

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: Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association (SWIA)

Project Title: Initiation of Thin-Layer Sediment Augmentation on the Pacific Coast

Program Contact: Kirk Gilligan, Refuge Manager, Seal Beach NWR

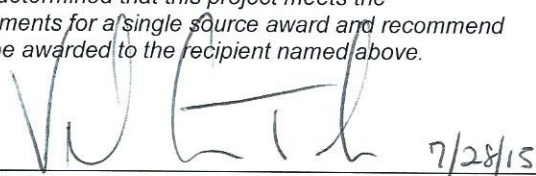
Select all criteria that apply (from 505 DM 2):

☐	(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:

SWIA is currently managing contracts for this project using funding provided by the California Coastal Conservancy. Additional grant funds from CDFW will allow for the expansion of current monitoring efforts for this project, as well as permit additional research using existing and possibly new researchers to explore the GHG benefits of the project. SWIA has contracted with the current researchers on past projects implemented by the Service, including the multi-million dollar San Diego Bay NWR Western Salt Ponds Restoration Project, and is therefore uniquely qualified to work with the San Diego NWR Complex on the coordination and implementation of a five year monitoring plan for the proposed coastal salt marsh thin-layer sediment augmentation project.

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.



Program Representative Sign and Date

Victoria Touchstone, Refuge Planner, San Diego NWR Complex

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

Printed Name of Signator