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## **Notice of Meeting**

### **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**

November 30, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Natural Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium

1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Sacramento, California 95814

### **Preliminary Agenda Items**

#### Item Number

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status — Informational
3. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4 – 12)
- \*4. Approval of Minutes
- \*5. Recovery of Funds

\*Proposed Consent Calendar

**\*6. Easement Transfers**  
**Informational**

Report on easement transfers made over the California Department of Fish and Wildlife controlled land pursuant to authority granted by the Wildlife Conservation Board on February 24, 1998.

**\*7. City of Arcata, Lima Conservation Easement**  
**Humboldt County**  
**\$0**

To consider the acceptance of a conservation easement over 20+ acres by CAL FIRE under the California Forest Legacy Act of 2007, for the purposes of protecting fish and wildlife habitat, located in the City of Arcata, Humboldt County.

**\*8. Snowcreek VIII Mitigation**  
**Mono County**  
**\$0**

To consider the acceptance of a conservation easement (Easement) over 15± acres by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife from the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The Easement satisfies a mitigation requirement of a grading permit issued to the Snowcreek Development Company and is located in the Town of Mammoth Lakes in Mono County.

**\*9. Wheeler Ridge, Expansion 6**  
**Mono County**  
**\$305,000**

To consider the acquisition in fee of 10± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the protection of deer and mountain lion habitat, to maintain a migration corridor for the Round Valley mule deer herd, and to provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located near the community of Swall Meadows, near Mammoth Lakes in Mono County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of habitat, including native oak woodlands, to protect deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]

**\*10. Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, Expansion 3**  
**San Diego County**  
**\$25,000**

To consider the acquisition in fee of 40± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the protection of threatened and endangered species, to preserve biological communities supporting sensitive species, to enhance wildlife linkages, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, as an expansion of CDFW's Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve located near the community of Jamul in San Diego County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered threatened or fully protected species. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

**\*11 Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, Expansion 4  
San Diego County  
\$0**

To consider the acceptance of 3± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) as an expansion to CDFW's Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve to satisfy a mitigation requirement due to the State Route 94 highway safety improvement and widening project, located near the community of Jamul in San Diego County.

**\*12. County of San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan 2015 (Brown)  
San Diego County  
\$83,850**

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Endangered Habitats Conservancy (EHC), as well as to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) grant to EHC, to acquire fee title to 9± acres of land located near the City of Santee in San Diego County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that implements or assists in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)]

**13. Pintail Ranch Habitat Enhancement Project  
Butte County  
\$310,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to develop water conveyance infrastructure and to restore wetlands and upland habitats on 507 acres of privately owned property, located 7.5 miles south of the city of Oroville in Butte County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, enhancement or restoration of wetlands in the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program]

**14. Hammill Meadows Restoration Project  
Tuolumne County  
\$385,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the United States Forest Service for a cooperative project with the California Department of Water Resources and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to restore five meadows, stabilize headcuts, and fill sections of incised stream channels restoring channel form, floodplain connectivity, streambank stability, and meadow vegetation, located on Stanislaus National Forest lands 7 miles northeast of Pinecrest in Tuolumne County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for forest conservation and protection projects in order to promote the ecological integrity and economic stability of California's diverse native forests through forest conservation, preservation and restoration of productive managed forest lands, forest reserve areas, redwood forests and other forest types, including the conservation of water resources and natural habitats for native fish, wildlife and plants found on these lands. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(a)]

**15. San Joaquin River Parkway (County of Madera)**

**Madera County**

**\$340,000**

To consider the acquisition in fee of 12± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and a Transfer of Jurisdiction of the land by CDFW to the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) for the protection of riparian habitat and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, within the San Joaquin River Parkway, located near the City of Fresno in Madera County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of habitat for river parkway projects identified by SJRC. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2007 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75050(f)]

**16. San Joaquin River Parkway, Spano River Ranch Habitat Enhancement**

**Project Augmentation**

**Fresno County**

**\$275,000**

To consider the allocation for an augmentation to an existing grant to the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust (Trust) for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) to improve and restore upland, riparian, and wetland habitat on 51± acres of the SJRC Spano River Ranch property, located approximately 1 mile downstream of the State Route 41 bridge within the Fresno City limits and the County of Fresno. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for river parkway projects identified by the San Joaquin River Conservancy. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75050(f)].

**17. Elkhorn Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration, Augmentation**

**Monterey County**

**\$400,000**

To consider the allocation for an augmentation to an existing grant to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation for a cooperative project with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), California State Coastal Conservancy, California Department of Water Resources, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Santa Cruz County Public Works, to restore 46 acres of tidal marsh and five acres of perennial grasses, on CDFW's Elkhorn Slough National Marine Estuarine Research Reserve, located two miles east of Moss Landing in Monterey County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding sources, which allows for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and protection of habitat to promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species, to provide corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent habitat fragmentation, and to protect significant natural landscapes and ecosystems and other significant habitat areas [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)], and allows for the development, rehabilitation, restoration, acquisition and protection of habitat that accomplishes one or more of the following objectives: promotes recovery of threatened and endangered species, protects habitat corridors, protects significant natural landscapes and ecosystems, or implements the recommendations of the California Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)]

**18. Trabuco Creek Fish Passage Design**

**Orange County**

**\$523,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Trout for a cooperative project with California Department of Fish and Wildlife to complete environmental permitting and to construct a final physical model of a proposed fish passage structure to determine the physical parameters necessary to restore steelhead trout in Trabuco Creek, located in San Juan Capistrano in Orange County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, restoration or enhancement of riparian habitat and aquatic habitat for salmonids and trout. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f)]

**19. Wildlife Conservation Board Strategic Plan**

**Informational/Action**

Staff will present next steps in the implementation of the WCB Strategic Plan by describing the status of planning efforts underway in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and will present the next steps in the development of a monitoring plan for evaluating the effectiveness of the Board's programs.

**20 2018 Board Meeting Dates**

Board will be asked to approve WCB meeting dates for 2018

Quarterly Board Meetings

Feb 22, 2018

May 24, 2018

Aug 30, 2018

Nov 15, 2018

Streamflow Enhancement Board Meeting

March 22, 2018

All meetings will begin at 9:00am in the Natural Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium.  
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