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### **Notice of Meeting**

#### **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**

February 22, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Natural Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium

1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Sacramento, California 95814

### **Preliminary Agenda Items**

#### Item Number

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status — Informational
3. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4 – 10)
- \*4. Approval of Minutes
- \*5. Recovery of Funds

\*Proposed Consent Calendar

**\*6. Dry Creek Forest Restoration Project**

**Nevada County**

**\$350,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the National Forest Foundation for a cooperative project with United States Forest Service, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board to thin 140± acres of forest, located within the Tahoe National Forest 10 miles northeast of Truckee in Nevada 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)].

**\*7. East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP (Roddy Ranch Golf Course)**

**Contra Costa County**

**\$1,065,250**

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 230± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing regional wildlife linkages, including annual grassland and grassland habitat types within the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan. The project is located in the city of Antioch, 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)]

**\*8. Horse Valley Creek and Wetland Restoration Project**

**Contra Costa County**

**\$350,000**

To consider an allocation to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy for a cooperative project with the California State Coastal Conservancy to enhance 3± acres of wetland, riparian, and upland habitat in Horse Valley, located approximately six miles south of the City of Antioch in Contra Costa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, 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, or implements the recommendations of the California Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)].

**\*9. Glen Deven Native Habitat Restoration  
Monterey County  
\$255,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Big Sur Land Trust (BSLT) for a cooperative project to remove 2.5± acres of Eucalyptus trees and revegetate with native plants, located at BSLT's Glen Deven Ranch approximately 15 miles south of Carmel in Monterey County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, 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, or implements the recommendations of the California Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)].

**\*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 resource protection, conservation, and public access, located on Morro Bay in San Luis Obispo County.

**11. Hunter Ranch  
Humboldt County  
\$3,030,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Northcoast Regional Land Trust to acquire a conservation easement on 15,586± acres of mixed conifer working forest lands, including diverse oaks and oak woodland habitat for conservation of the natural resources, preservation of wildlife habitat linkages and habitat areas for numerous wildlife species and to help sustain water quality. The project is located near the communities of Maple Creek and Bridgeville in Humboldt 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)]

**12. Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, Water Recirculation and Wetland Restoration Project  
Butte County  
\$1,500,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to develop water conveyance infrastructure and enhance wetlands on CDFW's Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, located 7.5± miles southwest of the town of Gridley in Butte 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 to protect or enhance a flood protection corridor or bypass in the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d) (Proposition 1E), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program].

**13. Palisades Ranch, Mojave River  
San Bernardino County  
\$1,270,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Mojave Desert Land Trust (MDLT) and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the MDLT to acquire 1,640± acres of land for the protection and preservation of desert riparian and desert tortoise habitats and to protect other listed or protected species that may be present. The project is located near the community of Helendale in San Bernardino 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. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

**14. Big Tujunga Wash  
Los Angeles County  
\$800,000**

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 Los Angeles County to acquire in fee 111± acres of wildlife habitat, to maintain a migration corridor for the Big Tujunga Gorge mule deer sub-herd, to enhance wildlife linkages, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities. The project is located near Sunland in Los Angeles 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)]

**15. Los Angeles River-Taylor Yard G2 Expansion 1  
Los Angeles County  
\$5,015,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to assist in a cooperative project with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to expand by up to 3± acres, a multipurpose easement at Taylor Yard of land for habitat restoration, 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 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, or implements the recommendations of the California Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)(LAR)]. Pursuant to WCB policy, an Independent Appraisal Review has been performed and is available at [www.wcb.ca.gov](http://www.wcb.ca.gov).

**16. Palo Verde Ecological Reserve, Expansion 4 (Crescent Shores)  
Riverside County  
\$1,865,000**

To consider the acquisition of 328± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for a cooperative project with United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to protect open space and promote the restoration of critical habitat adjacent to the Colorado

River that supports threatened and endangered species and the preservation of a wildlife linkage and corridor from the Colorado River to the Colorado Desert. The project is located north of the city of Blythe in Riverside County and will provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities. 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)]

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

To consider the allocation to augment an existing grant to the Imperial Irrigation District to restore 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. This augmentation will allow for the use of an underground pipeline to deliver water to the project site as opposed to the open channel, gravity fed design of the original project. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for acquisition, 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 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79565, Fish and Game Code Section 2932.2].

***Proposals Recommended for Approval Under the Competitive Public Access Program***

Staff will present an overview of the 2017 public access competitive grant program and recommend proposals for funding.

One million dollars from the Wildlife Restoration Fund is available for award. Eleven proposals, totaling three million dollars of program request, were received and evaluated. Priority was given to proposals that aligned with the 2017 priorities: provide the public better access and deeper engagement to fishing, hunting, and wildlife oriented recreational opportunities focused on the following populations: youth/next generation, disadvantaged communities, and urban-focused communities.

Staff recommends Items 18-20 for award and funding under the Public Access Program.

**18. Oroville Wildlife Area Public Access Improvements  
Butte County  
\$484,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency for a project to provide public access improvements, including a new earthen canal crossing, new kayak/river access, public parking and restroom improvements on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Oroville Wildlife Area, located five miles southwest of the City of Oroville in Butte County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife compatible recreational activities. [Wildlife Restoration Fund Local Assistance]

**19. Point Isabel Water Access Improvements  
Contra Costa  
\$200,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to East Bay Regional Park District for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy to construct a new ADA-accessible non-motorized boat ramp, located in the City of Richmond in Contra Costa

County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife compatible recreational activities. [Wildlife Restoration Fund, Local Assistance]

**20. Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve Amphitheater Improvements  
Monterey County  
\$278,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation, for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to redesign and repair the existing outdoor amphitheater at the CDFW's Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve, located eight miles south of the City of Watsonville in Monterey County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife compatible recreational activities. [Wildlife Restoration Fund, Local Assistance]

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

**22. Climate Adaptation and Resiliency  
Informational**

Staff will present information and receive guidance by the WCB on proper guidelines necessary for the expenditure of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding.

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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