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NOTICE OF MEETING

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

November 19, 2015
10:00 AM
1/ State Capitol, Room 3191
Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status - Informational
3. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4 - 12)
- *4. Approval of Minutes – September 3, 2015 and September 29, 2015
- *5. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities; more information on page vii.

- *6. Cameron Meadows Phase II, \$10,000.00
El Dorado County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the County of El Dorado to acquire in fee ±22 acres of land for the protection of mixed chaparral habitat that supports six special status plant species and provides important, breeding, foraging, and migration corridors for terrestrial wildlife species, song birds and raptors, adjacent to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Cameron Park Unit of the Pine Hill Ecological Preserve in western El Dorado 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)].

- *7. Cullinan Ranch Tidal Restoration Enhancement, \$399,000.00
Solano/Napa County

To consider the allocation of a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. and acceptance of a federal reimbursable grant from the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program (NCWGP) for up to \$399,000.00, for a cooperative project with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to enhance ±1,575 acres of tidal marsh and uplands, located just north of Highway 37, on the Cullinan Ranch Unit of the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge, two miles west of the City of Vallejo, in Solano and Napa Counties. 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, upland areas adjacent to coastal wetlands and coastal watershed lands within the San Francisco Bay Area. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79572(c)].

- *8. Upper Mission Creek/Big Morongo Canyon \$43,500.00
Conservation Area, Expansion 7,
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 Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC), and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the CVCC, to acquire in fee ±20 acres of land for the protection of habitat essential for the recovery of federal and state endangered species within the Coachella Valley Multi-Species Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan area, located in the city of Thousand Palms in Riverside 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)].

- *9. Western Riverside MSHCP (2012) - Caramello, \$50,000.00
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 ±10 acres of land located in the Community of Teneja in western 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)].

- *10. Western Riverside MSHCP (2014/2015) - Bautista, \$846,200.00
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 (WCB) grant to the Authority, to acquire in fee ±2,838 acres of land located in the City of Hemet in western 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)].

- *11. Willow Hole Conservation Area, Expansion 2, \$31,250.00
Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC), and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the CVCC, to acquire in fee ±29 acres of land for the protection habitat essential for recovery of threatened and endangered species the Coachella Valley Multi-Species Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan area, located in the

city of Desert Hot Springs in Riverside 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)].

- *12. San Diego County Multiple Species Conservation Plan \$10,000.00
(Skyline 244),
San Diego 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 Endangered Habitats Conservancy to acquire in fee ±244 acres of land for the protection of core habitat and linkage areas in the South County Subarea of the San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Program, located near the town 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 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. East Contra Costa County NCCP/HCP (Nunn), \$2,742,400.00
Contra Costa 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 East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (ECCCHC), and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the ECCCHC for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District to acquire in fee ±646 acres of land for the protection of habitat in the northeastern region of the East Contra Costa County Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan, in and near the community of Knightsen, in Contra Costa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat for areas in and around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that assist 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)].

14. San Joaquin River Parkway, Ball Ranch (Quarry Site), \$4,030,000.00
Fresno County

To consider the acquisition in fee of ±122 acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the eventual transfer of jurisdiction of the property by CDFW to the San Joaquin River Conservancy for the protection of riparian and oak woodland habitat and for future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, within the San Joaquin River Parkway located along the west side of Friant Road in Fresno County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for protection of San Joaquin River Parkway lands and projects as 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)].

15. Big Creek Reserve Facility Improvements, Phase II, \$2,558,270.00
Monterey County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Regents of the University of California for a project to improve research facilities at Landels Hill-Big Creek Natural Reserve, located five miles north of Lucia on SR 1, in Monterey County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for grants to the University of California for the Natural Reserve System for the construction and development of facilities that will be used for research and training to improve the management of natural lands and the preservation of California's wildlife resources. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)(3)].

16. Big Sky Natural Area CAPP - Alamos Canyon, \$1,852,126.00
Ventura County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for a cooperative project with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the California Natural Resources Agency to acquire in fee ±326 acres of wildlife habitat, including large areas of riparian and aquatic habitat, grasslands and oak woodlands, located near Simi Valley in Ventura 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 accomplishes one or more of the following objectives: promotes recovery of threatened and endangered species, protects habitat corridors, protects significant natural landscapes and ecosystems, such as oak woodlands, and riparian and wetland areas. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)]

17. Middle Owens Valley Perennial Pepperweed Removal, \$730,000.00
Mono/Inyo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Inyo and Mono Counties Agricultural Commissioner's Office, for a cooperative project with U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to control invasive perennial pepperweed on a total of ±14 acres, thereby enhancing native habitat on ±10,000 acres on publicly owned land jointly managed by BLM, DWP, and CDFW, located approximately 7 miles north of Bishop, in Inyo and Mono Counties. 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. Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project, \$10,000,000.00
Phase II,
Imperial County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a project to restore ±640 acres of wetland habitat, located seven miles northwest of the City of Westmorland, on the edge of the Salton Sea at the terminus of the New River, in Imperial County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding sources, which allow for the acquisition, protection and restoration of land and water resources necessary to meet state obligations for regulatory requirements related to California's allocation of water supplies from the Colorado River including restoration of the Salton Sea and related activities. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79568(a)] and acquisitions, grants or other activities that directly restore the Salton Sea and its transboundary watersheds. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79565, (Fish and Game Code Section 2932.2)].

19. Imperial Wildlife Area Wetland Restoration, Phase II, \$750,000.00
Imperial County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

(CDFW) to restore and enhance ±150 acres of wetlands, located on CDFW land four miles northwest of Niland, in Imperial 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].

20. Appraisal Review and Disclosure Policy Report Informational

To report the effectiveness of the Appraisal Review and Disclosure Policy previously adopted by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

21. Procedures for Grant Augmentations Informational

To report on procedures for evaluating requests for augmentations to existing grants.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITES

Persons with disabilities needing reasonable accommodation to participate in public meetings or other CDFW activities are invited to contact the Department's Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator Melissa Carlin at (916) 651-1214 or Melissa.Carlin@wildlife.ca.gov. Reasonable Accommodation requests for facility and/or meeting accessibility should be received by November 9, 2015. Requests for American Sign Language Interpreters should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event, and requests for Real-Time Captioners at least four weeks prior to the event. These timeframes are to help ensure that the requested accommodation is met. If a request for an accommodation has been submitted but is no longer needed, please contact the Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator immediately.