Environmental Compliance Readiness

Bucket 2 – Council Selected Restoration Component

PROPOSAL TITLE

Matagorda Bay System Priority Landscape Conservation

LOCATION

Texas

SPONSOR(S)

Texas

TYPE OF FUNDING REQUESTED (Planning, Technical Assistance, Implementation):

Implementation

REVIEWED BY:

John Ettinger

DATE:

January 28, 2015

If Planning and/or Technical Assistance

1. Does the submission identify environmental laws potentially applicable at the implementation stage:

○ YES ○ NO ◉ N/A

Comments

See below for a discussion of environmental compliance for this submission.

If Implementation

1. Status of compliance with environmental laws applicable to a Council decision to include the submission on the Funded Priority List:

Two of the four tracts proposed for acquisition in the Matagorda Bay submission are covered within a National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Assessment (EA). The Council could consider adopting this EA if the Council determines that it adequately assesses the environmental effects of the proposed acquisition of these two tracts. The submission or portions of it might also be covered by a NEPA Categorical Exclusion (CE). Further Council review of the use of a CE in this instance is warranted, along with review of whether there may be extraordinary circumstances which could preclude use of such a CE. Additional review may be needed regarding compliance with other applicable laws. NEPA and other applicable environmental laws would need to be addressed prior to consideration by the Council of whether or not to fund implementation of this submission.