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## **Notice of Meeting**

### WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

August 28, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Natural Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> 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 – 15)
- \*5. Approval of Minutes — April 4, 2019  
May 22, 2019
- \*6. Recovery of Funds
- \*7. Contract Authorization for Accounting Services

\*Proposed Consent Calendar

- \*8. Ash Creek Wildlife Area Land Exchange** **\$0**  
**Lassen County**  
To consider the exchange of 139± acres owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for 100± acres owned by Peter and Lynn Gerig to serve as a consolidation and floodplain restoration of CDFW's Ash Creek Wildlife Area, located near Bieber in Lassen County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species 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)]
- \*9. Orchards Alive Monarch Butterfly Habitat** **\$505,000**  
**Yolo/Colusa County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Environmental Defense Fund for a cooperative project with two private landowners to plant up to 325 acres of multi-benefit breeding and migratory habitat for monarch butterflies in two maturing pecan orchards located on privately-owned land 1.5 miles north of Colusa in Colusa County and 5 miles southeast of Knights Landing in Yolo County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that allows for one or more of the following objectives: restore or enhance California prairie and other appropriate breeding habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators, restore or enhance overwintering monarch butterfly habitat, provide technical assistance to grant recipients, provide grants for seasonal or temporary habitat improvements, or provide block grants in which suballocations are made by the grant recipient. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2018, Chapter 29]
- \*10. Hornitos Ranch** **\$51,500**  
**Mariposa County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Sierra Foothill Conservancy for a cooperative project with CDFW and the California Department of Conservation to acquire a conservation easement over 7,100± acres of land to protect and preserve oak woodland habitat, California tiger salamander, and vernal pool wetlands located near Hornitos, in Mariposa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the restoration or acquisition of habitat for threatened and endangered species or for the purpose of promoting recovery of those species. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Proposition 12), Public Resources Section 5096.350(a)(3)]
- \*11. Planning for Predicted Sea Level Rise within the Salinas Valley** **\$248,020**  
**Monterey County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Coastal Conservation and Research, Inc. for a cooperative project with the Central Coast Wetlands Group, The Nature Conservancy, local landowners, and the Greater Monterey County Integrated Regional Water Management Program to support creek and floodplain restoration planning and design needed to implement projects that accommodate documented flooding hazards within agricultural areas of the lower Salinas Valley in Monterey County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that 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]

- \*12. Arrowhead Ridge, CAL FIRE Conservation Easement** **\$0**  
**San Bernardino County**  
To consider the acceptance of a conservation easement by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection under the California Forest Legacy Program Act of 2007 for the protection of 78± acres of land containing significant scenic, recreational, timber, riparian, fish and wildlife, threatened and endangered species, and other cultural and environmental values and increase direct carbon sequestration through increased growth and inventory located near Lake Arrowhead in San Bernardino County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of 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, and 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)]
- \*13. Palisades Ranch Restoration and Access Planning** **\$375,000**  
**San Bernardino County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Mojave Desert Land Trust for a cooperative project with CDFW and Mojave Water Agency to develop a conceptual ecosystem restoration and public access plan and complete environmental review for the Palisades Ranch, located approximately two miles south of the City of Helendale in San Bernardino County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that 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)]
- \*14. Hearthstone Quitclaim** **\$0**  
**Ventura County**  
To consider the sale of a 1.6± access easement by CDFW to an adjacent landowner for the purpose of enhancing management of CDFW lands near Filmore in Ventura County.
- \*15. Mendenhall Ranch Conservation Easement** **\$61,250**  
**San Diego County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Rangeland Trust for a cooperative project with the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service to acquire a conservation easement over 118± acres of land for the protection of a working landscape consisting of montane meadow, mixed conifer and chaparral habitat that are beneficial to the Laguna Mountain skipper, San Bernardino bluegrass, and other wildlife, and promotes the preservation of habitat linkages and corridors between existing protected lands, located in an area known as Mendenhall Valley in north 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)]
- 16. Recovering and Sustaining Monarch and Pollinator Populations** **\$750,000**  
**Various Counties**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Association of Resource Conservation Districts for a project to administer a block grant to resource conservation districts for the

implementation of monarch and pollinator habitat improvements located on privately-owned land in various counties. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that allows for one or more of the following objectives: restore or enhance California prairie and other appropriate breeding habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators, restore or enhance overwintering monarch butterfly habitat, provide technical assistance to grant recipients, provide grants for seasonal or temporary habitat improvements, or provide block grants in which suballocations are made by the grant recipient. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2018, Chapter 29]

**17. Butte Valley Wildlife Area Wetland Enhancement \$872,000  
Siskiyou County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with CDFW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to enhance wetland units within the Butte Valley Wildlife Area located approximately 4.5 miles from the community of Macdoel, on the western edge of Meiss Lake in Siskiyou County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that 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 Wetlands Outside the Central Valley]

**18. American River Ranch Parking Lot \$499,000  
Sacramento County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks for a project to enhance public access at the American River Ranch Interpretive Center, located approximately four miles east of the City of Sacramento in Sacramento County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that 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.]

**19. Franklin Ridge, Expansion 2 \$2,000,000  
Contra Costa County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the John Muir Land Trust for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District to acquire in fee 281± acres for the protection of wildlife habitat and several special-status wildlife species, and assist in the expansion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Corridor located near the City of Martinez, in Contra Costa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition, protection and restoration of coastal wetlands, upland areas adjacent to coastal wetlands and coastal watershed lands within the San Francisco Bay Area. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79572(c)]

**20. Mormon Meadows \$1,320,000  
Mono County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Wilderness Land Trust to acquire in fee 960± acres of land for the protection of deer, mountain lion, and sage grouse habitat, and to increase protection of regional wildlife habitat corridors and provide potential future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located near Bridgeport in Mono 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)]

**21. Deadman II Forest Resilience Project** **\$885,500**  
**Santa Cruz County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Save the Redwoods League for a cooperative project with Peninsula Open Space Trust and Sempervirens Fund to restore 552 acres of redwood and upland hardwood forests in the Deadman Gulch Restoration Reserve portion of the San Vicente Redwoods property situated in Santa Cruz County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that 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)]

**22. Tricolored Blackbird Wetland Habitat Enhancement** **\$719,000**  
**Kern County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited for a cooperative project with the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USFWS, Audubon California, and Lawrence Duck Club to enhance wetlands that provide Tricolored Black Bird nesting habitat and waterfowl breeding habitat, located on privately-owned land in Kern County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that 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].

**23. 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 USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grants and the approval to sub-grant these federal funds to RLC to acquire in fee 34± acres of land for the protection and preservation of the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly, located in the City of Colton 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)]

**24. Liberty Canyon Wildlife Underpass Project** **\$390,000**  
**Los Angeles County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains for a cooperative project with Caltrans, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to improve the ability of wildlife to cross U.S. Highway 101 by restoring and enhancing an existing wildlife undercrossing that was damaged in the 2019 Woolsey Fire, located approximately nine miles east of Thousand Oaks in Los Angeles County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that allows for projects to construct, repair, modify, or remove transportation infrastructure or water resources infrastructure to improve passage for wildlife or fish. California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), Public Resources Code Section 80132 (e)(1).

**25. Mission Center Property \$1,600,000  
San Diego County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Endangered Habitats Conservancy to acquire in fee 42± acres of land to protect habitat that implements or assists in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans (NCCP), located near the City of San Diego in San Diego County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition of real property subject to a NCCP adopted pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2800) of the Fish and Game Code. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Proposition 12), Public Resources Code Section 5096.350(a)(6)]

**26. Strategic Plan Update Action**

To consider adopting the update of WCB's Strategic Plan (Plan) as required by Proposition 68. The Plan update relies on the fundamentals of the 2014 Strategic Plan while defining more focused measurable objectives tailored to emerging conservation priorities and a strategic path forward.

**27. Discuss and Act on Board Administrative Items**

- New Business
- Next WCB Meeting – November 21, 2019

**Adjourn**

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