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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

August 24, 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. Special Project Planning Account
4. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 5 – 15)
- *5. Approval of Minutes
- *6. Recovery of Funds

*Proposed Consent Calendar

***7. Hope Valley Wildlife Area Encroachment
Alpine County
\$0**

To consider a boundary adjustment transferring 0.4± acres to an adjacent landowner to resolve an encroachment on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Hope Valley Wildlife Area in Alpine County.

***8. East Contra Costa County NCCP/HCP (Roddy Home Ranch)
Contra Costa County
\$317,200**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (ECCCHC) and 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 ECCCHC, for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District to acquire 40± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing regional wildlife linkages and grassland habitats that support listed species identified in the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan, located south of the city of Antioch in Contra Costa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitats that are critical to the sustainability of threatened or endangered species. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)(SSJD-NCCP)]

***9. San Joaquin River Parkway
Riverbottom Park and Schneider Property Habitat Restoration, Augmentation
Madera/Fresno County
\$193,155**

To consider the allocation for an augmentation to an existing grant to River Partners for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) and the City of Fresno (City) to restore 147± acres of riparian habitat at the City's Riverbottom Park property in Fresno County and the SJRC Schneider Property in Madera County, both of which are within the floodplain of the San Joaquin River in the vicinity of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad river crossing. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and protection of land and water resources located within the boundaries of the San Joaquin River Conservancy. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b)(5)]

***10. State Lands Lease-PRC 7629.9 Renewal - Morro Bay
San Luis Obispo County
\$0**

To consider a proposal to authorize the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to renew an existing lease with the California State Lands Commission for hunting, sportfishing, and aquaculture activities on Morro Bay in San Luis Obispo County.

***11. Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area Habitat Restoration
Kern County
\$58,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Inc., for a cooperative project with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to install protective boundary fencing and neutralize unauthorized off-road vehicle routes by installing vertical and horizontal mulch, decompacting soil, and otherwise naturalizing appearances, located on BLM land within the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area, located three miles north of California City in Kern County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows 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)]

***12. Carpinteria Salt Marsh Infrastructure Improvement Project
Santa Barbara County
\$91,700**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California to restore and repair the Estero access road, replace collapsed culverts, enhance perimeter fencing, install interpretive signs, and replant native vegetation at the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve located immediately west of the City of Carpinteria in Santa Barbara County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the construction and development of facilities that will be used for research and training to improve the management of natural lands and the preservation of California's wildlife resources. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(b)(3)]

***13. Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area,
Mecca Land Development Property
Riverside County
\$75,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC), and 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 CVCC acquire 39± acres of land for the protection of natural communities within the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation area that support listed species identified by the Coachella Valley Multi-Species Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan. The property is located southeast of 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)]

***14. Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, Expansion 3
San Diego County
\$25,000**

To consider the acquisition in fee of 40± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the protection of threatened and endangered species, to preserve biological communities supporting sensitive species, to enhance wildlife linkages, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities. The property is an expansion of CDFW's Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve and supports the San Diego County Multiple Species Conservation Program, a joint Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan 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. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

***15. San Vicente Highlands (Briles) and Expansion 1 (Pitman)
San Diego County
\$265,000**

To consider the acquisition in fee to acquire a total of 12± acres of land from two separate landowners by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the protection of deer and mountain lion habitat, to maintain a wildlife corridor and linkages, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities located near the city of Poway 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 deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]

**16. East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP (Casey)
Contra Costa County
\$1,065,800**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (ECCCHC) and 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 ECCCHC, for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District to acquire 320± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing regional wildlife linkages and grassland habitats that support listed species identified in the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan, located in unincorporated Byron in Contra Costa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitats that are critical to the sustainability of threatened or endangered species. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)(SSJD-NCCP)]

**17. Wheeler Ridge, Expansion 8 (Dodson)
Mono County
\$295,000**

To consider the acquisition in fee of 6± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the protection of deer and mountain lion habitat, to maintain a migration corridor for the Round Valley mule deer herd, and provide future wildlife oriented public use

opportunities, located in the community of Swall Meadows near Mammoth Lakes in Mono 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 deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]

**18. San Joaquin River Parkway, Sycamore Island Fishing Pond, Enhancement Project
Madera County
\$1,606,627**

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 and the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) to construct public access and habitat enhancements to a gravel pit pond adjacent to the San Joaquin River at the SJRC Sycamore Island property located approximately three miles downstream of the State Route 41 bridge in Madera County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding sources, which allows for the acquisition, restoration, and protection of land and water resources 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. San Joaquin River Parkway, Sycamore Island Habitat Enhancement Project
Madera/Fresno County
\$218,660**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) to enhance 5± acres of floodplain and riverbank habitat on SJRC property, located approximately 2 miles downstream of State Route 41 in Fresno and Madera Counties. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for River Parkway projects identified by the San Joaquin River Conservancy Board. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75050(f)].

**20. Sedgwick Reserve Infrastructure and Facilities Project, Phase 2
Santa Barbara County
\$1,380,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California for a cooperative project with University of California, Santa Barbara to construct an administrative and meeting hall, to renovate research quarters, construct an outdoor kitchen, and repair roads and other infrastructure and facilities needed to serve the Reserve's current and projected needs within the Sedgwick Reserve 35 miles north of Santa Barbara near the town of Santa Ynez in Santa Barbara County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the construction and development of facilities that will be used for research and training to improve the management of natural lands and the preservation of California's wildlife resources. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(b)(3)]

21. 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 multipurpose easement over 9± acres of land for habitat restoration, open space preservation, and to provide potential future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities located four miles north of downtown Los Angeles in Los Angeles County.

Pursuant to WCB policy, an Independent Appraisal Review has been performed and is available at www.wcb.ca.gov. 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 Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79572(a) and Water Code Section 79572(a)(LAR)]

22. 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 for a cooperative project with the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge to restore 530± 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 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 and Fish and Game Code Section 2932.2]

23. Otay Mesa Habitat Restoration Project

San Diego County

\$384,600

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Chaparral Lands Conservancy for a cooperative project with California Department of Parks and Recreation to restore 5± acres of sensitive vernal pool and sensitive maritime succulent scrub habitats on City of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation property adjacent to Ocean Hills Parkway and Otay Mesa Road in the community of Otay Mesa. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for projects that are critical to the sustainability of federal or state listed threatened or endangered species or species of special concern. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resource Code Section 50 96.650(a)]

24. Wildlife Conservation Board Strategic Plan

Informational/Action

Staff will present next steps in the implementation of the WCB Strategic Plan through a presentation of the outcome of a workshop initiated to identify measurable goals for WCB's acquisition efforts, and will describe how WCB staff expect to measure the conservation effectiveness of the Board's programs

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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