

Quarterly Project Report

Project Name: Determining the habitat connectivity of tule elk in the Northern San Joaquin Valley, California

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Since funding was granted, work on the project has been progressing as planned. The first year of the project was dedicated to purchasing equipment and filing capture related paperwork. In the third quarter I have:

- Received the GPS collars purchased through DGS.
- Completed the collar purchase with RMEF funds.
- Turned in donation paperwork to receive RMEF collars.
- Purchased capture drugs for ground darting captures.
- Submitted the finalized State Parks use permit.
- Submitted a Communications Plan with IT Branch.
- Met with UC Davis geneticist about sample collection procedures and techniques.
- Resubmitted the helicopter capture plan for the fall capture.
- Completed ground darting capture plan.
- Meeting with additional landowners regarding access.

The main capture is scheduled for early November 2015 and the ground darting captures will start in the spring due to delays with the capture plan format and purchasing capture drugs.

Spending to-date	FY 14/15	Fund Source: LMAC	\$152,900.00
Item	Qty (If applicable)	Cost	Balance
Remote Trail Cameras	20	(\$4,404.32)	\$148,495.68
Biological Sampling Supplies		(\$435.72)	\$148,059.96
GPS Collars	40	(\$121,930.00)	\$26,129.96

No spending has yet occurred with the FY 15/16 funds.

Spending to-date		Fund Source: RMEF	\$20,000.00
Item	Qty (If applicable)	Cost	Balance
GPS Collars (Projected)	5	(\$16,969.00)	\$3,031.00
Capture drugs	3 kits	(\$816.00)	\$2,215.00

The remaining LMAC funds from FY 14/15 will be needed for the fall helicopter capture. When the proposal was written, WIL had given me a cost of \$1,000/animal. The cost is now approximately \$1,400/animal.