



SIA Restoration Grant Program Webinar

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History of SIAs



- 1993 Agricultural WQ Management Act
- 1996-2003 Finalized Plans & Rules
- 15 Years of Outreach w Ag Landowners
- *SHIFT from Complaint Based >> SIAs & Self Initiations*
- 2014 State champions “coordinated streamside management”
 - Strategic Implementation Areas are born
 - Concentrated Efforts in Specific Geographic Areas
 - Demonstrate Compliance
 - Proactive Approach
 - Collaborative Partnerships
 - Voluntary Conservation
 - Enforcement when Needed
 - Monitor Improvements





What is an SIA?

Targeted and collaborative approach to improve ag water quality in small watersheds

Led by ODA in partnership with SWCDs and local stakeholders

Investments from OWEB support voluntary efforts

Goals of the SIA Initiative



Protect

Proactively ensure compliance with Oregon's Agricultural Water Quality Rules

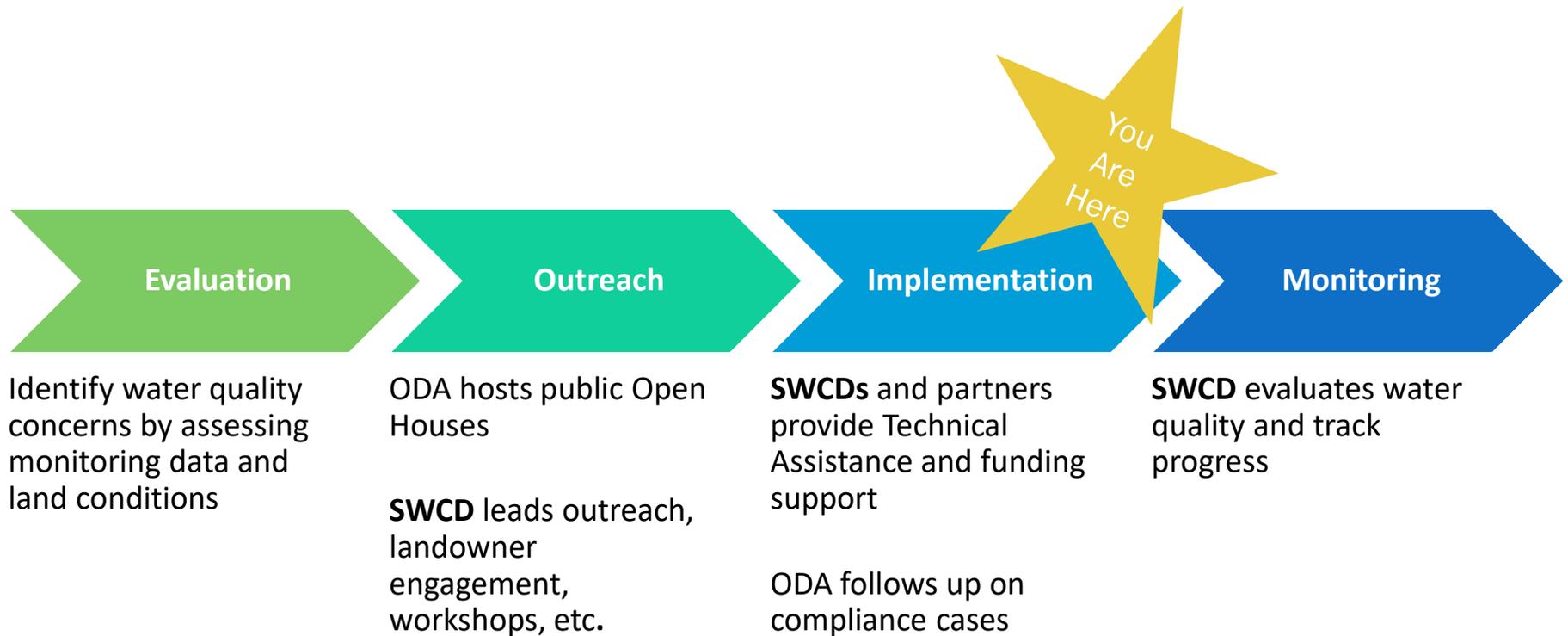
Promote

Promote voluntary conservation practices before enforcement is needed

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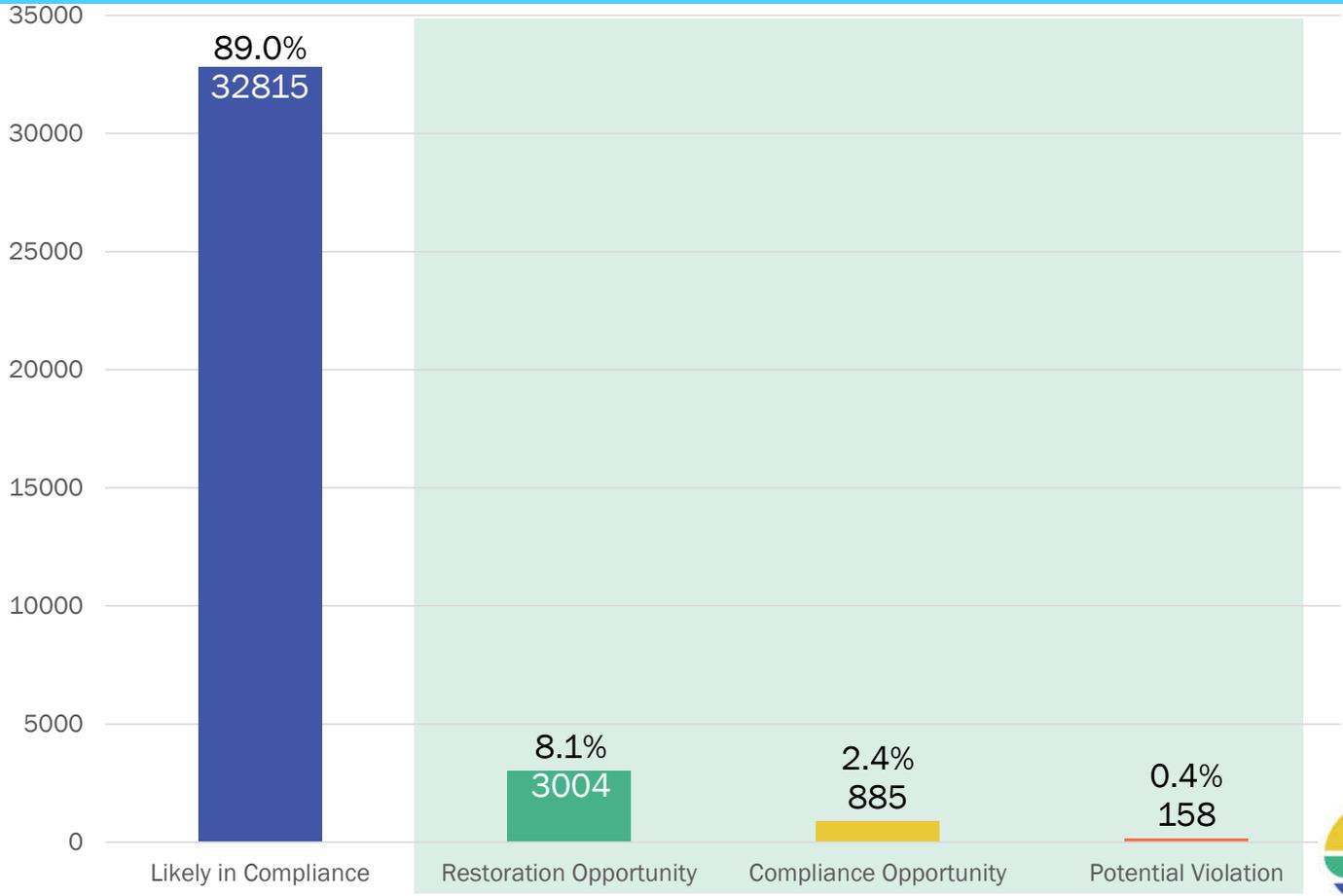
Support healthy watersheds, soil health, AND thriving local agriculture

SIA Process



Statewide Evaluation Results (2014-2025)

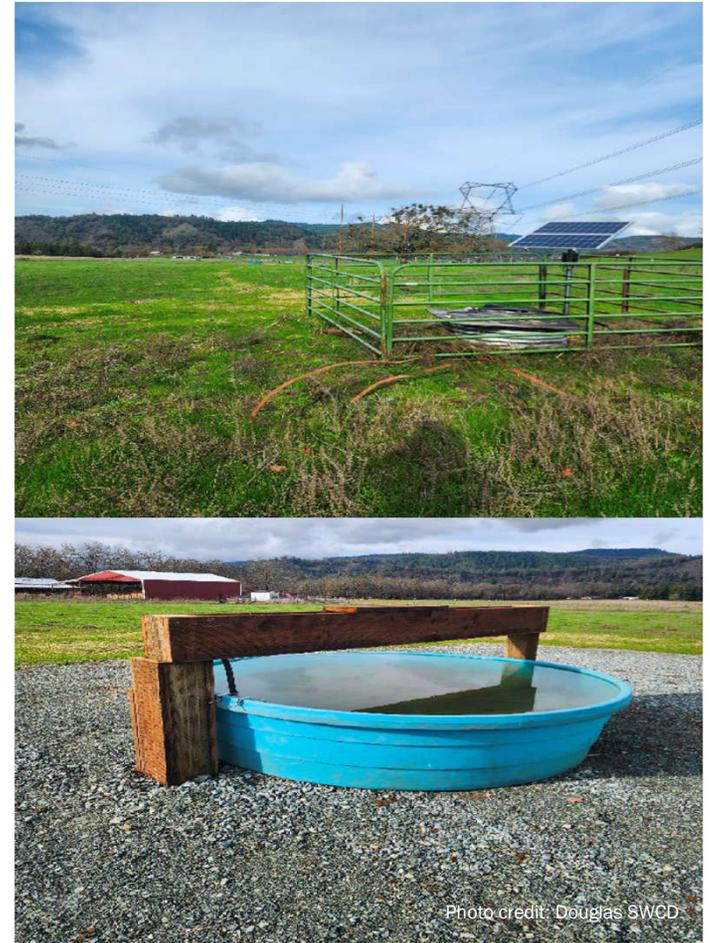
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SIA Case Study



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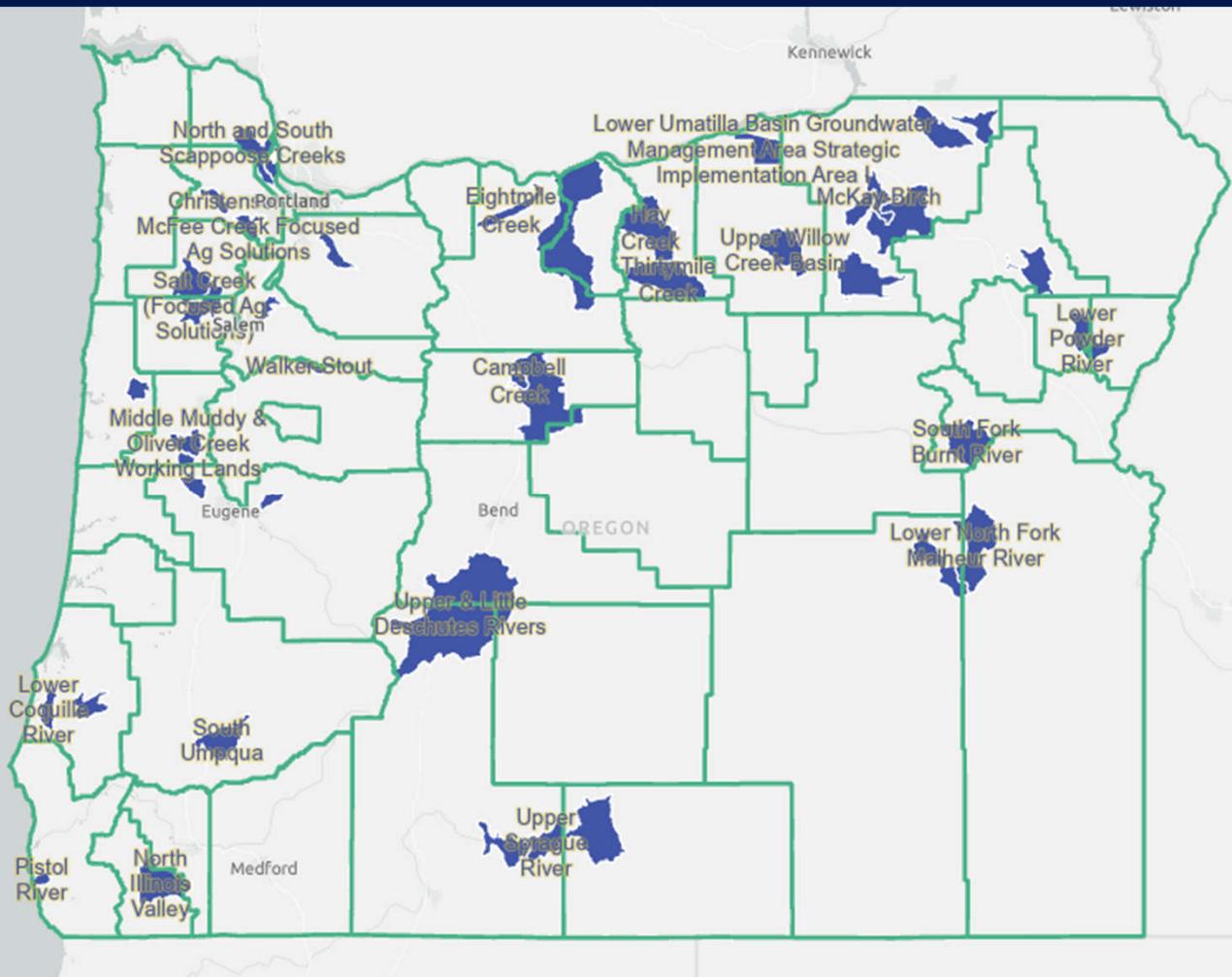
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Eligible SIAs



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- SIA Lead organizations
 - Received OWEB SIA Technical Assistance grant between 2017-2025
 - SIA TA funds fully utilized – still eligible
 - Districts that used SOW funds for an SIA – not eligible
- Other organizations may apply if SIA Lead emails OWEB and ODA granting permission

SIA Restoration Grant Offering



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Background:



This program was developed to fund fundamental ag water quality improvement projects in response to feedback from partners.



In September 2023, OWEB opened a Pilot Restoration grant offering for SIA Leads to address restoration opportunities identified through the SIA process.



OWEB and ODA staff collaborate to provide OWEB funding to partners to support restoration activities that address identified agricultural water quality issues within the SIA geographies.



Purpose: to support SIA partners in implementing restoration projects that address ecological and agricultural water quality issues identified through the SIA assessment process.



2026 Program Updates

- \$700,000 available funding for biennium
- Offered annually
- Maximum ask amount is now \$30,000
- Match 25%
- Federal de minimis indirect rate is now 15%
- New “SIA Restoration” application template – specific to this program
- Project Requirements: see updated guidance document on SIA Restoration grant program webpage: <https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/grants/Pages/SIA.aspx>
- No longer using “Small Grant” rules, now following “Restoration Grant” rules & evaluation criteria (bubble graphic) per [OAR 695-010-0060](#)

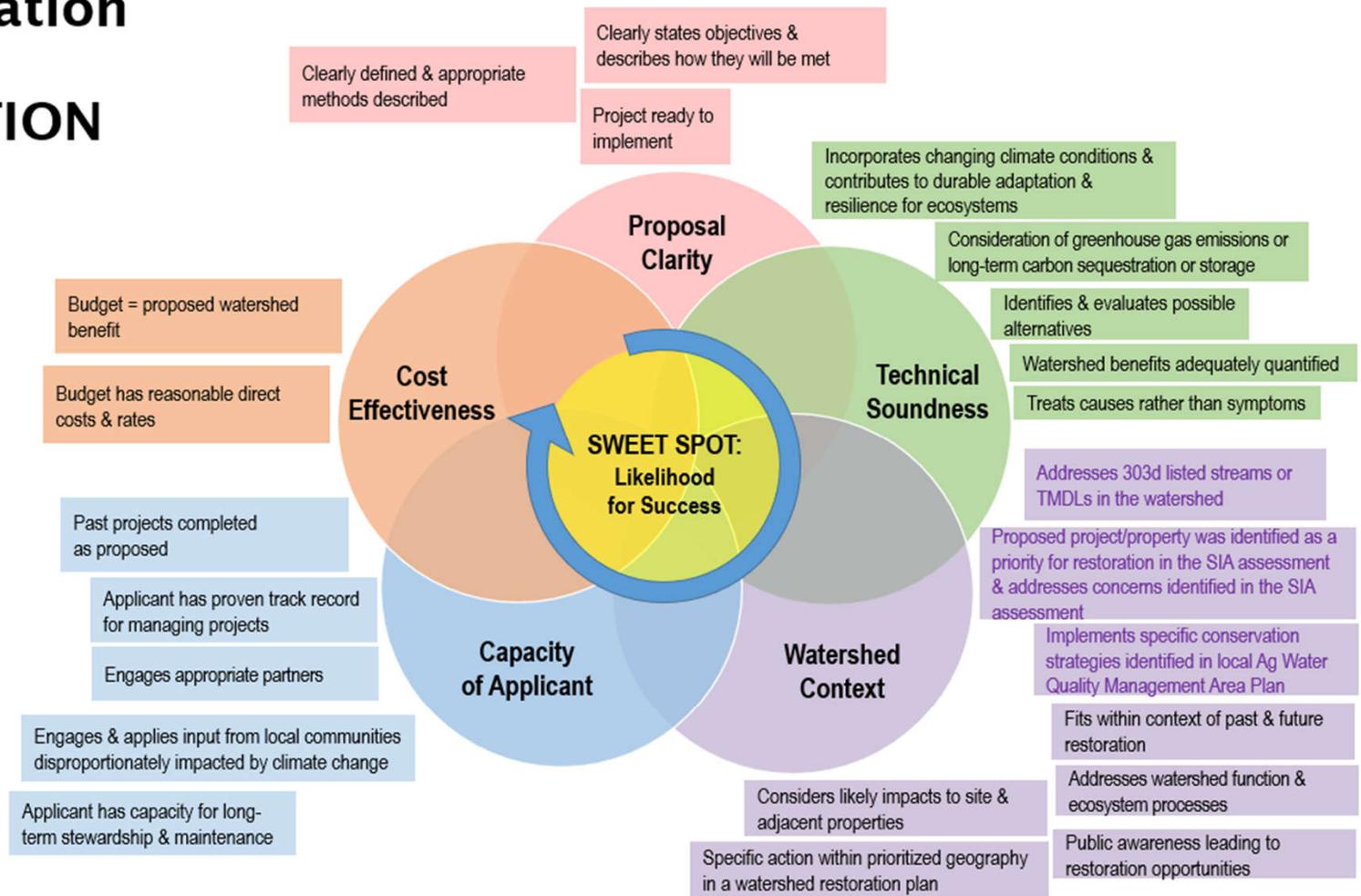
SIA Restoration

RESTORATION

Evaluation Criteria
OAR 695-010-0060

All projects must:

- Provide public benefit by supporting improved water quality, habitat, &/or ecosystem functions
- Demonstrate sound watershed management principles
- Have methods adapted to the project location
- Follow professionally accepted restoration approaches be followed



Program Structure



Project area (property) must have been evaluated in SIA assessment to be eligible.



Applications must demonstrate how the proposed project addresses ag water quality concerns identified in the SIA assessment.



Application must demonstrate how the project will implement specific conservation strategies identified in the local Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan.



Application must describe how the proposed project addresses any 303(d) listed streams or TMDLs in the watershed.

- Each application must have a clear water quality benefit *on its own*, not contingent on other grant applications. Meaning, each application submitted for this grant application cycle must be eligible on its own merit and not linked to another application submitted within the same grant application cycle.
- Multiple applications may be submitted for a single property/landowner but they must be distinct with their own clear watershed benefit and not dependent on another application submitted within the same cycle.
- Cultural resources will not be required by OWEB.

Opportunity Levels



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| CURRENT NAME | POSSIBLE PAST NAME(S) |
|------------------------------|---|
| Potential Violation - PV | Significant Concern |
| Compliance Opportunity - CO | Opportunity; Moderate Concern; Opportunities for Improvement; OPP |
| Restoration Opportunity - RO | Low Concern; Limited Opportunity for Improvement; LL; LOW |
| Likely Compliance - LC | No Concern; Limited Concern; LN |

If you don't know the "opportunity level" for the property you're applying for, contact your ODA Regional Water Quality Specialist

Application Requirements

Specific and measurable actions are required.

Applicants must provide metrics of current site conditions and proposed site conditions.

- length and width of existing and proposed riparian buffer
- stream miles/feet of existing and proposed fencing
- # of acres treated
- etc.

Required Application Uploads:

- Project map
- Project photos
- Project designs, if applicable
- Planting plan, if applicable

What is an iButton?

Specific and Measurable Actions

List specific and measurable actions planned to achieve the proposed ecological and agricultural water quality improvements. For each action, describe how that action will be implemented and provide metrics where appropriate.

Specific and Measurable Action #1 +

List specific quantifiable action(s) to achieve the proposed ecological and agricultural water quality improvements. (4000 character limit)  [Edit/View Answer](#)

Describe how the action(s) will be implemented. (5000 character limit)  [Edit/View Answer](#)

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GUIDANCE -- List specific quantifiable action(s) to achieve the proposed ecological and agricultural water quality improvements.

Provide a clear and concise action that will implement the project goal. Include metrics; round to the nearest 0.1 ac or 0.01mi. Example) Treat 1 acre of noxious weeds, pull back incised streambank to a 3:1 slope, revegetate 1.2 acres of riparian habitat, increase riparian buffer width from 10' to 50' on each side of the creek, and install 0.45 miles of wildlife-friendly exclusion fencing along Butte Creek.

Close



SIA Restoration Grants 2026 Timeline

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| February 4th, 2026 | Grant offering opened |
| February 20 th , 2026 | Webinar (optional and recorded) |
| March 12 th , 2026 by 5:00 PM | Applications Due |
| March –April 2026 | Eligibility Determinations & Applications Review |
| April 6 th , 2026 | Review Team Meeting |
| May –June 2026 | Grant Agreements Executed |
| | 2 Year Grant Agreements |

QUESTIONS

