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Dear Mr. Bonham:

We are pleased to advise you that \$2,499,266 of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 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 the eligibility and evaluation criteria from the Notice of Funding Opportunity, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has selected the following 13 projects for funding consideration:

- Adaptive management and reintroduction of the endangered Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*) to facilitate recovery.\$310,964
- Habitat modeling and surveys of least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*): Stepping stone linkages for range expansion.\$167,288
- Monitoring population health of the western snowy plover in coastal southern California\$194,191
- Comprehensive invasive plant species assessment and management to enhance soft bird's-beak (*Chloropyron molle* subsp. *molle*) and tidal wetland recovery\$116,450
- Conservation genetics of the Inyo Mountain salamander (*Batrachoseps campi*).....\$46,077
- Mitigating the high risk of extinction for the critically endangered Nipomo lupine (*Lupinus nipomensis*).....\$121,055
- Invasive crayfish removal from California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) streams in the Malibu Creek watershed\$77,866
- Recovery of the endangered southern mountain yellow-legged frog (*Rana muscosa*) through population monitoring, conservation breeding, and reintroduction\$464,491

Translocation and monitoring of mountain yellow-legged frog northern DPS, *Rana muscosa*, in Mulkey Meadows and Rocky Basin Lakes, Tulare County.....\$159,666

Population assessment and monitoring of southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), western yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*), and least Bell’s vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in the Owens River watershed\$286,418

Managing hydrology and habitat to recover the endangered San Jacinto Valley crowscale (*Atriplex coronata var. notatior*)\$176,781

Developing environmental DNA tools and protocols to detect rare listed amphibians in central California and to inform applications of eDNA state-wide (Santa Cruz long-toed salamander, *Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum*; California tiger salamander, *Ambystoma californiense*; and California red-legged frog, *Rana draytonii*)\$264,917

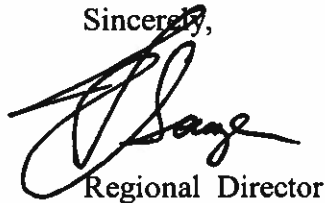
Development of fecal DNA to monitor giant kangaroo rat populations.....\$113,102

TOTAL\$2,499,266

Projects selected for funding consideration are subsequently submitted to either the Department of Interior (DOI) or Service Director for further review and vetting. If vetted, the Service will complete the appropriate Federal environmental compliance necessary for each project. Your staff may be contacted to help complete necessary environmental compliance associated with these projects. The Service will award the grants and obligate funds once these steps are completed.

If you have any questions please contact Karen Jensen, Traditional Section 6 Grants Coordinator, at (916) 414-6557. We look forward to meeting with your staff in the coming months to coordinate efforts related to the annual process and reporting of your conservation efforts through the Cooperative Agreement. This will facilitate another productive year of endangered species conservation efforts in California.

Sincerely,


Regional Director

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