by engineering and building temporary rock structures in order to create scour pools and conduct population surveys pre- and post-construction. Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) is uniquely qualified to perform this work, as they belong to the Santa Ana Sucker Conservation Team (which also consists of City of Riverside, Orange County Water District and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District). SAWPA has the local knowledge of the waterways, permits to access much of the Santa Ana River watershed, and a federally permitted sucker biologist. This project is contingent upon 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.

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Program Representative Sign and Date

G. Mendel Stewart, Field Supervisor

Printed Name of Program Representative

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.

Authorized Signator Sign and Date

Darrin Thome, Deputy ARD, ES, Region 8

Printed Name of Signator