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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

May 22, 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. Public Forum for Items not on the Agenda
3. Funding Status — Informational
4. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 5 – 20)
- *5. Approval of Minutes — March 7, 2019
- *6. Recovery of Funds

*Proposed Consent Calendar

- *7. Programmatic Permitting for Aquatic Habitat Restoration Statewide \$200,000**
To consider the allocation for a grant to Sustainable Conservation for a cooperative project with State Coastal Conservancy, Water Foundation, and S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation to advance a statewide expedited permitting program for aquatic habitat restoration and water quality improvement projects. 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)]
- *8. Resilient Estuaries: Aquatic Species Assessment Tool Statewide \$144,113**
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Trout for a cooperative project with the Orange County Community Fund, the Field Foundation, and Resources Legacy Fund to research and design an aquatic species assessment tool, guidelines, and best management practices for several listed fish species to inform scientific decision making in estuaries statewide. 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 greenhouse gas emissions, increase carbon sequestration in natural and working lands, and provide additional social, economic, and environmental benefits, or "co-benefits". [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Budget Act, Chapter 14 and 249, Statutes of 2017]
- *9. Climate Resilience Planning for Key Sacramento River Watersheds Trinity/Siskiyou/Sierra/Shasta/Plumas/Modoc/Lassen/Butte County \$400,000**
To consider the allocation for a grant to Pacific Forest Trust for a cooperative project with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mitsubishi Foundation, New Belgium Brewing Company, Flora L. Thornton Foundation, and Mary A. Crocker Trust to plan for climate resilience in key Sacramento River watersheds spanning eight northern California 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 greenhouse gas emissions, increase carbon sequestration in natural and working lands, and provide additional social, economic, and environmental benefits, or "co-benefits". [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Budget Act, Chapter 14 and 249, Statutes of 2017]
- *10. Climate Resilience at the Clover Valley Ranch Plumas County \$120,000**
To consider the allocation for a grant to The Sierra Fund for a cooperative project with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Red Clover, LLC, to monitor the impacts of grazing under an existing grazing management plan and make recommendations for the development of best management practices for the Clover Valley Ranch in Plumas County. 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 greenhouse gas emissions, increase carbon sequestration in

natural and working lands, and provide additional social, economic, and environmental benefits, or "co-benefits". [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Budget Act, Chapter 14 and 249, Statutes of 2017]

- *11. Sierra Valley Conservation Area, Expansion 4** **\$415,000**
Plumas County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Feather River Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to acquire a conservation easement over 468± acres of land for the protection and preservation of deer range habitat, wildlife corridors, rangeland, grasslands, grazing land and agriculture, and protection of sensitive species located near Beckwourth in Plumas County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which provides matching funds for the acquisition, restoration or protection of habitat or habitat corridors that promote the recovery of threatened, endangered, or fully protected species. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Proposition 12), Public Resources Code Section 5096.350(a)(5)]
- *12. Building Climate Resiliency in Central Valley Wetlands** **\$294,000**
Butte/Merced/Tulare/Kern County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Audubon Society for a cooperative project with Point Blue Conservation Science and Grassland Water District to develop regional water budget models that model future Central Valley wetland water needs under climate change scenarios, located in Butte, Merced, Tulare and Kern 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 greenhouse gas emissions, increase carbon sequestration in natural and working lands, and provide additional social, economic, and environmental benefits, or "co-benefits". [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Budget Act, Chapter 14 and 249, Statutes of 2017]
- *13. Lacey Meadows Restoration Planning** **\$293,000**
Sierra County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Truckee River Watershed Council for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to complete restoration and management planning and support pre-project monitoring and completion of final design plans to restore 495 acres of degraded high Sierra meadow habitat. 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 greenhouse gas emissions, increase carbon sequestration in natural and working lands, and provide additional social, economic, and environmental benefits, or "co-benefits". [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Budget Act, Chapter 14 and 249, Statutes of 2017]
- *14. East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP (Olesen/Duke)** **\$100,000**
Contra Costa County
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 120± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing regional wildlife linkages, including grassland, oak woodland, pond and creek habitat areas within the East

Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan, located at the base of the Diablo Mountain Range in Briones Valley, west of the city of Brentwood in Contra Costa 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 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)]

- *15. Adaptation and Resilience Plan for the Petaluma River Baylands** **\$260,000**
Sonoma County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Sonoma Land Trust for a cooperative project with Sonoma Resource Conservation District, San Francisco Estuary Institute, and Point Blue Conservation Science to develop an Adaptation and Resilience Implementation Plan for the Petaluma River Baylands in Sonoma County. 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 greenhouse gas emissions, increase carbon sequestration in natural and working lands, and provide additional social, economic, and environmental benefits, or "co-benefits". [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Budget Act, Chapter 14 and 249, Statutes of 2017]
- *16. Camp Pollock Site Improvement** **\$176,000**
Sacramento County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Sacramento Valley Conservancy for a cooperative project with Sacramento County Department of Water Resources and Recreational Equipment, Inc. to expand public access, improve a parking lot, install educational signs, and implement water-efficient landscaping on 11 acres of State Lands Commission's Camp Pollock property, on the American River approximately 0.5 miles north of the North Sacramento Freeway. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows expenditures to be made available to the Lower American River Conservancy Program. [California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), Public Resources Code sections 80100(a)(3) and 5845 et seq.]
- *17. Grasslands Water Improvement Efficiency Project Augmentation** **\$172,500**
Merced
To consider the allocation for an augmentation to an existing grant to California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to enhance 17,000± acres of habitat and install water control and monitoring infrastructure on three CDFW wildlife areas in Merced 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 in the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program]
- *18. Sierra National Forest, Meadows Restoration Planning** **\$430,100**
Madera/Fresno County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Trout Unlimited for a cooperative project with U.S. Forest Service and University of California, Merced for planning and environmental compliance to restore nine montane meadows totaling approximately 75 acres of the Sierra National Forest situated in Madera and Fresno 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 greenhouse gas emissions, increase carbon sequestration in natural and working lands, and provide additional social, economic, and environmental benefits, or "co-benefits". [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Budget Act, Chapter 14 and 249, Statutes of 2017]

- *19. Morongo Basin, Expansion 5** **\$28,100**
San Bernardino County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Mojave Desert Land Trust to acquire 15± acres of land for the protection of desert habitat corridors supporting threatened and endangered species near Joshua Tree National Park, located in West Yucca Valley, 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)]
- *20. Otay Mesa Vernal Pool** **\$21,000**
San Diego County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the city of San Diego (City) and the acceptance of a Recovery Land Acquisition grant, and the approval to sub-grant these federal funds to the City to acquire 1± acre of land for the protection of vernal pool habitat located near the community of Otay Mesa 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, and endangered, threatened or fully protected species. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]
- 21. Audubon Conservation Ranching Program** **\$512,000**
Statewide
To consider the allocation for a grant to Audubon California for a cooperative project with Gamble Foundation and Point Blue Conservation Science to develop grazing management protocols designed to increase climate resilience by improving carbon sequestration, water infiltration, food production, and habitat diversity for a wide range of species on California's grasslands. 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 greenhouse gas emissions, increase carbon sequestration in natural and working lands, and provide additional social, economic, and environmental benefits, or "co-benefits". [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Budget Act, Chapter 14 and 249, Statutes of 2017]
- 22. Enhancing Wildlife Habitat and Carbon Sequestration on** **\$1,036,442**
Working Lands
Stanislaus/Sonoma/Santa Barbara/San Mateo/Napa/Mendocino/Marin/Humboldt/Del Norte County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts for a cooperative project with the California Department of Conservation, the California Department of Water Resources, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Point Blue Conservation Science, the Smith River Alliance, and ten Resource Conservation Districts for technical assistance activities in nine California counties that will create conservation carbon farm plans and develop conservation practice designs that will provide wildlife-

enhancing, climate-beneficial management options for producers on working landscapes. 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 greenhouse gas emissions, increase carbon sequestration in natural and working lands, and provide additional social, economic, and environmental benefits, or "co-benefits". [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Budget Act, Chapter 14 and 249, Statutes of 2017]

- 23. Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Auto Tour Route and Habitat Enhancement Project** **\$1,410,000**
Butte County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to restore wetland fields along the auto tour route within CDFW's Gray Lodge Wildlife Area 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 in the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program]
- 24. Ervin Ranch** **\$4,055,000**
El Dorado County
To consider the acquisition of 1,781± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a cooperative project with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, American River Conservancy, and California Natural Resources Agency for the protection and preservation of riparian and oak woodland habitat, deer and mountain lion habitat, and to provide for potential future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source, which provides funding for the acquisition and protection of riparian and oak woodland habitats, deer and mountain lion habitat, corridors linking separate habitat areas, prevention of habitat fragmentation, and for the development of public access facilities. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)] and [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]
- 25. Grizzly Island Wildlife Area Habitat Improvement** **\$721,000**
Solano County
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association, for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to restore wetlands within CDFW's Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. 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]
- 26. Santa Cruz County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy** **\$470,000**
Santa Cruz County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission to develop and complete a final draft of the Santa Cruz County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy, covering Santa Cruz County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for development of Regional Conservation Investment Strategies. [California

Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), Public Resources Code Section 80111(a)]

- 27. Colton Sand Dunes** **\$1,934,000**
San Bernardino County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Rivers & Lands Conservancy (RLC) and the acceptance of two U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grants and the approval to sub-grant these federal funds to RLC to acquire 34± acres of land for the protection and preservation of the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly, located in the city of Colton, 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)]
- 28. CDFW Land Management Plans, South Coast Region** **\$1,327,213**
San Diego/Los Angeles County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Wildlife Foundation for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to complete and deliver land management plans for CDFW's Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve located in Los Angeles County, and Boden Canyon Ecological Reserve, Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve, and Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area located in San Diego County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the preparation of land management plans for properties acquired in fee by the Wildlife Conservation Board. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)(5)]
- 29. John Henry Ranch** **\$3,200,000**
San Diego County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Escondido Creek Conservancy for a cooperative project with California Natural Resources Agency to acquire 282± acres of land for the protection habitat consisting of oak woodlands, grasslands, plants and chaparral that supports a variety of wildlife including deer and mountain lion and to increase protection of regional wildlife habitat corridors and provide potential future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities, located in an unincorporated area in north San Diego County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition of habitat, including native oak woodlands, and to protect deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]
- 30. Stonebridge Mesa and Santa Carina Terrace Climate Adaptation and Resilience Project** **\$759,000**
San Diego County
To consider an allocation for a grant to San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy for a cooperative project with the San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation that will restore 38 acres of diverse upland habitat in San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve to provide climate change adaptation and resilience benefits to ecosystems deemed moderately or highly vulnerable to climate change. 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 greenhouse gas emissions, increase carbon sequestration in natural and working lands, and provide additional social, economic, and

environmental benefits, or "co-benefits". [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Budget Act, Chapter 14 and 249, Statutes of 2017]

31. Strategic Plan Update

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

32. Discuss and Act on Board Administrative Items

- New Business
- Next WCB Meeting – August 28, 2019

Adjourn

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