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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

February 24, 2016
10:00 a.m.

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

Preliminary Agenda Items

Item Number

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status — Informational
3. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4 – 13)
- *4. Approval of Minutes
- *5. Recovery of Funds

*Proposed Consent Calendar

***6. Shaver Lake Ramp Extension and Shade Pavilions
Fresno County
\$410,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the County of Fresno for a project to extend an existing boat launch and provide shade pavilions for boaters, located in the City of Shaver Lake on privately-owned land, approximately 45 miles northeast of the City of Fresno, in Fresno County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows 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. Ventura River Oak Woodland Restoration
Ventura County
\$200,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy for a cooperative project with Ventura County to restore 20± acres of coast live oak savanna and woodland habitat adjacent to the Ventura River on the Ventura River Preserve, located approximately one mile west of the City of Ojai in Ventura County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the preservation of native oak woodland habitat pursuant to the Oak Woodlands Conservation Act (Fish and Game Code Section 1360 et seq.). [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(d)(2)]

***8. Climate Resiliency Planning for the South Coast Ecoregion
Various Counties
\$265,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Diego State University Research Foundation for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to establish management approaches that maintain landscape connectivity and support biodiversity conservation throughout the South Coast Ecoregion in San Diego, Riverside, Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Santa Barbara Counties. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which can be used for the development of scientific data, habitat mapping and other research information necessary to determine the priorities for restoration and acquisition statewide. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)]

***9. Santa Cruz Sandhills, Zayante, (Bias)
Santa Cruz County
\$10,000.00**

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 Land Trust of Santa Cruz County to acquire in fee 11± acres of land for the protection of

habitat essential to the long term recovery of several state and federally endangered species, located adjacent to the community of Felton in Santa Cruz County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source which allows for acquisition of land 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)]

***10. Upper Mission Creek/Big Morongo Canyon Conservation Area
Expansion 7
Riverside County
\$66,250.00**

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 39± acres of land for the protection of blowsand habitat for sensitive sand dependent species within 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)]

***11. Sycuan Peak Ecological Reserve, Expansion 6
San Diego County
\$25,530.00**

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Land Acquisition grant to assist with the acquisition in fee of 2± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the preservation and protection of habitat to protect rare, threatened, endangered and fully protected species to enhance the existing Multiple Species Conservation Plan, a joint Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan, located in 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; 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)]

***12. Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area
Expansion 6
San Diego County
\$282,720.00**

To consider the acquisition in fee of 185± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the protection of core wildlife linkages and endangered species habitat, located near the community of Jamul in San Diego

County. 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; 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)]

***13. San Diego Mountain Ranch
San Diego County
\$10,000.00**

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Recovery Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to Back Country Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Trust for Public Land, San Diego Association of Governments, the U.S. Department of the Navy, USFWS and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to acquire a total of 982± acres of land for the protection of habitat for threatened and endangered species and key wildlife corridor connectivity located in Campo Valley near the community of Campo in San Diego County. The purposes of this project are consistent with 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)]

**14. Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area, (Manner)
Shasta County
\$350,000.00**

To reconsider the acquisition in fee of 13± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide improved access for wildlife oriented public opportunities located near the community of 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)]

**15. Eel River Peninsula, Phase II
(Foster Mountain), (Garcia Creek), (Summer Camp)
Mendocino County
\$3,530,000.00**

To consider the acquisition of three separate conservation easements by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) under the California Forest Legacy Program Act of 2007 totaling 15,620± acres and the allocation of a grant to CALFIRE by the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) of up to \$3,500,000.00 to assist with the acquisition. The easements will protect significant forest, natural, ecological and open space conservation values on lands located near the City of Willits in Mendocino County. The purposes of these projects 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)]

16. **Willow Bend,
Colusa County
\$430,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners to acquire in fee 24± acres of land for the protection of riparian habitat including elderberry shrubs and habitat for Swainson's hawks, located on the Sacramento River near the City of Colusa in Colusa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species and 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)]

17. **Epperson Place Ranch Conservation Easement
Colusa County
\$407,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Rangeland Trust for a cooperative project with the Natural Resource Conservation Services to acquire a conservation easement over 1,547± acres of land for the protection of oak woodlands, deer and mountain lion habitat, watersheds, and wildlife corridors located in 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)]

18. **Keegan Ranch Conservation Easement
Colusa County
\$332,500.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Rangeland Trust for a cooperative project with the Natural Resource Conservation Services to acquire a conservation easement over 2,507± acres of land for the protection of oak woodlands, deer and mountain lion habitat, watersheds, and wildlife corridors located in 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)]

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

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Regents of the University of California to improve research facilities at Landels-Hill Big Creek Natural Reserve, located on State Route 1, five miles north of the community of Lucia 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)]

**20. Santa Clara River Riparian Restoration
Ventura County
\$1,010,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for a cooperative project with the California State Coastal Conservancy and the Santa Clara River Trustee Council to remove non-native invasive plants and restore riparian habitat, on TNC's Hanson property, located two miles southwest of the City of Santa Paula in Ventura 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)]

**21. Shelter Island Boat Launch Replacement
San Diego County
\$3,350,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Diego Unified Port District (District) for a cooperative project with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways to replace the Shelter Island Boat Ramp, located on land held and maintained in a public trust by the District, located in the City of San Diego in San Diego County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows 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)]

**22. Tijuana Estuary Tidal Restoration
Planning and Design
San Diego County
\$895,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association for a cooperative project with the California State Coastal Conservancy, the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve to complete environmental analysis, permitting and design for Phase I restoration of the Tijuana Estuary, located on DPR's Border Field State Park within the Cities of Imperial Beach and San Diego 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)]

**23. Staff Report- 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.

24. Resolutions