NOTICE OF MEETING

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

September 3, 2015
10:00 AM
1/ Natural Resources Auditorium
Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

1. Roll Call

2. Funding Status - Informational

3. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4 - 22)


*5. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar
1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities; more information on page xii.
*6. Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Expansion (Manner) $350,000.00
Shasta County

To consider the acquisition in fee of 13± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife as an addition to the Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area to provide additional access for wildlife oriented public opportunities located near Cottonwood, in Shasta County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of land for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife compatible recreational activities. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

*7. Epperson Place Ranch Conservation Easement $403,000.00
Colusa County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Rangeland Trust for a cooperative project with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to assist with the acquisition of a conservation easement over 1,547± acres of land to protect and sustain the rangeland, grazing land, grassland, working landscapes, wildlife habitat, and watersheds near Bear Valley in Colusa 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)]

*8. Keegan Ranch Conservation Easement $328,500.00
Colusa County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Rangeland Trust for a cooperative project with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to assist with the acquisition of a conservation easement over 2,507± acres of land to protect and sustain the rangeland, grazing land, grassland, working landscapes, wildlife habitat, and watersheds near Bear Valley in Colusa 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)]

*9. Yolo County HCP/NCCP Development, Phase III $462,500.00
Yolo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Yolo Habitat Conservancy to finalize an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for a Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan covering the entire County of Yolo. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized
uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for grants that implement or assist in the establishment of NCCPs. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c) (SB8)]

*10. McCune and Cronin Habitat Enhancement  
Solano County  
$375,000.00  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Solano Resource Conservation District, for a cooperative project with the Landowners, the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Center for Land-based Learning, to enhance 21± acres of riparian habitat on two privately owned properties, one located approximately five miles north of Rio Vista, and the second approximately four miles southeast of Winters, in Solano County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for projects to assist farmers in integrating agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration and wildlife protection. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(d)(4)]

*11. Maxwell Conservation Easement Transfer  
Fresno County  
$0.00  
To consider the acceptance of a conservation easement over 15± acres of land, held for mitigation purposes by the Sierra Foothill Conservancy, to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the continued protection of habitat and to prevent any use of the Property that will significantly impair or interfere with the conservation values of the Property, located in the city of Auberry in Fresno 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 to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species.

*12. San Joaquin River Parkway, Spano River Ranch, Habitat Enhancement  
Fresno County  
$550,000.00  
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 restore and enhance 51± acres of upland, riparian, and wetland habitats on the SJRC’s Spano River Ranch property, located one mile downstream of the State Route 41 bridge within the City of Fresno in 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)]

*13. Southern Sierra Nevada Mountains, Cummings Kern County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to acquire a conservation easement over 1,019± acres of land for the protection of native oak woodlands and rolling grasslands and to support habitat linkages and corridors between existing protected lands, located 25 miles southeast of Bakersfield and eleven miles northwest of the city center of Tehachapi in Kern 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)]

*14. Puma Canyon, Expansion 6 San Bernardino County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Transition Habitat Conservancy to acquire 6± acres of land, to conserve lower montane chaparral and woodland habitat for the benefit of deer, mountain lion and other wildlife species, located in Puma Canyon on the lower northern slopes of the San Bernardino Mountains, near the community of Pinon Hills in San Bernardino 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 to protect deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]

*15. Shay Meadows Conservation Area Expansion 2 (Whitcher) San Bernardino County

To consider the allocation of a grant to the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust (SBMLT) and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Land Acquisition Grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the SBMLT to acquire in fee 5± acres of land for the protection and preservation of wet meadow and seasonal pond habitat supporting State and federally listed species, located near the community of Big Bear City, east of Big Bear Lake in San Bernardino County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitats that are critical to the sustainability of threatened or endangered species. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and
Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

*16. Shay Meadows Conservation Area Expansion 3 (Smith) San Bernardino County

To consider the allocation of a grant to the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust (SBMLT) and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Land Acquisition Grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the SBMLT to acquire in fee 3± acres of land for the protection and preservation of wet meadow and seasonal pond habitat supporting State and federally listed species, located near the community of Big Bear City, east of Big Bear Lake in San Bernardino County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitats that are critical to the sustainability of threatened or endangered species. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 17), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

*17. SR-91 Wildlife Underpass Design Riverside County

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to complete the design work for the replacement of an existing box tunnel with a bridge to facilitate wildlife crossing at a Caltrans Right of Way on SR-91, located approximately 0.7 miles west of the Green River Road Interchange in the City of Corona in Riverside County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which 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. Western Riverside MSHCP (2012) - Dyer/Wynn Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (Authority), as well as to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the Authority, to acquire in fee 20± acres of land in western Riverside County located near the city of Lake Elsinore in Riverside 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; and which allows for the acquisition of habitat on which unique species or natural communities exist. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117) Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

*19. Western Riverside MSHCP (2012) - McCormick
Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (Authority), as well as to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the Authority, to acquire in fee 5± acres of land in western Riverside County located near Murrieta in Riverside 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; and which allows for the acquisition of habitat on which unique species or natural communities exist. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117) Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

*20. Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area Expansion 5
San Diego County

To consider the acquisition in fee of 391± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife CDFW for a cooperative project with San Diego Association of Governments, for the protection of core wildlife linkages and habitat that supports key populations of the endangered quino checkerspot butterfly as an expansion to the Hollenbeck Wildlife Area located near the community of Jamul approximately 20 miles east of downtown San Diego. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened and fully protected species. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

*21. Lucky 5 Ranch, Phase II
San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Anza-Borrego Foundation for a cooperative project with the San Diego Association of Governments, The Nature Conservancy, and the Resources Legacy Fund to acquire in fee 1,129± acres of land for the protection of habitat that supports endangered species, promotes the preservation of habitat linkages and corridors between existing protected lands, and offers the potential to provide for wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located near the community of Cuyamaca 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)]

22. Sycuan Peak Ecological Reserve, Expansion 5
San Diego County

$77,650.00

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant to assist with the acquisition in fee of 77± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the protection of core areas of habitat to support threatened and endangered species and to secure key regional wildlife linkages all consistent with an existing Multiple Species Conservation Plan, a joint Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan, located near the City of El Cajon 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; and which allows for the acquisition of habitat on which unique species or natural communities naturally exist. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

23. Pine Creek Linkages (Rose Ranch)
Tehama County

$1,547,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to the Northern California Regional Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to acquire a conservation easement over 5,545± acres to provide protection for deer, mountain lion, and oak habitats north of the town of Chico in Tehama 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 to protect deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]

24. Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area
Cherokee Farms, Exp. 7
Butte County

$2,640,000.00

To consider the acquisition in fee of 255± acres of land by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, as an expansion to the Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area (UBBWA) supporting wetland habitat. The property will provide habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds and riparian songbirds and will contribute to the public use and other management objectives of the UBBWA including water management. The property is located near Biggs in Butte County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding sources that allow for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species and to also acquire wetlands to protect or enhance a
flood protection corridor or bypass in the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c) (Proposition 1E); Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d)(IWCP) (Proposition 1E), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program]

25. Brush Creek Conservation Easement (Miller Trust), Mendocino County

To consider the allocation of a grant to the Mendocino Land Trust to acquire a conservation easement over 2,018± acres of land for the conservation and protection of managed forest lands and forest reserve areas that include Douglas fir, old growth redwood, riparian corridors, coastal watersheds and riverine habitats, and support salmonids and other rare wildlife species, located east of Point Arena, in Mendocino 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)]

26. Ten Mile River - Parker Ranch, Mendocino County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy to acquire a conservation easement on 2,554± acres of native forest habitats, including redwood, Douglas fir and Grand fir forest in the upland zones, and mature red alder forest within the riparian zone along the Ten Mile River located near Fort Bragg in Mendocino 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)]
27. Feather River Wildlife Area, Riparian Habitat Restoration
   Abbott Lake Unit, Augmentation
   Sutter County
   $620,000.00

To consider the allocation for an augmentation to an existing grant to River Partners for a partnership project with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to restore approximately 150± acres of riparian habitat and enhance remnant riparian forest habitat on the Abbott Lake Unit of the Feather River Wildlife Area, located approximately seven miles south of Yuba City on the west bank of the Feather River in Sutter County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the development, rehabilitation, restoration, acquisition and protection of habitat that promotes recovery of threatened and endangered species and protects significant natural landscapes and ecosystems. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)]

28. Blue-Ridge Berryessa CAPP, Smittle Creek
   Napa County
   $1,420,000.00

To consider the allocation of a grant to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire 443± acres of land for the protection and preservation of deer, mountain lion, and oak woodland habitat and existing regional wildlife linkages, located west of Lake Berryessa in Napa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding sources, which allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat to protect deer and mountain lions and also prevent habitat fragmentation, and to protect significant natural landscapes and ecosystems and other significant habitat areas. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a) and the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

29. Summers Meadow
   Mono County
   $1,345,000.00

To consider the acquisition in fee for a cooperative project with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to acquire in fee 2,036± acres of rangeland including wet meadow, chaparral and sagebrush scrub habitat areas supporting deer, mountain lion, Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep and the greater sage grouse, located near the community of Bridgeport in Mono 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 to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]
30. Santa Cruz Mountains Linkages, Coyote Ridge (NCCP), Santa Clara County $2,710,000.00

To consider the allocation for a tax credit to United Technologies Corporation for a cooperative project with Santa Clara Open Space Authority, US Fish and Wildlife Services, Bureau of Reclamation, California State Parks, California Coastal Conservancy, the Resources Legacy Fund, and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to acquire 1,831± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered species, provide movement corridors and connectivity, and provide wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located near Morgan Hill in Santa Clara 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)]

31. San Joaquin River Parkway, San Joaquin Hatchery Public Access and Trail, Augmentation II Fresno County $850,000.00

To consider the allocation for an augmentation to an existing grant to the California Department of Water Resources to improve public fishing access and enhance riparian habitat on the San Joaquin River and to improve recreational access to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s San Joaquin Fish Hatchery (Hatchery) within the San Joaquin River Parkway, located on the south bank of the San Joaquin River about one quarter mile downstream of the Road 206 bridge in the town of Friant in Fresno County. 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)]

32. Carmel River, San Clemente Dam Removal, Augmentation Monterey County $1,000,000.00

To consider the allocation for an amendment to an existing grant to the State Coastal Conservancy for a cooperative project with California American Water (CAW), the California Department of Fish and Game, the California Natural Resources Agency, the Open River Initiative, the Innovative Readiness Training Program, the Coastal Impact Assistance Program and private foundations to remove the San Clemente Dam and reroute a half-mile portion of the Carmel River, located approximately 18 miles from the Pacific Ocean on CAW property.
in Monterey County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and protection of habitat to promote the recovery of rare and endangered species, and to provide wildlife corridors and significant natural landscapes, ecosystems and habitat areas. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650(a)]

33. Elkhorn Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration  
Monterey County  
$980,000.00

To consider the allocation for a 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, U.S. 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 source, which allows for the acquisition, enhancement or restoration of wetlands outside the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d), Wetlands Outside the Central Valley]

34. Cienega Springs  
Ventura County  
$7,545,000.00

To consider the acquisition in fee of 282± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and to accept settlement funds from the U.S. Department of the Interior Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund for the protection of threatened and endangered species, riparian and floodplain habitat along the Santa Clara River and to provide wildlife oriented public use opportunities associated with CDFW's Filmore Fish Hatchery located near Filmore in Ventura 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, to protect or enhance a flood protection corridor or bypass. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c) (Proposition 1E)]

35. Malibu Creek Rindge Dam Removal, Planning  
Los Angeles County  
$610,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for a cooperative project with the United States Army Corp of Engineers, State Coastal Conservancy/Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Los Angeles
County, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and Mountains Restoration Trust to complete the combined Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the removal of the Rindge Dam, located two miles north of City of Malibu in Los Angeles County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, protection and restoration of coastal watersheds and adjacent lands in Los Angeles, Ventura or Santa Barbara Counties. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79572(a)] and Water Code Section 79572(b)]

36. Buena Vista Ecological Reserve (MacHutchin) 
San Diego County 

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Buena Vista Audubon Society to acquire in fee 4± acres of coastal wetlands located near Oceanside 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, protection and restoration of coastal wetlands identified in the Southern California Coastal Wetlands Inventory, located within the coastal zone, other wetlands connected and proximate to such coastal wetlands and upland areas adjacent and proximate to such coastal wetlands. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79572(a)]

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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