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Minutes

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The Wildlife Conservation Board met via teleconference on December 17, 2002, at 4:00 P.M. at the Department of Fish and Game, 1416 Ninth Street, Conference Room 1206, Sacramento, California.

1. Roll Call

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD MEMBERS

Michael Flores, Chairman*
President, Fish and Game Commission
Robert C. Hight
Director, Department of Fish and Game
Annette Porini, Chief Deputy Director
Vice, B. Timothy Gage, Member
Director, Department of Finance

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AL Wright

Staff Present: Georgia Lipphardt, Assistant Executive Director*
Maureen Rivera, Executive Assistant*

Others Present: None

* Chairman Flores participated by telephone from his office at the State Capitol, Governor's Office, Sacramento, California. Ms. Lipphardt and Ms. Rivera participated by telephone from the Wildlife Conservation Board offices at 1807 13th Street, Sacramento, California.

Mr. Wright reported that the purpose of this meeting was to consider a fund shift of the following projects shown below in 2a. so that these projects may be funded from Prop 12 and Prop 40 funds instead of the General Fund, as proposed and originally approved by the Board. Referring to the projects shown below in 2c., Mr. Wright reported that these projects were completed and the remaining funds would be recovered and returned to the General Fund. Ms. Lipphardt clarified that there were also two amounts shown below in 2b. that were never allocated and that the Board is also requesting those amounts be released to the General Fund.

2. The Department of Finance issued Budget Letter 02-40 directing State Agencies, Departments, Boards and Commissions to take immediate action to generate General Fund savings for the current year budget. The Wildlife Conservation Board has identified contracts and/or grants that can be funded with alternative funds, unallocated amounts that can be reverted and unexpended project balances that can be recovered to the General Fund as shown below.

a. The following chart lists a variety of Board approved projects that are in various stages of completion. This proposal is to shift funds from the General Fund to the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (5096.350), also called Proposition 12 funds or the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (5096.650), also called Proposition 40 funds, as shown in the chart below:

Project Name and County	Board Approval Date	General Fund Amount	Shift to Fund
WHR, Moss Landing, Monterey County	5/23/02	\$655,000.00	5096.650 (Proposition 40)
RHR, Sacramento River, Pine Creek Unit, Glenn County	2/27/02	\$774,852.92	5096.650 (Proposition 40)
Scott River Watershed Fish Screening, Siskiyou County	2/27/02	\$354,217.79	5096.650 (Proposition 40)
Big Break Fishing Pier, Contra Costa County	5/23/02	\$500,000.00	5096.350 (a)(5) (Proposition 12)
Alberhill Conservation Area, Riverside County	11/28/01	\$4,165,000.00	5096.650 (Proposition 40)
Monrovia Wilderness Preserve, Los Angeles County	5/23/02	\$403,407.00	5096.650 (Proposition 40)
Old Dutch Cleanser Mine, Kern County	8/30/01	\$305,000.00	5096.650 (Proposition 40)
WHR, Suisun Marsh, Solano County	5/23/02	\$428,803.60	5096.650 (Proposition 40)
Rancho Corral de Tierra, San Mateo County	11/22/02	\$5,003,000.00	5096.350 (a)(5) (Proposition 12)
Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center, Orange County	2/27/02	\$595,050.90	5096.350 (a)(3) (Proposition 12)
Petaluma Marsh WLA (Bahia Wetlands), Marin County	8/22/02	\$4,505,774.00	5096.350(a)(5) (Proposition 12)
Buena Vista Lagoon WLA, Exp. #3, San Diego County	2/23/01	\$298,662.00	5096.650 (Proposition 40)
TOTAL FUND SHIFT		\$17,988,768.21	

- b. The following General Fund monies from the Board's 2000-01 Budget were never allocated by the Board and can be released to the General Fund:

Unallocated Land Conservation Matching Grants Program	\$301,573
Unallocated Wetlands Projects	<u>\$263,000</u>
TOTAL RELEASE	\$564,573

- c. The projects listed on the chart below were previously authorized by the Board, are now completed and have fund balances that can be recovered and returned to the General Fund. The following totals can be recovered and the projects closed as follows:

Project Name	Board Approval Date	Balance Available for Recovery
North Lake Tahoe Public Access Disposal, Placer County	2/27/02	\$3,000.00
Hollenbeck Canyon WLA, Exp #1, San Diego County	2/23/01	\$281,000.00
Madera Farmland Conservation Area, Phase II, Madera County	5/23/02	\$9,620.00
San Timoteo Canyon, Riverside County	5/23/02	\$2,000.00
Dillonwood Grove, Tulare County	8/30/01	\$73,765.00
San Jacinto WLA, Exp. #14, Riverside County	5/18/01	\$42,661.44
Big River Conservation Area, Mendocino County	8/30/01	\$3,055.18
Upper Cosumnes River Basin, Exp # 1, El Dorado County	2/27/02	\$3,765.00
Bixby Ranch, Exp # 1, Monterey County	5/23/02	\$5,000.00
Howe Creek Conservation Area, Humboldt County	5/23/02	\$5,486.00
East Merced Vernal Pool and Exp # 1, Merced County	5/18/01	\$474,730.20
East Merced Vernal Pool, Exp # 4, Merced County	11/28/01	\$10,233.87
East Merced Vernal Pool, Exp # 5, Merced County	5/23/02	\$20,015.10
Project Planning Account	5/18/01+	\$71,687.12
TOTAL RECOVERY		\$1,006,018.91

Staff recommended that the above redirections, releases and recoveries be approved resulting in a combined General Fund savings for the current year of **\$19,559,360.12**.

It was moved by Mr. Robert Hight that the Board approve the above redirections, releases and recoveries resulting in a combined General Fund savings for the current year of \$19,559,360.12. Motion carried.

3. Other Business

Ms. Annette Porini announced that she will be leaving the Department of Finance to work in the Senate, therefore, this would be her last Board meeting. Chairman Flores, Mr. Hight and Mr. Wright expressed their appreciation for her work with the Board and extended their best wishes to her.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Wright
Executive Director