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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

February 26, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Natural Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Public Welcome

Preliminary Agenda Items

Item Number

1. Roll Call
2. Discussion and Selection of new Board Chairman
3. Public Forum for Items not on the Agenda
4. Funding Status — Informational
5. Approval of Minutes — November 21, 2019
6. Recovery of Funds

Consent Items

7. **CAL FIRE Humboldt County Community Forest McKay Tract Expansion 1 Humboldt County** **\$0**
To consider the acceptance of a conservation easement over 197± acres by CAL FIRE under the California Forest Legacy Act of 2007, for the purposes of protecting fish and wildlife habitat, located near Eureka in Humboldt County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c).]

- 8. CAL FIRE Ryan Creek Conservation Easement Humboldt County** **\$0**
To consider the acceptance of a conservation easement over 5,967± acres by CAL FIRE under the California Forest Legacy Act of 2007, for the purposes of protecting fish and wildlife habitat, located near Eureka in Humboldt County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c).]
- 9. Luffenholtz Beach Park Public Access and Safety Improvements Humboldt County** **\$74,000**
To consider the allocation for a grant to Trinidad Coastal Land Trust for a planning project to prepare designs, permits, and final CEQA documents for Luffenholtz Beach Park located approximately two miles southeast of the town of Trinidad in Humboldt County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]
- 10. North Table Mountain, Expansion 3 (Donation) Butte County** **\$0**
To consider the acceptance of a donation of 24± acres of land as an expansion to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve for the protection of deer habitat, basalt flow vernal pool habitat, and blue oak woodlands located near Chico in Butte County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]
- 11. Haskell Peak Meadow Planning Project Sierra County** **\$430,143**
To consider the allocation for a grant to South Yuba River Citizens League for a cooperative project with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to complete restoration plans, complete NEPA and CEQA, conduct baseline monitoring, and complete permit applications to restore 131± acres of meadow habitat at Haskell Headwater Fen, Chapman Saddle and Freeman Meadow owned by the USFS within the Tahoe National Forest in Sierra County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 12. Sierra Valley Conservation Area, Expansion 5 Sierra County** **\$360,500**
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Feather River Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to acquire a conservation easement over 632± acres of land for the protection of wildlife habitat and migration corridors located near Loyalton in Sierra County. [Proposition 40, Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a).]
- 13. Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area, Expansion 16 Yuba County** **\$75,000**
To consider the acquisition in fee of 22± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of deer and mountain lion habitat, increase protection of regional wildlife habitat corridors, and provide potential future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities as an expansion of CDFW's Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area located near Browns Valley in Yuba County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]

- 14. Laursen Outback Preserve, Expansion 1** **\$683,000**
Placer County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Placer Land Trust to acquire in fee 185± acres of land for the protection of native oak woodland habitat, and to provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities located near Auburn in Placer County. [Proposition 12, Public Resources Code Section 5096.350(a)(4) and Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]
- 15. Hudeman Slough Boat Launch Improvements** **\$130,000**
Sonoma County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Sonoma County Regional Parks to complete engineering and permits to restore a boating access launch located on CDFW property approximately ten miles southeast of the city of Sonoma in Sonoma County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]
- 16. American River Ranch Parking Lot, Phase 2** **\$367,231**
Sacramento County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks for a project to enhance parking and public access at the American River Ranch Interpretive Center, located approximately one mile northwest of the city of Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code sections 80100(a)(3) and 5845 et seq.]
- 17. Bushy Lake Conceptual Restoration Plan** **\$370,000**
Sacramento County
To consider the allocation for a grant to University Enterprises Incorporated for a planning project to conduct technical studies and design to enhance wetland habitat at Bushy Lake located approximately five miles east of the California State Capitol in Sacramento County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code sections 80100(a)(3) and 5845 et seq.]
- 18. Lower Cordova Creek Restoration Planning** **\$248,000**
Sacramento County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the City County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (The Water Forum) for a project to prepare plans and designs to enhance fish and wildlife habitat along Cordova Creek located approximately one mile northwest of the city of Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code sections 80100(a)(3) and 5845 et seq.]
- 19. Effie Yeaw Nature Center Facilities Improvement Planning** **\$112,000**
Sacramento County
To consider the allocation for a grant to American River Natural History Association for a cooperative project with Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks to plan and design improvements for the interpretive facility at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center located two miles north of the city of Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code sections 80100(a)(3) and 5845 et seq.]

- 20. Pacific Flyway Center Public Access Solano County \$485,000**
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with Pacific Flyway Fund to complete engineering and permitting, construct hiking and kayak trails, build a parking lot, and add water management infrastructure located approximately 11 miles northeast of Fairfield in Solano County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]
- 21. Roddy Ranch Grassland and Wetland Restoration Design Contra Costa County \$555,000**
To consider the allocation for a grant to the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservancy for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District, to restore 230± acres of native grassland habitat on the former site of the Roddy Ranch Golf Course in Contra Costa County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]
- 22. Central Sierra Meadow Planning Tuolumne County \$275,000**
To consider the allocation for a grant to American Rivers, Inc. for a cooperative project with Yosemite National Park and Stanislaus National Forest to complete environmental compliance, planning and permitting to restore 230± acres of mountain meadow at three sites: one in Yosemite National Park, one in the Stanislaus National Forest, and one managed by both the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service agencies in Tuolumne County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 23. Central Region State Wildlife Area Habitat Enhancement Project Augmentation Merced County \$302,000**
This proposal is to consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a cooperative project with CDFW to enhance wetland complimentary upland habitat within the Salt Slough Unit of the North Grasslands Wildlife Area in Merced County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program.]
- 24. Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander Connectivity Planning Santa Cruz County \$172,000**
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County for a cooperative planning project with CDFW, the California Department of Transportation and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to study the feasibility, alternatives, and cost of implementing a wildlife undercrossing on Highway 1 that would allow Santa Cruz long-toed salamanders and other wildlife to safely travel under the highway. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132 (e)(1).]
- 25. Watsonville Slough Farm Trails: Public Access to Nature Santa Cruz County \$300,000**
To consider the allocation for a grant to Land Trust of Santa Cruz County for a cooperative project with State Coastal Conservancy to plan, design, and permit

trails, boardwalks, and fishing and boating access at Watsonville Slough Farm, located adjacent to the city of Watsonville in Santa Cruz County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

**26. San Joaquin River Parkway, E Pond Habitat Enhancement \$588,000
Fresno County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) to enhance habitat on the 23± acres within E Pond on the SJRC 291± acre River West Fresno property, located approximately one mile downstream of the State Route 41 bridge within the Fresno city limits and Fresno County. [Proposition 40, Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b)(5).]

**27. Dry Meadow Restoration \$550,000
Tulare and Kings Counties**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Plumas Corporation for a cooperative project with the USFS, California State University, Sacramento, and Trout Unlimited to restore approximately 55± acres of montane meadow located in the Sequoia National Forest 8 miles northwest of Kernville in Tulare and Kings counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

**28. Kaweah Subbasin Regional Conservation Investment Strategy \$515,330
Tulare County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a cooperative project with New Current Water and Land and the Environmental Defense Fund to develop and complete a final draft of the Kaweah Subbasin Regional Conservation Investment Strategy, covering the Kaweah Groundwater Subbasin in Tulare County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(a).]

**29. Marple Canyon Wildlife Crossing Enhancement \$245,500
Los Angeles County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for a project to restore and enhance approximately 3± acres of habitat on both approaches to a single-lane box culvert under the separated southbound Interstate 5 to facilitate wildlife movement between Marple and Grasshopper canyons, located in Los Angeles County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]

**30. Aliso Creek Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Project \$709,000
Orange County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Laguna Canyon Foundation for a cooperative project with the Warne Family Charitable Foundation, Orange County Department of Parks, and the city of Aliso Viejo to restore approximately 21± acres of riparian and coastal sage scrub habitat that will increase breeding and nesting habitat for the least Bell's vireo and southwestern pond turtle in Orange County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

- 31. Western Riverside MSHCP (2017) - Anderson** **\$119,000**
Riverside County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (WRCRCA) and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to WRCRCA, to acquire 19± acres of land for the protection of the coastal California gnatcatcher, red-legged frog, and other sensitive species located in the unincorporated Tenaja area of Riverside County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c).]
- 32. Western Riverside MSHCP (2017) - Rahmati (Parcel 1)** **\$66,500**
Riverside County
To consider the allocation for a grant to WRCRCA and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to WRCRCA, to acquire 20± acres of land for the protection of the coastal California gnatcatcher, red-legged frog, and other sensitive species located in the unincorporated Tenaja area of Riverside County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c).]
- 33. Western Riverside MSHCP (2017) - Rahmati (Parcel 2)** **\$70,000**
Riverside County
To consider the allocation for a grant to WRCRCA and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to WRCRCA, to acquire 24± acres of land for the protection of the coastal California gnatcatcher, red-legged frog, and other sensitive species located in the unincorporated Tenaja area of Riverside County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c).]
- 34. Luchia** **\$779,156**
San Diego County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Center for Natural Lands Management (CNLM) and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to CNLM to acquire in fee 39± acres of land for the protection of core habitat for the coastal California gnatcatcher near Carlsbad in San Diego County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(c).]
- 35. Robinhood Ridge Vernal Pool Restoration** **\$394,000**
San Diego County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the city of San Diego for a cooperative project with the San Diego Zoo to restore a 14± acre vernal pool complex in San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

Proposed Items

- 36. Shasta Valley Wildlife Area Steamboat Lake Pipeline** **\$196,000**
Siskiyou County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a cooperative project with CDFW and USFWS to enhance wetlands within the Shasta Valley Wildlife Area, located in Siskiyou County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]
- 37. Central Valley Monarch Butterfly Habitat Enhancement** **\$1,210,000**
Various Counties
To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners for a cooperative project with CDFW and Kern River Corridor Endowment and Holding Company that will plant milkweed and nectar-rich plants to establish or enhance monarch butterfly habitat on 600± acres of natural lands in the Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin Valley, and San Diego region. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]
- 38. Neefus Gulch Fish Passage Improvement** **\$879,000**
Mendocino County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Trout Unlimited for a cooperative project with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and private landowners to remove a total barrier to coho salmon and steelhead trout by restoring the hydraulic conditions necessary for fish passage in Neefus Gulch, a tributary to the North Fork Navarro River, in Mendocino County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132 (e)(1).]
- 39. Sardine Meadow Restoration** **\$2,086,000**
Sierra County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Truckee River Watershed Council for a cooperative project with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Bella Vista Foundation, and Trust for Public Land (TPL) to restore 350± acres of montane meadow habitat owned by TPL located 13 miles southeast of Sierraville in Sierra County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 40. Discovery Park Picnic Shelters and Interpretation** **\$942,000**
Sacramento County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks for a project to install picnic shelters and interpretative signs at Discovery Park located approximately four miles north of the California State Capitol Park in Sacramento County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code sections 80100(a)(3) and 5845 et seq., and General Fund, Budget Act, Chapter 14, Statutes of 2017.]
- 41. Upper Mokelumne Forest Restoration** **\$1,932,000**
Amador County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions for a cooperative project with USFS and Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority to enhance forest health and reduce hazardous fuels through

selective thinning, prescribed fire, and replanting activities on 1,915± acres of mixed conifer forest in Eldorado National Forest in Amador County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

42. Yosemite Area Forest Restoration \$1,362,000
Madera and Mariposa Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with CAL FIRE to enhance forest health and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning, prescribed fire, and replanting activities on 1,000± acres of mixed conifer forest in Yosemite National Park and Sierra National Forest in Madera and Mariposa counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

43. San Vicente Redwoods Public Access Trails \$1,000,000
Santa Cruz County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Land Trust of Santa Cruz County for a project to construct 10 miles of trails, parking facilities, restrooms, and an upgraded access road located on Peninsula Open Space Trust and Sempervirens Fund property approximately 15 miles north of Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

44. Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Enhancement \$2,500,000
Monterey County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Monterey County Resource Management Agency for a cooperative project with State Coastal Conservancy, California State Parks, Department of Transportation, Department of Water Resources, and Big Sur Land Trust to restore 135± acres on the lower floodplain of the Carmel River located approximately one mile south of the city of Carmel-By-The-Sea in Monterey County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f), and Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f), (Proposition 1E).]

45. Toro Creek \$1,750,000
San Luis Obispo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Luis Obispo County Department of Parks and Recreation for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy to acquire 258± acres of land for the protection of coastal scrub habitat, wildlife corridors, habitat linkages, and to provide wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities located between Morro Bay and Cayucos in San Luis Obispo County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

46. Hanning Flat \$2,316,297
Kern County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Trust for Public Land for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program, National Audubon Society, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and Kern River Valley Heritage Foundation to acquire 3,804± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered species, wildlife corridors, habitat linkages,

watersheds, and to provide wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities near Weldon in Kern County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c).]

**47. Tricolored Blackbird Wetland Habitat Enhancement \$719,000
Kern County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a cooperative project with the landowners and Audubon California to enhance wetlands that provide Tricolored Black Bird nesting habitat and waterfowl breeding habitat, located on privately-owned land in Kern County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d) and 2786(d)(Proposition 1E), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program.]

**48. Chino Hills (Eastbridge) \$1,024,000
San Bernardino County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to MRCA to acquire in fee 320± acres of land for the protection of a core population of coastal California gnatcatcher, the coastal cactus wren, and other sensitive species located near Chino Hills in San Bernardino County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(c).]

**49. Montecito Ranch \$6,331,310
San Diego County**

To consider the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Endangered Habitats Conservancy (EHC), and to consider a WCB grant to the EHC for a cooperative project with the United States of America, acting by and through the Department of Navy to acquire in fee 955± acres of land for the protection of grasslands, oak woodlands, coastal sage scrub, and vernal pools that support threatened and endangered species and to support the preservation of wildlife corridors and linkages, located in the community of Ramona in San Diego County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(c), and Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786 (b/c).]

**50. Sycuan Peak Ecological Reserve, Expansion 9 (Sloan Oram) \$1,746,000
San Diego County**

To consider the acquisition in fee of 163± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species and secure key regional wildlife linkages all consistent with the San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan, a joint Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan, located in the community of Dehesa, in San Diego County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c).]

51. Director's Report

52. Executive Session (Not Open to the Public)

The Board may meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(a)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee. After closed session, the Board will reconvene in public session, which may include announcements about actions taken during closed session.

Adjourn

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