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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

May 24, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Natural Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Public Welcome

Preliminary Agenda Items

Item Number

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status — Informational
3. Delegation of Authority
4. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 5 – 11)
- *5. Approval of Minutes
- *6. Recovery of Funds

*Proposed Consent Calendar

***7. Sanhedrin Ranch Restoration
Mendocino County
\$180,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Trust for Public Land to restore failing stream crossings, remove culverts, and prevent sedimentation to aquatic habitat from decommissioned forest logging road improvements, located within TPL's privately owned Sanhedrin Ranch property approximately 20 miles northeast of Willits in Mendocino 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 such as old growth redwoods, mixed conifer forests and oak woodlands, riparian and wetland areas), 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)]

***8. Sinnott Parcel - OSPR Oil Mitigation Fund Project
San Mateo
\$75,000**

To consider the acquisition of a conservation easement over 160± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and to accept settlement funds from the U.S. Department of the Interior Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund for the protection of threatened and endangered species, open-space, and habitat values for wildlife, fish, and plant species including its value as nesting habitat for marbled murrelets, located near Pescadero in San Mateo 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), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

***9. Allensworth Ecological Reserve, Expansion 58-68
Tulare and Kern Counties
\$60,964**

To consider the acquisition in fee of 10 separate ownerships of land totaling 36± acres by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for a cooperative project with the California Department of Corrections for the protection of habitat supporting the San Joaquin kit fox and other rare species found within the Allensworth Ecological Reserve and to enhance habitat linkages and connectivity, located near the community of Allensworth in Kern and Tulare Counties. 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), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

***10. Morongo Basin and Expansion 1**
San Bernardino County
\$186,250

To consider the allocation for two grants to the Mojave Desert Land Trust to acquire 367± acres of land from two separate owners for the protection of desert habitat corridors in the Morongo Basin, located near the community of Joshua Tree, in San Bernardino 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), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

***11. Water for Wildlife in Inland Deserts**
Riverside County
\$190,000

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a cooperative project with the Bureau of Land Management to install and enhance approximately 18 water features to improve and support habitat for bighorn sheep, deer, bobcats, rabbits, bats, and upland game bird species, located at various sites in eastern Riverside 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. Central Valley Nutria Eradication
Various Counties
\$600,000

This proposal is to consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a cooperative project with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Food and Agriculture to implement a large scale Nutria eradication project in riparian corridors and associated wetland habitats of the San Joaquin Valley and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, located in various Central Valley counties. 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)]

**13. McCloud Soda Springs Working Forest
Siskiyou County
\$610,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Pacific Forest Trust for a cooperative project with the California Department of Transportation and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to acquire a forest conservation easement over 1,346± acres of land for protection of working forest lands, forest reserve areas, watersheds, fisheries and habitat linkages, located near the town of McCloud in Siskiyou County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition 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)(3)]

**14. Shasta Big Springs Fee Acquisition
Siskiyou County
\$2,440,000**

To consider the acquisition in fee of 5,849± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the protection of critical cold water aquatic habitat for a variety of anadromous fish species, including the state and federally listed coho salmon, the protection of migration corridors vital to many plant, bird, and mammal species, and to provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located near Montague in Siskiyou 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. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)]

**15. Reef to Ridge Coastal Forest Protection Project
Mendocino County
\$4,480,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with CalFire, The State Coastal Conservancy, and the California Natural Resources Agency to acquire a conservation easement on 23,681± acres of native forest habitats, including redwood, Douglas fir and Grand fir in the upland zones, and mature red alder forests within the riparian zone along the Ten Mile River to preserve wildlife area linkages, provide habitat to numerous wildlife species and reduce soil erosion and sustain water quality, located near Fort Bragg 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)]

16. West Shore Wildland Urban Interface Forest Restoration

Placer County

\$950,000

To consider the allocation for a grant to the National Forest Foundation for a cooperative project with United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to thin 230± acres of forest, located five miles southwest of Tahoe City in Placer 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)]

17. Woodland Regional Park Habitat Enhancement

Yolo County

\$511,000

To consider the allocation of a grant to the California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the City of Woodland and Explorit to enhance and restore approximately 20 acres of wetlands at the Woodland Regional Park, approximately five miles southeast of the City of Woodland. 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]

18. Fay Canyon Wildlife Area Expansion 1 - Jobs Peak Ranch/Barber Creek

Alpine County

\$1,430,000

To consider the acquisition in fee of 359± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the protection of deer and mountain lion habitat, and to maintain a migration corridor for the Carson River mule deer herd, located near South Lake Tahoe 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 habitat to protect deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]

19. Robin's Nest

Los Angeles

\$1,610,000

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Trust for Public Land for a cooperative project with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to acquire 51± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered species, riparian and floodplain habitat along the Santa Clara River and to provide the potential for wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located near Acton in Los Angeles County. The purposes of this funding are consistent with the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition and protection of habitats that are critical to the sustainability of threatened and endangered species and to protect or enhance a flood protection corridor or bypass. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c) (Proposition 1E)]

**20. Public Access Program
Informational/Action**

The 2018/19 final Proposal Solicitation Notice for the Public Access Program will be presented to the Board for discussion and approval.

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

Staff will present a draft of the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) monitoring plan, and actions taken to date in evaluating the effectiveness of the WCB's programs.

**22. Lower American River Program Update
Informational**

An update on the activities of the Lower American River Conservancy Program Advisory Committee will be provided to the Board.

23. Discuss and Act on Board Administrative Items

- Next Meeting
- New Business

Adjourn

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