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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

May 20, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Preliminary Agenda Items

Consistent with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, the public and Board members will participate in the meeting via Skype or teleconference. Public comment will be accepted per the agenda. A recording will be posted after the meeting.

Item Number

1. Roll Call
2. Discussion and Selection of new Board Chairman
3. Public Forum for Items not on the Agenda
4. Funding Status — Informational
5. Recovery of Funds

Consent Items

6. **Conservation Planning for Great Valley and Modoc Plateau Vernal Pool Habitat Various Counties \$140,000**
To consider the allocation for a grant to East Merced Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with the United States Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate vernal pool habitats across 32 counties within the Great Central Valley and Modoc Plateau ecoregions and develop a conservation strategy framework for landscape-level vernal pool conservation located on privately- and publicly-owned land. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

- 7. Strategies to Alleviate Flood Effects in the Eel River Estuary Humboldt County** **\$106,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Humboldt County Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to perform an alternative analysis (15% design level) to further investigate flood impacts and potential modifications of the two mile setback berm that would improve drainage and reduce possible flood impacts in the Eel River Estuary five miles northwest of Ferndale in Humboldt County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Public Resources Code Section 2786dOW.]
- 8. Truckee River Wildlife Area Planning Nevada County** **\$309,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Truckee River Watershed Council for a cooperative project with Tahoe Truckee Sanitation Agency for a restoration planning effort focused on addressing multiple critical needs on the Truckee River including floodplain connectivity, chronic sediment erosion, and a scarcity of riparian and aquatic habitats at various locations along the Truckee River in Nevada County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 9. Santa Rosa Creek Fish Passage Improvements Planning Sonoma County** **\$274,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Sonoma Water for a planning project that will develop a final design plan to repair or replace three fish passage sites within Santa Rosa Creek in Sonoma County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132 (e)(1).]
- 10. Bushy Lake Conceptual Restoration Plan Sacramento County** **\$370,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to University Enterprises Incorporated (California State University, Sacramento) for a planning project to conduct technical studies and design to enhance wetland habitat at Bushy Lake located approximately six miles east of the California State Capitol in Sacramento County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code sections 80100(a)(3) and 5845 et seq.]
- 11. Where Are We on the Parkway Sacramento County** **\$270,875**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the American River Parkway Foundation for a cooperative project with Sacramento County Regional Parks to provide interpretive and directional signage to improve public access along the lower American River Parkway located in Sacramento County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Sections 80100 (a)(3) and 5845 et seq.]
- 12. East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP (Bloching) Contra Costa County** **\$105,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy, for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District to acquire 3± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing regional wildlife linkages, including oak woodland and creek habitat areas within the East

Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan, located near Clayton in Contra Costa County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)(SSJD-NCCP).]

**13. McCosker Riparian Habitat Restoration \$500,000
Contra Costa County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to East Bay Regional Park District for a cooperative project with Caltrans, Resources Agency, SCC, and the Environmental Protection Agency to daylight culverted streams to improve fish passage and riparian habitat on Alder Creek, located in Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve three miles east of Moraga in Contra Costa County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f).]

**14. Point Pinole Overwintering and Forage Enhancement \$203,000
Contra Costa County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to East Bay Regional Park District to enhance monarch butterfly overwintering habitat and foraging grassland/shrubland habitat in a historically occupied grove at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline in Contra Costa County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

**15. Bean Meadow Enhancement for Climate Resiliency \$341,000
Mariposa County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Sierra Foothills Conservancy for a cooperative project with CDFW, USFWS, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to restore 40± acres of degraded meadow habitat and enhance riparian and aquatic resources near Greeley Hill in Mariposa County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

**16. San Joaquin River Parkway, Sycamore Island Fishing Pond \$200,000
Enhancement Project Augmentation
Madera County**

To consider the allocation for an augmentation to an existing grant to the California Department of Water Resources for a cooperative project with CDFW to construct public access and habitat enhancements to a gravel pit pond adjacent to the San Joaquin River on the San Joaquin River Conservancy's Sycamore Island property located three miles downstream of the State Route 41 bridge in Madera County. [Proposition 12, Public Resources Code Section 5096.355 and Proposition 40, Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b)(5).]

**17. Habitat Restoration at Anacapa Island \$343,000
Ventura County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with the National Park Service and the California Institute of Environmental Studies to restore 3± acres of migratory bird breeding habitat, located on Anacapa Island, within the Channel Islands National Park, off the coast of Port Hueneme in Ventura County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

- 18. Robin's Nest II** **\$635,000**
Los Angeles County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Trust for Public Land for a cooperative project with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society to acquire 22± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered species, riparian and floodplain habitat along the Santa Clara River and to provide the potential for wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located near Acton in Los Angeles County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c) (Proposition 1E).]
- 19. Rancho Royal** **\$565,720**
Riverside County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Friends of the Desert Mountains and the acceptance of two USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grants and the approval to subgrant these federal funds for a cooperative project with the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, to acquire 481± acres of land for the protection of core habitat linkages and fluvial and eolian sand transport corridors important for the Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard along with other sand dependent species addressed in the Coachella Valley Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan, a Natural Community Conservation Plan, located near Desert Hot Springs in Riverside County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b) and Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(c).]
- 20. Santa Ana to Palomar Mountains Linkage** **\$378,000**
Riverside County
To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with San Diego State University to develop plans and specifications related to enhancing the long-term function of the Interstate 15 Temecula Creek Bridge undercrossing and vicinity to facilitate east-west passage for mountain lions and other wildlife between the Eastern Peninsular Ranges and the Santa Ana Mountains in Riverside County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]
- 21. Anza Borrego Desert Research Center Solar Array Project** **\$57,000**
San Diego County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the University of California, Irvine, for a project to install a photovoltaic solar electric system at the Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center, located near Borrego Springs in San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(c).]

Proposed Items

- 22. Ash Creek Wildlife Area Wetland Habitat Conservation Project** **\$991,000**
Modoc/Lassen County
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with CDFW to restore 1,359± acres of wetland habitat on the Ash Creek Wildlife Area, located four miles northeast of the town of Bieber in Modoc and Lassen counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

- 23. Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project** **\$1,400,000**
Yolo County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with CDFW and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to restore 1,943± acres of habitat and improve drainage capabilities at CDFW's Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, located three miles east of Davis in Yolo County. [Proposition 40, Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(2) and Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]
- 24. Grasslands Water Efficiency Improvement Project, Phase II** **\$514,000**
Merced County
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with CDFW to restore 2,668± acres of wetland habitat within the Grasslands Ecological Area on the Los Banos Wildlife Area and the North Grasslands Wildlife Area, located five miles north of Los Banos in Merced County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]
- 25. Frog Lake** **\$1,300,000**
Nevada County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Truckee Donner Land Trust to acquire, in fee, 201± acres to preserve montane meadow, wildlife corridors, habitat linkages, and to provide wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities near Truckee in Nevada County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d) and Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117) Fish and Game Code 2786(a).]
- 26. Hunewill Ranch Conservation Easement** **\$1,225,000**
Mono County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Eastern Sierra Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the California Deer Association for the acquisition of a conservation easement over 4,100± acres of land including wet meadow, sagebrush, riparian, and conifer forest habitat areas supporting mule deer, mountain lion, and bi-state greater sage-grouse near Bridgeport in Mono County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]
- 27. American River Forest Restoration** **\$970,000**
Placer County
To consider the allocation for a grant to American River Conservancy for a cooperative project with CDFW, The Nature Conservancy, CALFIRE, and State Water Resources Control Board to enhance forest health and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning on 1,600± acres of mixed conifer forest in the headwaters of the Middle and North Forks of the American River and directly upstream of French Meadows and Hell Hole reservoirs, located 46 miles east of Foresthill in Placer County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

- 28. Rim Fire Forest Restoration, Phase 2** **\$4,700,000**
Tuolumne County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Tuolumne County for a cooperative project with CDFW, CALFIRE, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and USFS to enhance forest health and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning and replanting activities on 6,434± acres of mixed conifer forest in the Tuolumne River watershed, located in Stanislaus National Forest, 20 miles east of Sonora in Tuolumne County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 29. Kings Beach Pier Replacement and Recreational Access** **\$700,000**
Improvements
Placer County
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Department of Parks and Recreation for a planning project to complete plans, designs, and permitting for a pier replacement and recreational access improvements at Kings Beach State Recreation Area, located ten miles northeast of Tahoe City in Placer County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]
- 30. Doolittle Boat Launch Facility Improvements** **\$750,000**
Alameda County
To consider the allocation for a grant to East Bay Regional Park District for a project to replace the existing boat launch and repair a parking lot located in the Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline approximately two miles north of Oakland International Airport in Alameda County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]
- 31. Avila Pier Rehabilitation** **\$1,250,000**
San Luis Obispo County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Port San Luis Obispo Harbor District for a cooperative project with California State Parks to rehabilitate a pier and boat landing at Avila Pier located approximately eight miles northwest of Pismo Beach in San Luis Obispo County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a) and Wildlife Restoration Fund, Local Assistance.]
- 32. Bolsa Chica Conservancy Interpretive Center Improvements** **\$689,000**
Orange County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Bolsa Chica Conservancy for a cooperative project with Signal Landmark, Pacific Life Foundation, and CDFW to install new portable buildings for an interpretive center, construct educational features, an ADA accessible observation desk, and restrooms in the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve approximately four miles northeast of Huntington Beach in Orange County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]
- 33. Santa Cruz Mountains Linkages, Coyote Ridge Expansion 1** **\$1,500,000**
Santa Clara County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds for a cooperative project with Santa Clara Open Space Authority and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to acquire 1,526± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered

species, provide movement corridors and connectivity, and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located near Morgan Hill in Santa Clara County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(c).]

- 34. Coyote Valley Landscape Linkage (Sobrato South) \$10,000,000
Santa Clara County**
To consider the allocation for a grant to Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority for a cooperative project with the Peninsula Open Space Trust and SCC to acquire in fee 235± acres of land to protect a critical linkage both for movement of wildlife and for species adaptation to climate change, and the protection of a natural floodplain located in Coyote Valley, Santa Clara County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)1E.]
- 35. Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Planning \$5,025,000
Ventura County**
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Ventura County Watershed Protection District for a planning project that will complete final design plans for Matilija Dam removal and for three downstream levee construction/rehabilitation projects as essential components of the Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project, a watershed-scale dam removal initiative and one of California's largest dam removal efforts located five miles northwest of Ojai in Ventura County. [Proposition 50, Public Resources Code Section 79572a.]
- 36. Smithneck Creek Wildlife Area, Expansion 1 \$880,000
Sierra County**
To consider the acquisition in fee of 976± 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 Smithneck Creek Wildlife Area located near Loyalton in Sierra County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]
- 37. Taylor Yard G2 Early Activation Project \$250,000
Los Angeles County**
To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Los Angeles for a project to complete planning and permitting for public access improvements at the G2 Unit of Taylor Yard located approximately one mile east of Interstate 5 in Los Angeles in Los Angeles County. [Wildlife Restoration Fund, Local Assistance.]

Adjourn

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