

August 28, 2019 Board Meeting

- The Ash Creek Wildlife Land Exchange in Lassen County was approved as proposed. The Board exchanged 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.
- The Orchards Alive Monarch Butterfly Habitat in Colusa and Yolo Counties was approved as proposed. The Board allocated \$505,000 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.
- The Hornitos Ranch Conservation Easement in Mariposa County was approved as proposed. The Board allocated \$98,944 for a grant to Sierra Foothill Conservancy, for a cooperative project with CDFW, the California Department of Conservation, and the California Wildlife Foundation to acquire a conservation easement over 7,100± acres of land.
- The Planning for Predicted Sea Level Rise within the Salinas Valley in Monterey County was approved as proposed. The Board allocated \$248,020 for a grant to Coastal Conservation and Research, Inc. for a cooperative project with the Natural Resources Conservation District and Central Coast Wetlands Group in partnership with 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.
- The Arrowhead Ridge, CAL FIRE Conservation Easement in San Bernardino County was approved as proposed. The Board accepted 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.
- The Palisades Ranch Restoration and Access Planning in San Bernardino County was approved as proposed. The Board allocated \$375,000 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.
- The Hearthstone Quitclaim in Ventura County was approved as proposed. The Board approved the sale of a 1.6± access easement by CDFW to an adjacent landowner for the purpose of enhancing management of CDFW lands.

- The Mendenhall Ranch Conservation Easement in San Diego County was approved as proposed. The Board allocated \$61,250 for a grant to the California Rangeland Trust for a cooperative project with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, 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.
- The Recovering and Sustaining Monarch and Pollinator Population in various counties was approved as proposed. The Board allocated \$750,000 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.
- The Butte Valley Wildlife Area Wetland Enhancement in Siskiyou County was approved as proposed. The Board allocated \$872,000 for a grant to California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with CDFW and USFWS to enhance wetland units within the Butte Valley Wildlife Area located approximately five miles from the community of Macdoel, on the western edge of Meiss Lake.
- The American River Ranch Parking Lot in Sacramento County was approved as proposed. The Board allocated \$499,000 for a grant to Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks to enhance public access to the American River Ranch Interpretive Center in the City of Rancho Cordova.
- The Franklin Ridge, Expansion 2 in Contra Costa County was approved as proposed. The Board allocated \$2,000,000 for a grant to the John Muir Land Trust for a cooperative project with East Bay Regional Park District to acquire in fee 281± acres of land for the protection of oak woodlands, open space, and expansion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Corridor.
- The Mormon Meadows in Mono County was approved as proposed. The Board allocated \$1,320,000 for a grant to The Wilderness Land Trust to acquire 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.
- The Colton Sand Dunes in San Bernardino County was approved as proposed. The Board allocated \$1,934,000 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.

- The Liberty Canyon Wildlife Underpass Project in Los Angeles County was approved as proposed. The Board allocated \$390,000 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.
- The Mission Center Property in San Diego County was approved as proposed. The Board allocated \$1,600,00 to acquire in fee 42± acres of land to protect habitat that implements or assists in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans.