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## **Notice of Meeting**

### WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

November 21, 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 – 21)
- \*5. Approval of Minutes — August 28, 2019
- \*6. Recovery of Funds

\* Proposed Consent Calendar

**\*7. Recovering and Sustaining Monarch and Pollinator Populations** **\$0**  
**Amendment**  
**Various Counties**

To consider a clarifying amendment to this project that was previously approved at the August 28, 2019 Board meeting, for 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- and publicly-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.]

**\*8. California Monarch Recovery Project** **\$594,140**  
**Various Counties**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Xerces Society for a cooperative project with the California Department of Parks and Recreation and Cambria Community Service District that will aid in the recovery and sustainability of monarch butterflies and other pollinators by addressing the multiple threats that are leading to their decline in various coastal and central counties. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which 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.]

**\*9. China Hill, Expansion 4** **\$65,000**  
**Siskiyou County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Yreka (City) and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Recovery Land Acquisition Grant and the approval to sub-grant these federal funds to the City, to acquire fee title to 21± acres of land for the protection of Yreka phlox, a wildflower endemic to China Hill and other surrounding foothill areas, located in the City of Yreka, Siskiyou County. The purposes of this project are consistent with 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 Section 5096.350(a)(5).] In addition to the above described purposes, the project is also consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that allows for 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).]

- \*10. CAL FIRE Forsyth Conservation Easement** **\$0**  
**Humboldt County**  
To consider the acceptance of a conservation easement over 49± acres by CAL FIRE under the California Forest Legacy Act of 2007, for the purposes of protecting fish and wildlife habitat, located near the City of Arcata, Humboldt County.
- \*11 Dye Creek Low Water Crossing Fish Passage Planning** **\$375,000**  
**Tehama County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and USFWS to complete planning, design, and environmental review to restore a fish passage barrier, located at the Shasta Boulevard Dye Creek Bridge crossing located approximately three miles north of Los Molinos in Tehama County. The proposed funding source for this project is the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), Public Resource Code Section 80132(e)(1) which allows for construction, repair, modification, or removal of transportation or water resources infrastructure to improve wildlife or fish passage. [California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]
- \*12. Big Valley Wetlands, Expansion 1** **\$675,000**  
**Lake County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Lake County Land Trust to acquire in fee 201± acres of land for the protection of shoreline freshwater wetland, riparian woodland, and wet meadow habitats that support the state threatened Clear Lake hitch along with the western pond turtle, a state species of special concern and to provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located on the southwestern shore of Clear Lake in an area known as Big Valley in Lake 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).]
- \*13. Garden Bar Preserve Riparian and Wetland Restoration** **\$226,000**  
**Nevada County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Bear Yuba Land Trust for a cooperative project with Sierra Streams Institute to restore 3± acres of riparian and wetland habitat located on the Garden Bar Preserve located approximately seven miles west of Highway 49 southwest of Grass Valley in Nevada County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, restoration or enhancement of riparian habitat and aquatic habitat for salmonids and trout. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d).]
- \*14. Lake Tahoe Fishing Access (Transfer)** **\$0**  
**Placer County**  
To consider the transfer of 8± acres of land by CDFW to the Tahoe City Public Utility District to own, operate, and maintain the Lake Tahoe fishing access property in perpetuity, for purposes of public access, angling access, and public recreation.

- \*15. Cedar Roughs Wildlife Area, Expansion 1** **\$365,000**  
**Napa County**  
To consider the acquisition in fee of 87± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of deer and mountain lion habitat, increase protection of regional wildlife habitat corridors, and provide potential future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities as an expansion of CDFW's Cedar Roughs Wildlife Area located near Lake Berryessa in Napa 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.)]
- \*16. Monarch Wings Across California, Expansion and Connectivity** **\$329,400**  
**Merced County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Pollinator Partnership for a cooperative project with Natural Resources Conservation Service, USFWS, Bowles Farming, Inc., Monarch Joint Venture, Gabel Farm Land Co., Inc., and Namakan West Fisheries to enhance and monitor pollinator habitat located on three privately-owned project sites within 10 miles of Los Banos in Merced County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which 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. San Joaquin River Parkway, Ball Ranch Habitat Restoration** **\$375,690**  
**Planning and CEQA**  
**Fresno County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) and CDFW to complete planning design and environmental review on the SJRC 358± acre Ball Ranch property and the 293± acre Willow Unit of the CDFW San Joaquin Ecological Reserve located adjacent to the San Joaquin River approximately 4.5 miles downstream of Friant Dam in Fresno County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding sources, which allows for the acquisition, restoration, and protection of land and water resources located within the boundaries of the San Joaquin River Parkway. [Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), California Water Code Section 79731(g).]
- \*18. Sierra Meadow Wetland and Riparian Area Monitoring** **\$181,000**  
**Plan Development**  
**Tulare County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Trout for a cooperative project with the U.S. Forest Service to create a standardized framework to assess pre- and post-restoration conditions in mountain meadows within the greater Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountains. The proposed funding source for this project is the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Public Resources Code Section 5845 et seq., General Fund, Budget Act, Chapter 14 and 249, Statutes of 2017, which provides funding for the 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. San Bernardino County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy** **\$562,210**  
**San Bernardino County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to San Bernardino County Transportation Authority for a cooperative project with San Bernardino Council of Governments to develop and complete a final draft of the San Bernardino County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy, covering two subareas, the Valley subarea and West Desert subarea and the Mountain region located in San Bernardino 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).]
- \*20. Carpinteria Salt Marsh Infrastructure Improvement Project** **\$32,300**  
**Augmentation**  
**Santa Barbara County**  
To consider the allocation for an augmentation to an existing grant to the Regents of the University of California to repair Estero Road culverts, install interpretive signs and fencing, and establish native plants on the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve in Santa Barbara County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for grants to the University of California for the Natural Reserve System for the construction and development of facilities that will be used for research and training to improve the management of natural lands and the preservation of California's wildlife resources. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)(3).]
- \*21. McGinty Mountain Ecological Reserve, Expansion 3** **\$775,000**  
**San Diego County**  
To consider the acquisition in fee of 87± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of threatened and endangered species, to preserve biological communities supporting sensitive species, to enhance wildlife linkages, and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, as an expansion of CDFW's McGinty Mountain Ecological Reserve located near the community of Jamul 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).]
- 22. Central Valley Monarch Butterfly Habitat Enhancement** **\$1,210,000**  
**Various Counties**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners for a cooperative project with CDFW and Kern River Corridor Endowment and Holding Company that will plant milkweed and nectar-rich plants to establish or enhance monarch butterfly habitat on 600± acres of natural lands in the Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin Valley, and San Diego region. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which 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.]

- 23. Jameson Creek Fish Passage Improvement and Restoration** **\$998,000**  
**Humboldt County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Fortuna for a cooperative project with CDFW and private landowners to replace a culvert that acts as a barrier to salmonid migration along Jameson Creek at the Rhonerville Road crossing in Humboldt County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which 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).]
- 24. Willow Creek Wildlife Area Meadow Enhancement** **\$216,000**  
**Lassen County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a cooperative project with USFWS working with the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and CDFW to replace water control structures and plant riparian vegetation on the Willow Creek Wildlife Area, located in Lassen 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 to protect or enhance a flood protection corridor or bypass outside the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d)(Proposition 1E), Wetlands Outside the Central Valley.]
- 25. Upper Noyo River Fish Passage Improvement and Sediment Reduction** **\$2,565,000**  
**Mendocino County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Trout Unlimited for a cooperative project with the Mendocino Railway, the Mendocino Land Trust, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to restore access to 1.15 miles of steelhead and salmon habitat and reduce in-stream sediment upstream of where the California Western Railway crosses the upper Noyo River in Mendocino County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which 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).]
- 26. Red Mountain** **\$1,400,000**  
**Nevada County**  
This proposal is to consider the allocation of a grant to Truckee Donner Land Trust to acquire, in fee, 633± acres located near Truckee in Nevada County to help preserve montane meadow, wildlife corridors, habitat linkages, and to provide wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities. 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. [California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

**27. Upper Truckee River Marsh Restoration** **\$2,980,000**  
**El Dorado County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Tahoe Conservancy for a cooperative project with CDFW, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Forest Service to restore 261 acres of wetland habitat owned by the California Tahoe Conservancy in South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the protection, restoration, and improvement of upper watershed lands in the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountains, including forest lands, meadows, wetlands, chaparral, and riparian habitat, in order to protect and improve water supply and water quality, improve forest health, reduce fire danger, mitigate the effects of wildfires on water quality and supply, increase flood protection, or to protect or restore riparian or aquatic resources. [California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

**28. Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project** **\$1,250,000**  
**Contra Costa County**

To consider the allocation to the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for a cooperative project with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to restore up to 400 acres of coastal wetlands and adjacent habitats at the mouth of Walnut Creek and its tributary, Pacheco Creek, 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.]

**29. 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, which 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).]

- 30. San Joaquin River Parkway, Milburn Pond CEQA and Pond Isolation Design** **\$622,512**  
**Fresno County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Water Resources for a cooperative project with SJRC and CDFW to complete environmental review for gravel pit isolation from the San Joaquin River, river floodplain improvements, and potential future public access, and to complete design for gravel pit isolation on the 303± acre Milburn and the 14± acre Hansen Farm properties of the CDFW San Joaquin River Ecological Reserve located within the Fresno City limits approximately four miles upstream of State Route 99 in Fresno 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 and protection of land and water resources located within the boundaries of the San Joaquin River Conservancy. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b)(5).]
- 31. Tricolored Blackbird Wetland Habitat Enhancement** **\$719,000**  
**Kern County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a cooperative project with the landowners and Audubon California to enhance wetlands that provide Tricolored Blackbird 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, 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.]
- 32. Campbell Ranch Conservation Easement** **\$1,951,884**  
**Santa Barbara County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Land Trust of Santa Barbara County to acquire a conservation easement over 138± acres of land to protect and preserve oak woodlands and California tiger salamander near Lompoc in Santa Barbara 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).]
- 33. Walker-Hearne Ranch** **\$2,991,605**  
**Ventura County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Ventura Land Trust to acquire in fee 2,118± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered species and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located five miles east of the City of Ventura, Ventura 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).]
- 34. CDFW Land Management Plans, South Coast Region** **\$1,327,213**  
**Los Angeles/San Diego County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Diego Society of Natural History for a cooperative project with 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, Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area, and Oak Grove Unit of San Felipe Valley 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)(6).]

**35. Hidden Creeks \$4,900,000**  
**Los Angeles County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire in fee 261± acres of land for the preservation of oak woodland and grassland habitat, wildlife corridors, habitat linkages, and to provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located in the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles County. 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. [California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

**36. Los Angeles River Fish Passage and Habitat Structures Design \$1,356,000**  
**Los Angeles County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Council for Watershed Health for a cooperative project with the City of Los Angeles, the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, the Friends of the Los Angeles River, and the Arroyo Seco Foundation for a planning project to provide designs, permits and environmental review for addressing impaired mobility for southern steelhead trout and other native fish along 4.4 miles of the Los Angeles River in downtown Los Angeles. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which 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).]

**37. Executive Session (Not Open to the Public)**

The Board may meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee. After closed session, the Board will reconvene in public session, which may include announcements about actions taken during closed session.

**38. 2019 Board Meeting Dates**

Board will be asked to approve WCB meetings dates for 2020.

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

**Stream Flow Enhancement Board Meeting**

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

**Adjourn**

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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