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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

May 25, 2017
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 – 11)

- *4. Approval of Minutes

- *5. Recovery of Funds

*Proposed Consent Calendar

***6. Rainbow Ridge
Siskiyou County
\$40,000**

To consider the acquisition of a conservation easement (Easement) by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) under the California Forest Legacy Program Act of 2007 and AB 32; California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The Easement will protect 597± acres of land containing significant scenic, recreational, timber, riparian, wildlife, and increased direct carbon sequestration through increased growth and inventory located near the City of Mt. Shasta in Siskiyou County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that accomplishes one or more of the following objectives, promotes recovery of threatened and endangered species, protects habitat corridors, significant natural landscapes and ecosystems, mixed conifer forests, 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)]

***7. Russian Gulch East Branch Fish Passage Improvement
Sonoma County
\$52,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Wildlands Conservancy for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy and Natural Resources Conservation Service, to modify six large wood debris jams to improve fish passage conditions within the Russian Gulch East Branch, located on The Wildlands Conservancy's Jenner Headlands Preserve, approximately two miles north of Jenner in Sonoma 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. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f)]

***8. San Joaquin River Parkway, Jensen River Ranch
Jenco Farms Property Habitat Enhancement Project
Fresno County
\$271,800**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust (Trust) for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) to enhance 20± acres of riparian and upland habitat on the SJRC Jenco Farms Property, located approximately one mile upstream of State Route 41 in Fresno County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows 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)]

***9. Simi Hills - 118 Freeway Wildlife Connector
Ventura County
\$600,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for a cooperative project with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire in fee 213± acres of wildlife habitat, to maintain a migration corridor for the Northeastern Simi Hills mule deer herd, to enhance

wildlife linkages, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located in the Simi Hills, near Simi Valley in Ventura County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of deer and mountain lion habitat. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]

***10. North Shore Ranch – Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Area
Riverside County
\$407,500**

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 Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC), and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to CVCC for a cooperative project with the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy to acquire in fee 76± acres of land for the protection of natural communities within the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta area that supports several listed species identified within the Coachella Valley Multi-Species Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan area, located near the city of Indio, in the unincorporated community of Mecca in Riverside County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(b/c)]

***11. Wildlife Conservation Board Sponsorships
Various Counties
\$25,000**

To consider the allocation of up to \$25,000 annually from WCB's Operating Expenses and Equipment Budget to be used to sponsor meetings, conferences, workshops or other outreach methods that promote and support WCB's mission and Strategic Plan.

**12. Eel River Wildlife Area, Ocean Ranch Unit, Planning and Design
Humboldt County
\$750,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and California State Coastal Conservancy to develop final restoration design, complete environmental review, and prepare permit applications to restore 473± acres of tidal wetlands and 329± acres of coastal dunes in the Eel River estuary, to aid recovery of listed fish and rare plant species, located on CDFW Eel River Wildlife Area 4 miles northwest of Loleta in Humboldt County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding sources, which allow for the acquisition, enhancement or restoration of wetlands outside the Central Valley [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d), Wetlands Outside the Central Valley] and for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and protection of habitat to promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species, to provide corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent habitat fragmentation, and to protect significant natural landscapes and ecosystems and other significant habitat areas. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

**13. Mailliard Middle Ranch
Mendocino County
\$2,389,179**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Save the Redwoods League to acquire a conservation easement over 4,046± acres of land for the conservation and protection of managed forest lands and forest reserve areas that include Douglas fir, old growth redwood, riparian corridors, coastal watersheds and riverine habitats, and support salmonids and other rare wildlife species located within the Garcia and Navarro River watersheds near Yorkville in Mendocino County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for forest conservation and protection projects in order to promote 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)]

**14. Mailliard West Ranch
Mendocino County
\$2,380,822**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Save the Redwoods League for a cooperative project with California Natural Resources Agency, to acquire a conservation easement over 7,193± acres of land for the conservation and protection of managed forest lands and forest reserve areas that include Douglas fir, old growth redwood, riparian corridors, coastal watersheds and riverine habitats, and support salmonids and other rare wildlife species located within the Garcia and Navarro River watersheds near Yorkville in Mendocino County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for forest conservation and protection projects in order to promote 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)]

**15. Carpenter Valley
Nevada County
\$3,510,000**

To consider the allocation of a grant to the Truckee Donner Land Trust to acquire in fee 600± acres to help preserve montane meadow, wildlife corridors, habitat linkages, and to provide wildlife oriented public use opportunities located just northwest of the town of Truckee in Nevada County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent habitat fragmentation, and to protect significant natural landscapes and ecosystems and other significant habitat areas. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 Proposition 84, PRC Section 75055 (b)]

**16. Garibaldi Land Exchange
Contra Costa County
\$440,000**

To consider the exchange of 278± acres owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for 289± acres, owned by Pacific Flyway Fund to serve as an expansion to CDFW's Grizzly Island Wildlife Area located in Suisun Marsh in Solano County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition, enhancement or restoration of wetlands. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(d), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program]

**17. Grasslands Water Improvement Efficiency Project
Merced County
\$688,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to enhance 17,000± acres of habitat and to install water control and monitoring infrastructure within Los Banos Volta, and North Grasslands Wildlife Areas in Merced County, approximately 4 miles northeast of the City of Los Banos, 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 inland wetlands [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786, Inland Wetland Conservation Program]

**18. Los Angeles River - Taylor Yard G2
Los Angeles County
\$20,050,000**

To consider the allocation of a grant to assist in a cooperative project with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire a multi-purpose easement over 12± acres of land for habitat restoration, and open space preservation, and to provide potential future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities located 4 miles north of downtown Los Angeles in Los Angeles 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)]

Pursuant to WCB policy, an Independent Appraisal Review has been performed and is available at www.wcb.ca.gov .

**19. Red Hill Bay Shallow Water Habitat, Augmentation
Imperial County
\$1,493,000**

To consider the allocation for an augmentation to an existing grant to the Imperial Irrigation District to restore approximately 530 acres of shallow brackish water habitat in the Red Hill Bay area of the Salton sea, located 15 miles NNW of Brawley in Imperial County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for acquisitions, grants or other activities that directly restore the Salton Sea and its transboundary watersheds [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2005 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79565.]

**20. Wildlife Conservation Board Strategic Plan
Informational**

Staff will present next steps in the implementation of the WCB Strategic Plan by providing a draft of the guidelines, criteria and solicitation package for a new Public Access competitive grant program. In addition, staff will present an evaluation of all of the Board's funding programs to provide recommendations for any necessary modifications and to identify measurable goals for each.

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

The 2017/18 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.

**22. Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Island Restoration Projects Funded by WCB
Informational**

Staff will offer a brief presentation on the success of these projects.

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 EEO Officer at (916) 653-9089 or EEO@wildlife.ca.gov. Accommodation requests for facility and/or meeting accessibility should be received by May 10, 2017. 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 EEO Officer immediately.