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## **Notice of Meeting**

### **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**

June 2, 2016  
10:00 a.m.  
California State Capitol, Room 437  
Sacramento, California 95814

#### **Preliminary Agenda Items**

Item Number

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status — Informational
3. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4 – 18)
- \*4. Approval of Minutes
- \*5. Recovery of Funds

**\*6. Contracts Executed by the Executive Director  
Informational**

Recent non-controversial operational contracts entered into by Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) staff pursuant to the authorization provided by the Board on February 24, 2016.

**\*7 Placer County Oest Ranch Oak Woodlands Conservation Easement,  
Expansion 1  
Placer County  
\$495,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Placer Land Trust to acquire a conservation easement over 77± acres of land for the protection of native oak woodland habitat and for the protection and preservation of sensitive biological resources located near the City of Auburn in Placer County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding sources, such as 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) and 75055(b)]

**\*8. Sheep Ranch Conservation Easement, Expansion 4  
Calaveras County  
\$270,000.00**

To consider the acquisition of a conservation easement over 155± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the protection of habitat, including native oak woodlands, for the benefit of deer and mountain lions located near Arnold in Calaveras 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. East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP (Hanson Hills)  
Contra Costa County  
\$10,000.00**

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to sub-grant these federal funds to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District to acquire 76± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing regional wildlife linkages, including grassland and oak woodland savannah habitat areas within the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan, located in the Diablo Mountain Range, west of the City of Brentwood in Contra Costa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that 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)]

**\*10 Alameda County Stock Pond Enhancement, Phase II**

**Alameda County**

**\$85,800.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Alameda County Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with the landowners and the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, to restore two livestock ponds in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. 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 Santa Cruz Integrated Watershed Restoration, Watsonville Slough**

**Santa Cruz County**

**\$340,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County for a cooperative project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California State Coastal Conservancy, the Watsonville Wetlands Watch and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County to restore riparian and wetland habitat on privately owned land in areas critical to special status amphibian and fish species in Santa Cruz 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, provides corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent fragmentation, protects significant natural landscapes and ecosystems such as riparian and wetland areas, 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)]

**\*12 State Lands Lease-PRC 9174.9**

**Fresno County**

**\$0.00**

To consider a proposal to authorize the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to execute a lease with the California State Lands Commission to use and maintain an existing storm drain outfall and to construct, use, and maintain a volitional release pipeline and apron in association with the proposed Salmon Conservation and Research Facility located near Friant on the San Joaquin River in Fresno County.

**\*13. Bufford Ranch Conservation Easement, Expansion 1**

**Kern County**

**\$214,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Rangeland Trust to acquire a conservation easement over 261± acres of land to preserve, protect and sustain the rangeland, grazing land, grassland, working landscapes, wildlife habitat, and watersheds located approximately 12 miles south of Lake Isabella in Kern County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the protection of grazing land pursuant to the California Rangeland, Grazing Land and Grassland Protection Act (Public Resources Code Section 10330 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)(1)]

**\*14. Puma Canyon, Expansion 7**

**San Bernardino County**

**\$105,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Transition Habitat Conservancy for a cooperative project with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to acquire 20± 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, near the community of Phelan in western 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 2786(a)]

**\*15. Canada de San Vicente Ecological Reserve, Expansion 1**

**San Diego County**

**\$370,000.00**

To consider the acquisition in fee of 169± 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 Lakeside 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)]

**\*16. Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area, Expansion 7 and 8**

**San Diego County**

**\$369,240.00**

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 141± acres of land from two separate landowners 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 these projects are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding sources, which allow for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species; and which allow 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)]

**\*17. Sycuan Peak Ecological Reserve, Expansion 7**

**San Diego County**

**\$32,000.00**

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 10± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the preservation and protection of habitat to protect rare, threatened, endangered and fully protected species, located near 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)]

**\*18. San Joaquin River Parkway, Ball Ranch Habitat Restoration Planning Project, Fresno County  
\$28,045.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy (Conservancy) to assess environmental conditions and complete a plan and environmental review to restore habitat on the Conservancy's Ball Ranch property located 4.5± miles downstream of Friant Dam in Fresno County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding sources, which allow for multi-benefit water quality, water supply, and watershed protection and restoration projects located within the boundaries of the San Joaquin River Parkway. [Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), California Water Code Section 79731(g)]

**19. Silver Spur Ranch  
Lake County  
\$440,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Tuleyome to acquire in fee 1,280± acres of land for the protection of habitat such as blue oak woodland, riparian areas, and chaparral, and to provide for potential future wildlife oriented public use opportunities located near Clearlake Oaks in Lake County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the development, rehabilitation, 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. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)]

**20 Rim Fire Forest Restoration  
Tuolumne County  
\$3,510,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Tuolumne River Preservation Trust for a cooperative project with the United States Forest Service (USFS) to restore or enhance habitat and to install infrastructure to benefit wildlife on areas decimated by the Rim Fire, located within the USFS Stanislaus National Forest approximately 20 miles east of Sonora in Tuolumne County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for promoting 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)]

**21. San Joaquin River Parkway, Milburn Pond Habitat Restoration and Public Access Improvements Planning and Design Project  
Fresno County**

**\$438,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Water Resources for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the San Joaquin River Conservancy to conduct planning and preliminary design for the isolation of a gravel pit from the San Joaquin River, restore riparian and floodplain habitat, and provide public access on the Milburn Unit of the CDFW San Joaquin River Ecological Reserve and the CDFW Hansen Farm property located within the Fresno city limits, located approximately four miles upstream of State Route 99 in Fresno County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding sources, which allow for multi-benefit water quality, water supply, and watershed protection and restoration projects located within the boundaries of the San Joaquin River Parkway. [Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), California Water Code Section 79731(g)]

**22. Badger Almond Wetland Enhancement  
Kern County**

**\$663,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to restore and enhance 356± acres of wetlands within the historical bed of Goose Lake in northwest Kern County, located approximately six miles southeast of Lost Hills, CA. 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 in the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program].

**23. Kern National Wildlife Refuge Recirculation Project  
Kern County**

**\$1,308,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to restore and enhance 80± acres of wetlands and to construct water recirculation infrastructure, located on the USFWS Kern National Wildlife Refuge within the bed of the historical Goose Lake in northwest Kern County, six miles southeast of Lost Hills, CA. 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 in the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program].

**24. Upper Devereux Slough Restoration  
Santa Barbara County  
\$3,820,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the University of California, Santa Barbara to restore 136± acres of slough, wetland, transitional, and upland habitats in portions of the historic northern extent of Devereux Slough, located adjacent to the southern city limits of Goleta in Santa Barbara 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)]

**25. Live Oak Canyon and Expansion 1  
Riverside County  
\$978,500.00**

To consider the allocation of two grants, one to the Western Riverside County - Regional Conservation Authority and one to the City of Redlands for cooperative projects with Western Riverside County-Regional Conservation Authority, the Riverside Land Conservancy, and the City of Redlands to acquire a total of 162± acres of land from two separate landowners in Riverside and San Bernardino County. The acquisitions will protect habitat essential for the recovery of threatened and endangered species in the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. The purposes of these projects 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)]

**26. Western Riverside MSHCP (2012) – Riverpark  
Riverside County  
\$818,500.00**

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 108± acres of land near the City of Lakeview 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)]

**27. Red Hill Bay Shallow Water Habitat  
Imperial County  
\$1,850,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Imperial Irrigation District to restore 600± acres of shallow brackish water habitat in the Red Hill Bay area of the Salton Sea, located 15 miles northwest of Brawley in Imperial 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 land and water resources necessary to meet state obligations for regulatory requirements related to California's allocation of water supplies from the Colorado River. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79568(a)]

**28. Chollas Creek, Riparian Restoration – Planning  
San Diego County  
\$970,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Urban Corps of San Diego County for a cooperative project with the City of San Diego to complete planning, design, environmental review and initial permitting to restore eight± acres of land on Chollas Creek, 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 acquisition, restoration or enhancement of riparian habitat and aquatic habitat for salmonids and trout to protect or enhance a flood protection corridor or bypass. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f)]

**29 Contract Authorization for Accounting Services  
Informational/Action**

This proposal is to consider delegating authority to the Executive Director of the WCB to execute a three-year interagency agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Accounting Services Branch to provide the WCB with professional accounting and fiscal support services.

**30. California Streamflow Enhancement Program  
Informational/Action**

The 2016/17 final Proposal Solicitation Notice (Solicitation) for the California Streamflow Enhancement Program will be presented to the Board for discussion and approval pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), authorized by the voters in November 2014.