



California Department of Fish & Wildlife

Upland Game Bird Account Project Proposal

Project Title: **Guzzler inspection, maintenance and repair**

This project proposal must clearly identify benefits to upland game birds, upland game bird hunting opportunities, or public hunting outreach (Fish and Game Code Section 3684c).

CDFG or Non-Governmental Organization project contact:

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Project start and completion dates by State Fiscal Year (July 1 – June 30): 10/01/2014 to 06/30/2015

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Region and location of proposed project: Public lands throughout Region 4

Objectives: State how this proposed project will maintain or enhance existing upland game bird resources.

Example: an additional Special Hunt, increased upland habitat acreage, opening of public land areas for upland game bird hunting opportunities, access to private lands, or resource assessments that will ensure resource perpetuation.

This project will inspect and maintain existing gallinaceous guzzlers throughout Fresno, Tulare, and Kern counties on public lands. Inspection will consist of site inspection, photographing the condition, and completing a report form to be input into the Central Region guzzler database. Repairs will be completed as required to catch and hold water. Inspection and repairs will be completed with the help of Regional staff and volunteers. We will target 40 guzzlers to be inspected and maintained.

Benefits: Describe benefits to upland game bird species, upland game bird public hunting opportunities, or public outreach and education relating to upland game bird hunting.

This project will benefit quail, chukar and other wildlife by maintaining and repairing existing guzzlers to provide a permanent water source in extremely arid areas within Region 4 where water is a limiting resource.

Schedule of project tasks: A brief project summary is required annually for multi year projects and a final project report by August 1st following the fiscal year of project completion. Please summarize your projected tasks by date:

Tasks	Start Date	Finish Date
Maintain and repair gallinaceous guzzlers	October 1, 2014	January 31, 2015
Inspect and light maintenance	February 1, 2015	June 30, 2015

Inspection and light maintenance of the units occurs in the spring after the rainy season when water levels can be monitored and problems identified. Maintenance includes removal of grass from around the apron, crack and fence repairs. Information from the inspection is entered into a database to prioritize units needing additional work. Maintenance and repair of guzzlers is completed in the fall and winter after the fire danger is over and cooler temperatures allow work to be completed throughout the day.

The following pages include tables that you may use to fill in your budget breakdown. Please feel free to generate your own tables, but all information must be included. Additional information such as area maps should also be included.

Requested Funding	
Item of Expense (salary & wages, equipment, supplies, etc)	Amount
Seasonal Wages	\$9,000.00
Replacement of equipment and materials for repairs	\$3,000.00
Fuel Costs	\$3,000.00
Total Requested Funding	\$15,000.00

Effectiveness evaluated: State the measurable products expected to result from this project and how the effectiveness will be evaluated.

An annual report detailing guzzler inspections, maintenance and repairs will be submitted following the end of the fiscal year. Additionally, annual quail brood count results and a hunt summary of the quail opener will be submitted from Fresno County.

List any CDFW personnel participation by name and classification:

Ben Lewis Environmental Scientist
Region 4 Upland Game Bird Seasonal Scientific Aid

Matching Funds	
Organization/Agency Name	% of Matching Funds and/or Volunteer Effort
Quail Forever Labor	\$10,000.00
Quail Forever Equipment	\$2,000.00
Quail Forever Fuel	\$3,000.00
Total Matching Funds	\$15,000.00

Total Project Funding	
Item of Expense (salary & wages, equipment, supplies, etc)	Amount
Total Requested Funding	\$15,000.00
Total Matching Funds	\$15,000.00
Total Project Costs	\$30,000.00