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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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## NOTICE OF MEETING WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

July 23, 2015 11:00 a.m. to Noon 1/ Natural Resources Agency, Room 1131 1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, California 95814

## FINAL AGENDA ITEMS

## ITEM NO.

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. California Streamflow Enhancement Program

Informational/Action

Staff will present the final Proposal Solicitation Notice (Solicitation) for the California Streamflow Enhancement Program (Program) to the Board for discussion and approval. This new program focuses on enhanced stream flows and was created in response to Proposition 1 (Water Bond), which was approved by California voters on November 4, 2014 and established within the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB).

The Water Bond authorizes \$200,000,000.00 to be administered by the WCB (Water Code Section 79733, subject to appropriation by the Legislature) for projects that result in enhanced stream flows. It is proposed that \$38.4 million be made available for expenditure in the first year.

Grants by WCB will be made through a competitive process in coordination with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and other partners with the goal of providing and protecting enhanced flows in stream systems statewide to achieve conservation objectives outlined in the California Water Action Plan. On June 30, 2015, the Board approved the Guidelines for the Program, and reviewed the first draft of the Solicitation. Specifically, the Board directed staff to highlight primary filters in the Solicitation that would focus applications toward projects that benefited anadromous fish; assisted with the recovery of threatened, endangered or at-risk species; or provided resilience to climate change. In addition, the Board requested certain specific changes within the scoring criteria. Several members of the public attended and had additional comments. The Board directed staff to make changes to the Solicitation pursuant to direction and comments received, and present those changes to the Board at a focused public meeting for a final review. A redlined draft of the <u>Proposal Solicitation Notice</u> with changes highlighted is now available for review and can be accessed by clicking on the hyperlink.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize staff to finalize and release the solicitation to the public.

3. Adjournment

## 1/PERSONS WITH DISABILITES

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