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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

November 16, 2016
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 112
Sacramento, California 95814

Preliminary Agenda Items

Item Number

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status — Informational
3. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4 – 14)
- *4. Approval of Minutes
- *5. Recovery of Funds

*Proposed Consent Calendar

***6. State Route 36, Buck Mountain Mitigation
Humboldt County
\$0.00**

To consider the acceptance of 155± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to satisfy an Army Corps of Engineers' requirement for a permit issued to the Federal Highway Administration for its State Route 36 Road Improvement project undertaken in 2013. The property is located near Dinsmore in Humboldt County.

***7. Smithneck Creek Wildlife Area Land Exchange
Sierra County
\$7,000.00**

To consider the exchange of 4± acres owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for 9± acres, owned by Sierra County to serve as an expansion to CDFW's Smithneck Creek Wildlife Area located near the town of Loyalton in Sierra 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)]

***8 Sutter Bypass Access Easements
Sutter County
\$0.00**

To consider the acquisition and grant of easements by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to provide access to and over property owned by CDFW, located near Knights Landing in Sutter County, as well as the quitclaim of any interest CDFW may have in a bridge spanning a portion of the Sacramento Slough that runs through the property.

***9 American Canyon
Napa County
\$0.00**

To consider the acceptance of 307± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to satisfy a United States Fish and Wildlife Service requirement for a permit issued to the Napa Valley Unified School District for the construction of the American Canyon High School and Middle School located in American Canyon in Napa County.

***10 Corte Madera Tidal Marsh Restoration
Marin County
\$260,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Marin Audubon Society for a cooperative project with the California State Coastal Conservancy and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore tidal marsh habitat including wetland-upland transition habitat on 6.1 acres of filled former tidal wetlands and create a contiguous, naturally functioning marsh connected with the existing historic and high marsh of the Corte Madera Ecological Reserve, in the City of Corte Madera in Marin 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, 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)]

***11. Irish Hills, Waddell Ranch
San Luis Obispo County
\$505,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Trust for Public Land for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency and the City of San Luis Obispo to acquire in fee 154± acres of land for the protection of habitat consisting of oak woodlands, grasslands, plants and chaparral that supports a variety of wildlife including mountain lion and deer and to increase regional wildlife habitat corridors and linkages, located near the Irish Hills Reserve in San Luis Obispo 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)]

***12. Pleitito Creek Riparian Restoration
Kern County
\$140,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Wildlands Conservancy for a cooperative project with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to eradicate 5± acres of invasive perennial pepperweed and plant native vegetation to enhance habitat for tricolored blackbirds on Pleitito Creek in Wind Wolves Preserve, in an area located approximately 25 miles southwest of the city of Bakersfield in Kern County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and protection of habitat to promote the recovery of rare and endangered species, and to provide wildlife corridors, significant natural landscapes and ecosystems, and habitat areas. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650(a)]

***13. County of San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan 2015
(Cheyenne)
San Diego County
\$567,825.00**

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 Endangered Habitats Conservancy (EHC), as well as to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to EHC, to acquire in fee 118± acres of land for the protection of core habitat and linkage areas in the City of Santee's Subarea of the San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Program, located near the City of Santee 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]

***14. County of San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan 2015
(Capralis)
San Diego County
\$108,015.00**

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 Endangered Habitats Conservancy (EHC), as well as to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to EHC, to acquire in fee 20± acres of land for the protection of core habitat and linkage areas

in the City of Santee's Subarea of the San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Program, located near the City of Santee 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]

**15. Heenan Lake Water and Storage Rights, Expansion 4
Alpine County
\$2,209,000.00**

To consider the acquisition of 624± acre-feet of water and storage rights in Heenan Lake for protection of the Lahontan cutthroat trout fishery located near Markleeville in Alpine County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of land and water resources to protect regional water quality, protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and assist local public agencies in improving regional water supply reliability. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Section 79565]

**16. Montesol Ranch
Lake and Napa Counties
\$3,760,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Trust for Public Land for a cooperative project with The Land Trust of Napa County, State Coastal Conservancy, California Natural Resources Agency, and others to acquire a Conservation Easement over 7,266± acres of land for the preservation and protection of managed forest lands and riparian corridors and watersheds that support rare and special status wildlife species and vegetation located near the City of Calistoga in Napa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding sources: (1) Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b), 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 such as riparian and wetland areas and; (2) Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Proposition 12), Public Resources Code Sections 5096.350(a)(3) and 5096.350(a)(5), which allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat for threatened and endangered species and for the protection of habitat or habitat corridors that promote recovery of threatened, endangered species or fully protected species.

**17. Marywood- Hwy 17 Wildlife Crossing
Santa Cruz County
\$415,000.00**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County for a cooperative project with State Coastal Conservancy and California Natural Resources Agency to acquire a conservation easement over 133± acres of land for the protection of important watersheds, including stream and source waters, as well as maintain native terrestrial communities and landscape connectivity located near Scotts Valley 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, 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, 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)]

18. Central Region State Wildlife Area Habitat Enhancement Project

Merced County

\$993,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to improve water conveyance and enhance habitat on 956± acres of wetlands and associated managed uplands, including 44 acres of riparian habitat, at Los Banos Wildlife Area and North Grasslands Wildlife Area in Merced 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 in the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program]

19. Chesebro Meadow

Los Angeles County

\$2,555,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for a cooperative project with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the County of Los Angeles to acquire 71± acres of land for the protection of chaparral, coastal sage scrub, native grasslands and oak woodland-savannah habitat and to enhance wildlife linkages, watershed protection, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located near the City of Agoura in Ventura County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition, protection and restoration of coastal wetlands and watersheds located in Southern California. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79572(a)]

20. DFG Land Management Plans, Inland Deserts Region, Phase II, Augmentation II

Riverside County

\$323,100.00

To consider the allocation for an amendment to an existing grant to the California Wildlife Foundation to implement environmental review and public participation pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the Land Management Plan for the San Jacinto Wildlife Area located in Riverside County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the preparation of land management plans for California Department of Fish and Wildlife properties acquired in fee by the Wildlife Conservation Board. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

21. Southern California Coastal Wetland and Riparian Restoration, Phase II

Various Counties

\$450,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the State Coastal Conservancy for a cooperative project with Earth Island Institute to assist with the implementation of the Southern California Wetland Restoration Program's Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program which provides funding for community-based restoration projects in coastal wetlands and watersheds in the Southern California region. Projects are located in the five coastal

counties from Point Conception to the U.S. Mexico border, including portions of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego 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 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)]

22. Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project, Phase II
Imperial County
\$14,500,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Water Resources for a cooperative project to construct 640± acres of wetland habitat, including deepwater channels, shallow ponds, island refugia, and nesting structures to enhance habitat for fish-eating birds, on the edge of the Salton Sea at the terminus of the New River located seven miles northwest of the City of Westmorland in Imperial County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding sources, [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79568(a)], 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 2005 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79565, Fish and Game Code Section 2932.2] which allows for acquisitions, grants or other activities that directly restore the Salton Sea and its transboundary watersheds; and [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, Public Resources Code Section 5096.350a7] which allows for environmental restoration projects pursuant to the Salton Sea Restoration Project authorized by Public Law 105 - 372, the Salton Sea Reclamation Act of 1998, and identified in the Final Environmental Impact Statement of the Salton Sea Restoration Project.

23. University Heights
San Diego
\$1,281,750.00

To consider the acceptance of two U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grants and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to The Escondido Creek Conservancy (TECC) and to consider two Wildlife Conservation Board grants to TECC to assist with the acquisition of 258± acres of land for the protection of California gnatcatcher habitat in western San Diego County located near the City of Escondido 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]

24. Wildlife Conservation Board Strategic Plan

Staff will present next steps in implementation of the WCB Strategic Plan with recommendations to the Board for streamlining the Land Acquisition Evaluation/ Conceptual Area Protection Plan (LAE/CAPP) processes, developing a Public Access competitive grant program, and progress on developing a Statewide Conservation Vision.

25. Resolutions

26 2017 Board Meeting Dates

Board will be asked to approve WCB meeting (regular) for 2017

Feb 23, 2017

May 25, 2017

Aug 24, 2017

Nov 30, 2017

All meetings 9:00am-12:00pm, locations to be determined

27. Other Business

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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 10, 2016. 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.