The Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) invites applications for environmental enforcement, training, or circuit prosecutor grants under Penal Code sections 14306 through 14309 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Applications for funding may be submitted from March 1 through April 1, 2022.

Based on the balance in the Environmental Enforcement and Training Account as of March 1, 2022, the Secretary anticipates having a total of $183,585 available to fund environmental enforcement, training, and circuit prosecutor grants under Penal Code sections 14300 et seq. and California Code of Regulations, title 27, sections 10011 et seq. The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training has declined all of the funds allocated to it pursuant to Penal Code section 14314(a), so 25% of the current fund balance, or $45,896 is available for peace officer training projects. The Secretary will provide an updated estimate of the available amount of funds for FY 2022-2023 on April 1, 2022.

Application instructions and a sample template are attached. Applications should include all of the information in the attached template. The Secretary prefers applications to be emailed to EETAGrantApps@calepa.ca.gov.

CalEPA will notify each applicant of the Secretary’s decision in May 2022. Funded projects are generally implemented from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Background
The Environmental Enforcement and Training Act of 2002 (Act) (Penal Code, § 14300 et seq.) created a grant program to fund eligible environmental training, investigation, and enforcement activities in the State. The grant program is funded by public and private contributions from the proceeds of property seized and forfeited under Health and Safety Code section 11489, and by proceeds from State and federal court judgments.

The Act charged CalEPA’s Secretary with administering and distributing grant program funds, upon appropriation by the Legislature, as required by the Act. CalEPA implements the Act through its regulations in California Code of Regulations, title 27, sections 10011 et seq.

Under this program, the Secretary provides funds to eligible grantees for projects that fall under Penal Code sections 14306 through 14309. To apply, eligible entities must submit an application for an eligible project to CalEPA by April 1, 2022.