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A. STAKEHOLDER COMMITMENT

To improve water quality, expand open space, and improve the quality of life for watershed residents, progress towards all of the goals identified in this Plan will be necessary. This will require some form of commitment from all stakeholders at the federal, state, regional, and local level. Federal, state, regional, and local agencies and jurisdictions all have opportunities to implement the recommended actions, and community-based organizations have opportunities to encourage public agencies to implement the recommended actions. Although not expressly identified, actions by individuals can be a powerful mechanism for change.

Table 7-1 summarizes the information provided in Chapter 4, with an indication of which federal, state, regional, and local stakeholder should implement, or participate in the implementation of, the specific actions identified to improve water quality, expand open space, and improve the quality of life for watershed residents. By implementing these actions, each stakeholder can demonstrate the commitment to restoration of the Compton Creek Watershed.

B. PROJECT FUNDING

To restore the Watershed, many projects at various locations will be required, and these projects will require funding. Limited funds are available from recent state bond programs (e.g., Propositions 40 and 50) through the Coastal Conservancy, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, State Water Resources Control Board, or Department of Water Resources. Future bond programs could provide opportunities to fund projects through grants, assuming the legislature and the voters continue to approve these bonds.

Local funding opportunities may exist as well, from City and County infrastructure budgets and from funds already allocated for stormwater management or environmental cleanup. Leveraging agency funding to incorporate Watershed goals into multi-purpose projects may achieve greater results for the same cost. Agency budget constraints may restrict the amount of available funding.

Grant funding will still continue to be an important piece of the project funding pie. To effectively secure funding, applicants must be more than on-time with grant applications. Coordination with the funding entity and planning far in advance of the official opening of funding cycles are important practices. Finally, the changing availability of grant funding makes it difficult to rely on in the long term. Other more stable sources of funding must be developed to maintain and grow projects. Successful future projects must be funded by alternative sources of funding such as corporate donations, fundraiser activities, or other methods. If projects are to be designed to satisfy multiple objectives and compete for multiple sources of funding, their fundraising strategies should be similarly varied.

Other potential fund sources may be available for watershed projects, although competition for any fund source is likely to be intense. The following list of websites describes opportunities from a variety of federal, state and other sources.

1. Federal

▣ Environmental Protection Agency

- Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection
<<http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund>>
- Environmental Finance Program
<<http://www.epa.gov/efinpage>>
- Watershed Information Network
<<http://www.epa.gov/win/>>
- Environmental Education Grants
<<http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>>

▣ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Grants)

<<http://www.ogp.noaa.gov/grants>>

▣ US Fish and Wildlife Service (Grants-At-A-Glance)

<<http://grants.fws.gov>>

▣ National Park Service (Grant Programs)

<http://www.nps.gov/pub_aff/grants.htm>

2. State

▣ California Watershed Funding Database

<<http://www.calwatershedfunds.org/index.php>>

▣ California GetGrants Website (State Funding Sources)

<<http://getgrants.ca.gov>>

▣ State Water Resources Control Board (Financial Assistance)

<<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/index.html>>

- Clean Water Team Citizen Monitoring Program
- Clean Beaches Initiative
- Water Recycling Funding Programs

■ **California Resources Agency (Watershed Funds)**

<http://cwp.resources.ca.gov/grant_programs.html>

■ **Department of Conservation (Funding Opportunities)**

<http://www.consrv.ca.gov/index/qh_grants.htm>

■ **Bay Delta Authority (or CALFED program) (Grant Information)**

<<http://calwater.ca.gov/GrantOpportunities/GrantInformation.shtml>>

■ **Department of Parks and Recreation (Grants and Local Services)**

<http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1008>

- Habitat Conservation Fund
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Recreational Trails Program
- Specified Grants Program

■ **Department of Water Resources (Grants and Loans)**

<<http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov>>

- Urban Streams Restoration Program
- Flood Protection Corridor Program
- Integrated Regional Water Management
- Groundwater Storage

■ **Wildlife Conservation Board**

<<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wcb/index.html>>

■ **Department of Transportation (Local Assistance)**

<<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms>>

■ **Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (Resources Agency)**

<<http://resources.ca.gov/eem>>

■ **Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project (Projects and Planning)**

<http://www.scwrp.org/small_grants.htm>

■ **Integrated Waste Management Board (Grants and Loans)**

<<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms>>

3. Regional

■ **Metropolitan Water District**

<<http://mwdh2o.org>>

- Community Partnering Program
- City Makeover Program

4. Private

■ **RedLodge Clearinghouse**

<<http://www.redlodgeclearinghouse.org/resources/search.asp>>

■ **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**

<<http://www.nfwf.org/index.htm>>

■ **Urban Forests Ecosystems Initiative**

<<http://www.ufe.org/grantinfo.html>>

■ **California Watershed Network**

<<http://www.watershednetwork.org/resources.html>>

■ **Cyber-Sierra**

<<http://www.conservationgrants.com/water.htm>>