

Subject **[WCB/CARCD CFP & Habitat Implementation] Great news and thank you!!!**

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Good morning!

In case you missed it, last Friday's special meeting of the WCB Board to consider our big grant proposal and those of Point Blue resulted in all three block grants being awarded!!!

Many, many thanks for all your support and for putting up with the changing requests for backup information as we kept learning more about what the board's big concerns were. I received great examples of how your projects benefit disadvantaged communities, and even if you didn't see your wording reflected in my presentation, know that all of it mattered in terms of how we approached the issue and the confidence with which we were able to present our case.

I was also grateful to know that you were "out there" to answer questions if need be, and that Katherine Holmes from Solano provided excellent information on the herbicide question, which we had been told probably wouldn't even come up. I am sure that the public comments that were offered by RCDs and partners truly brought us over the finish line. Special thanks to Heather Bernikoff and Tara Fouch-Moore who were able to provide a tangible examples of how our projects benefit real people directly by talking about jobs created for tribal community members through pollinator projects.

Getting to this point has been a true collaboration with all of us working together to achieve a common goal and now we get to apply that same collaborative spirit to adding habitat and sequestering carbon on a scale that will make a real impact!

I'm waiting for paperwork from WCB and will then let folks know the next steps, first of which will be getting your sub-contracts in process.

Thanks again and congratulations to all of us!

Best regards,
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