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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

March 7, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

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

Public Welcome

Preliminary Agenda Items

Item Number

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status — Informational
3. Public Forum for Items not on the Agenda
4. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 5 – 18)
- *5. Approval of Minutes — November 15, 2018
- *6. Recovery of Funds

*Proposed Consent Calendar

***7. Staff Report – Easement Transfers**

Report on easement transfers made over the California Department of Fish and Wildlife controlled land pursuant to authority granted by the Wildlife Conservation Board on February 24, 1998.

***8. Proposition 68 Program Guidelines – Minor Amendment**

To consider and approve a minor amendment associated with Section 2.4 of the [Proposition 68 Program Guidelines \(PDF\)](#) related to support for the University of California Natural Reserve System.

***9. Luffenholtz Transfer
Humboldt County**

\$0.00

To consider the transfer of 8± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust to own, operate, and maintain the Luffenholtz Beach property in perpetuity for purposes of public access, public recreation, and habitat preservation, located near Trinidad in Humboldt 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. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)].

***10. Deer Creek Hydrological and Technical Studies
Tehama County**

\$170,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to Trout Unlimited for a cooperative project with the National Fisheries and Wildlife Foundation to conduct technical studies to create a reconnaissance-level groundwater model to inform potential acquisition of the water right held by the Deer Creek Irrigation District, and dedication of the right to instream flow for the benefit of endangered Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which can be used for the development of scientific data, habitat mapping and other research information necessary to determine the priorities for restoration and acquisition statewide. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)].

***11. Lower Yuba River-Excelsior, Phase III
Yuba and Nevada Counties**

\$0.00

To consider the acceptance of 65± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife from the Bear Yuba Land Trust as a no cost acquisition for the protection of blue-oak woodlands, grasslands and riparian habitats, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities as an expansion to the planned Yuba Narrows Unit of the Daugherty Hills Wildlife Area, located northeast of the Town of Smartsville, in Nevada and Yuba counties. 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), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)].

***12. Yolo County HCP/NCCP Development, Phase IV** **\$275,000.00**
Yolo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Yolo Habitat Conservancy to complete critical tasks necessary to build a solid foundation for implementation of the recently completed Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan covering all of Yolo County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for grants that implement or assist in the establishment of NCCPs. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)(SB8)].

***13. Wheeler Ridge, Expansion 9** **\$150,000.00**
Mono County

To consider the acquisition in fee of 4± 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, including native oak woodlands, to protect deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)].

***14. Wheeler Ridge, Expansion 10** **\$0.00**
Mono County

To consider the acceptance of 56± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife from the Eastern Sierra Land Trust as a no-cost acquisition 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, including native oak woodlands, to protect deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)].

***15. Cactus Wren and Hermes Copper Butterfly Habitat** **\$423,000.00**
Restoration Project
Orange County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to remove large stands of invasive non-native plants and restore native plant species on two acres of coastal cactus wren habitat and two acres of Hermes copper butterfly habitat throughout Lakeside Linkage Preserve 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, development, rehabilitation, restoration, protection, and expansion of habitat that furthers the

implementation of natural community conservation plans adopted pursuant to the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2800) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code). [California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), Public Resource Code 80111(b)].

***16. Coachella Valley Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan, \$0.00**
Clifton-Lamb Property
Riverside County

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 for a cooperative project with the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy to acquire 479± acres of low desert land for the protection of core blowsand habitat that supports the listed species of desert tortoise, Coachella Valley fringe toad lizard, Coachella Valley milk-vetch, and other sensitive, sand dependent species within the Coachella Valley Multi-Species Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan area, mainly located within the city limits of Palm Springs in Riverside County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species. Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)].

***17. Denk Mountain \$74,200.00**
San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Center for Natural Lands Management (CNLM) 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 the CNLM, to acquire 5± acres of land for the protection of coastal California gnatcatcher and other federally listed species. The project is located near the community of San Marcos in San Diego 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)].

***18. Van Dam Cornerstone \$0.00**
San Diego County

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 city of Poway, for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency to acquire in fee 162± acres of land for the protection of the coastal California gnatcatcher and other species within the Poway Subarea HCP/NCCP plan and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located in the city of Poway in San Diego 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)].

19. Delegation of Authority

To consider the delegation of authority to the Executive Director of the Wildlife Conservation Board to substitute grantees of grants previously authorized by the Board.

20. Battle Creek Wildlife Area, Expansion 4 Shasta County \$680,000.00

To consider the acquisition in fee of 32± acres of land as an expansion to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Battle Creek Wildlife Area for the protection of terrestrial and aquatic habitats supporting salmonid species and to enhance habitat linkages and connectivity, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located near Anderson in Shasta 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 2786b/c].

21. North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve Public Access Improvements Butte County \$440,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a cooperative project with California State Parks to improve the parking lot, provide an ADA accessible viewing platform, and install a new ADA accessible toilet at the North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve, approximately eight miles north 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].

22. Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Fishing Access Pier Butte County \$310,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to construct a new mobility impaired accessible fishing pier in the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, located approximately ten miles southwest of the city 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 development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife compatible recreational activities. [Wildlife Restoration Fund].

23. Northern California Climate Adaptation Project Yolo/Trinity/Tehama/Siskiyou/Shasta/Napa/Mendocino/Lake/Humboldt/Glenn/Del Norte/Colusa/Butte County \$118,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to EcoAdapt for a cooperative project with the Bureau of Land Management and United States Forest Service to assess the impacts of climate change on important northwestern California habitats and species and develop long-term, sustainable adaptation options spanning thirteen counties in the region in Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glen, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, and Yolo counties. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed

funding source, which allows for protection and restoration of natural ecosystems to provide climate change adaptation and resilience, assist natural and working lands managers in adapting to and becoming more resilient to climate change, facilitate the reduction of GHG emissions, increase carbon sequestration in natural and working lands, and provide additional social, economic, and environmental benefits, or "co-benefits" (Public Resources Code Section 5845 et seq.). [General Fund, Budget Act, Chapter 14 and 249, Statutes of 2017].

24. Whiskey Hill Conservation Easement \$759,000.00
Colusa County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to acquire a conservation easement over 2,607± acres of land for protection of critical winter range for elk and other regional California wildlife and protection of grasslands that sustain working landscapes, located west of the city of Williams in Colusa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that 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 Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(2)].

25. Desert Springs, and Expansion 1 \$1,385,000.00
Kern County

To consider the allocation for two grants to The Trust for Public Land to acquire 1,415± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered species, preservation of desert springs with year-round surface water and a riparian corridor, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located near Lake Isabella in Kern County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding sources. The first funding source allows for the acquisition of land and water resources to protect regional water quality, protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and assist local public agencies in improving regional water supply reliability. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Section 79565]. The second funding source allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat for threatened and endangered species. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund of 2006 (Proposition 12), Public Resources Code Section 5096.350(a)(3)].

26. Portal Ridge, and Expansion 1 \$480,000.00
Los Angeles County

To consider the allocation for two grants to The Transition Habitat Conservancy to acquire in fee 120± acres of land from two separate owners for the protection of deer and mountain lion habitat, to maintain a migration corridor for the deer herd, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located in the hills northwest of Portal Ridge, in Los Angeles County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition of habitat, including native oak woodlands, to protect deer and mountain lions.

[Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)].

27. Western Spadefoot Habitat Restoration and Seasonal Pool Creation **\$757,000.00**

Orange County

To consider an allocation for a grant to the Natural Communities Coalition for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Orange County Parks, and California State Parks located in Crystal Cove State Park and Laguna Coast Wilderness Park, within Orange County, that will construct 16 seasonal pools and restore 15± acres of adjacent upland coastal sage and cactus scrub habitat that will provide breeding and foraging habitat for the western spadefoot toad. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source which allows for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, protection, and expansion of habitat that furthers the implementation of natural community conservation plans adopted pursuant to the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2800) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code) [California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), Public Resource Code 80111(b)].

28. Western Riverside MSHCP (Chappell) **\$1,077,000.00**
Riverside County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (WRCRCA) 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 the WRCRCA, to acquire 58± acres of land for the protection of essential habitat within the target acquisition area in the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan, located near the city of Murrieta 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), Fish and Game Code Section 2786b/c].

29. Imperial Wildlife Area Wetland Restoration, Wetland Units T10 and S22 **\$950,000.00**
Imperial County

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 Imperial County to improve water use efficiency by developing new infrastructure to improve wetland management capabilities on CDFW's Imperial Valley Wildlife Area, located six miles north of Niland in Imperial 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 outside the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d), Wetlands Outside the Central Valley].

30. Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program

Board will be asked to approve these guidelines.

The Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program (Program) was created by Assembly Bill 2421 and signed into law in 2018 becoming effective immediately (Fish and Game Code, §1374 et seq.). The Program was created to help recover and sustain populations of monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

31. Strategic Plan Update

Informational item regarding the update of WCB's Strategic Plan, as required by Proposition 68.

32. Resolutions

33. Discuss and Act on Board Administrative Items

- New Business
- Next WCB Meeting – April 4, 2019 Stream Flow Enhancement

Adjourn

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