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Dear Mr. Bonham:

We are pleased to advise you that \$2,467,089 of Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Endangered Species Act (ESA) Traditional Section 6 funds are available to your agency pursuant to our Cooperative Agreement. The Cooperative Agreement has been renewed for the current year. Thank you for the information your staff provided for the renewal.

Using both the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) project ranking information, our Service Field Office Section 6 representatives worked closely with their CDFW counterparts to collectively recommend their highest priority projects given the known funding allocation. We hope that you are as pleased with this collaborative approach as we are.

The following is a list of the projects approved for FY 2016 CDFW Traditional Section 6 grants:

- Conservation breeding of the endangered Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*) Phase 4. ....\$349,014
- Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and western yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*) surveys and habitat availability modeling on the Santa Clara River, California.....\$266,536
- Conservation genetics and population establishment for *Lasthenia burkei* (Burke's goldfields) and *L. conjugens* (Contra Costa goldfields) in the Bay Delta Region..\$121,715
- Three critically important conservation actions to recover Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frogs (*Rana sierrae*) in the northern Sierra Nevada.....\$263,064
- Conservation and management of gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) in California .....\$559,971

Illegal marijuana cultivation impacts on prey and carnivore community dynamics in fisher and spotted owl habitat .....	\$299,475
Evaluating the success of reintroducing fisher ( <i>Pekania pennanti</i> ) to the northern Sierra Nevada and applications for conserving the species (Final Phase).....	\$200,000
Restore aquatic habitat for Owens Valley and Mohave desert native fishes, including Mohave tui chub ( <i>Siphateles bicolor mohavensis</i> ).....	\$126,569
Amargosa River habitat restoration and enhancement for least Bell's vireo ( <i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i> ), southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ) and yellow-billed cuckoo ( <i>Coccyzus americanus</i> ) .....	\$161,329
Continued assessment, management, and restoration of Owens pupfish ( <i>Cyprionodon radiosus</i> ) and Owens tui chub ( <i>Siphateles (Gila) bicolor snyderi</i> ). .....	\$100,815
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$2,448,488</b>

The remaining funds of \$18,601 will be applied to CDFW's 2017 allocation of Traditional Section 6 funds. Please prepare an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form (SF) 424) for each individual grant. Please send an electronic copy of the signed SF 424 along with the grant narrative, budget form and budget justification, and other supporting documents by electronic mail to R8FA\_Grants@fws.gov and to karen\_jensen@fws.gov.

We may contact your staff to help with the required environmental review and compliance associated with these projects. Completion of the grant and compliance documentation will allow the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) Program to obligate funds to your agency for costs related to these projects.

If you have any questions or need assistance in preparing the appropriate documents, please contact Karen Jensen, Traditional Section 6 Grants Coordinator, at (916) 414-6557. Additional information regarding the grant process, as well as necessary forms can be found in the 2016 Notice of Funding Opportunity for this grant program (pages 10-11)

[https://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/pdf/FY16\\_CESCF\\_NOFO\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/pdf/FY16_CESCF_NOFO_FINAL.pdf)

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

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We look forward to another productive year of endangered species conservation efforts in California.

Sincerely,

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