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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

August 26, 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 Microsoft Teams Meeting or teleconference. Public comment will be accepted per the agenda. A recording will be posted after the meeting.

Item Number

1. Roll Call
2. Public Forum for Items not on the Agenda
3. Funding Status — Informational
4. Recovery of Funds
5. Executive Director's Report
6. San Jacinto Wildlife Area Management Update
Consistent with the Board's request during the May 20, 2020 meeting, staff of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will discuss management of, and potential public access to, the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (WA), including the management planning process it undertook to establish the area's Management Plan.

Consent Items

7. **Samoa Dunes and Wetlands** **\$700,000**
Humboldt County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District for a cooperative project with SCC and the California Natural Resources Agency to acquire 341± acres of land for the protection of coastal

dunes and Sitka spruce and beach pine forest habitats in order to promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species, and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities located in the community of Samoa in Humboldt County. [Proposition 40, Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a).]

**8. Eel River Wildlife Area, Ocean Ranch Unit, Planning and Design, \$150,000
Augmentation
Humboldt County**

To consider an augmentation to a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with CDFW and the California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to develop a final restoration design, complete the environmental review, and prepare permit applications to prepare for implementation to restore 473± acres of functioning tidal wetlands and 329± acres of coastal dunes in the Eel River estuary, which will aid in the recovery of listed fish and special-status plant species, located on CDFW's Eel River WA, 4 miles northwest of Loleta in Humboldt County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786dOW.]

**9. CAL FIRE Mailliard East Ranch Conservation Easement \$0
Mendocino County**

To consider the acceptance of a conservation easement over 3,659± acres of land by CAL FIRE under the California Legacy Act of 2007 for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and Save the Redwoods League for the protection of managed forest lands and forest reserve areas that include Douglas fir, old growth redwood, riparian corridors, coastal watersheds and riverine habitats, and support salmonids and other rare wildlife species located within the Garcia and Navarro River watersheds near Yorkville in Mendocino County.

**10. Crocker Meadows Wildlife Area, Expansion 3 \$369,000
Plumas County**

To consider the acquisition in fee of 232± 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 Crocker Meadows WA located near the community of Beckwourth in Plumas County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(b).]

**11. Middle Fork of the American River, Chapman Canyon \$435,000
Placer County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the American River Conservancy to acquire 543± acres of land for the protection of wildlife habitat connectivity along the North Fork of the Middle Fork American River, protect an important native fishery, complement surrounding forest management by Tahoe National Forest, and provide potential for wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities near the community of Foresthill in Placer County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

- 12. Log Meadow Restoration** **\$191,472**
Tulare County
To consider the allocation for a grant to American Rivers for a cooperative project with CDFW, National Park Service, and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to restore 18± acres of meadow habitat in Log Meadow located within Sequoia National Park approximately 12.5 miles from Three Rivers in Tulare County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 13. June Mountain Forest Restoration** **\$441,000**
Mono County
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Trout, Inc., for a cooperative project with Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the U.S. Forest Service to enhance forest health and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning on 165.5± acres of pine forest, aspen stand, and meadow habitat on the June Mountain Ski Area located in the Inyo National Forest, approximately 1 mile south of June Lake in Mono County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 14. Morongo Basin, Expansion 7** **\$89,250**
San Bernardino County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Mojave Desert Land Trust (MDLT) to acquire fee title to 29± acres of land for the protection of desert habitat corridors near Joshua Tree National Park, located in Morongo Valley in San Bernardino County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c).]
- 15. Morongo Basin, Expansion 8** **\$663,000**
San Bernardino County
To consider the allocation for a grant to MDLT to acquire fee title to 206± acres of land for the protection of desert habitat corridors near Joshua Tree National Park, located in Morongo Valley in San Bernardino County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c).]
- 16. Bolsa Chica Tern Islands Restoration Project** **\$135,000**
Orange County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Bolsa Chica Land Trust for a cooperative project with CDFW to create a restoration plan and acquire necessary permits to restore critical wildlife habitat used by several listed avian species and making the habitat resilient to sea level rise and climate change within the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve near Huntington Beach in Orange County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]
- 17. Western Riverside MSHCP (2017) Welsh** **\$161,000**
Riverside County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (WRCRCA) and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to WRCRCA, to acquire 19± acres of land for the

protection of threatened and endangered species and for compatible public uses, all as may be consistent with the implementation of the Western Riverside Multi-Species HCP/NCCP located near Murrieta in Riverside County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

**18. Otay Mesa Vernal Pool \$24,500
San Diego County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of San Diego to acquire fee title to 1± acre of land for the protection of vernal pools near the U.S./Mexico border located in San Diego County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c).]

Proposed Items

**19. Rancho Jamul Land Exchange \$0
San Diego County**

To consider the exchange of 219± acres owned by CDFW for 339± acres of fee title together with a 191± acre conservation easement, owned by GDCI Proctor Valley, L.P., to fulfill the requirements of a land exchange agreement entered into by CDFW, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, County of San Diego, and GDCI Proctor Valley, L.P. This exchange will support the expansion along with providing habitat linkages and corridors for the CDFW Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, located in an area known as Proctor Valley in unincorporated San Diego County.

**20. Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains Conservation Area \$1,225,000
Oswit Property
Riverside County**

To consider the allocation of a grant to Save Oswit Canyon, and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant, and the approval to subgrant these federal funds for a cooperative project with the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, to acquire 479± acres of low desert land for the protection of core blowsand habitat that supports the listed species within the Coachella Valley Multi-Species Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan area, located in the city of Palm Springs in Riverside County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c) and Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

**21. Confluence Meadow Restoration \$670,000
Lassen County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to American Rivers for a cooperative project with the U.S. Forest Service to restore 140± acres of wet meadow habitat in the Pine Creek watershed, located on U.S. Forest Service's Lassen National Forest approximately 30 miles northwest of Susanville in Lassen County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

- 22. Neefus Gulch Fish Passage Improvement** **\$879,000**
Mendocino County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Trout Unlimited for a cooperative project with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and private landowners to remove a total barrier to coho salmon and steelhead trout, restoring the hydraulic conditions necessary for fish passage by constructing a self-sustaining stream simulation channel bed and bank(s) within an embedded culvert crossing and restore 200 feet of channel that includes 9 large wood grade control structures in Neefus Gulch, a tributary to the North Fork Navarro River in Mendocino County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]
- 23. Liberty Canyon Wildlife Overpass Crossing** **\$5,000,000**
Los Angeles County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the National Wildlife Federation for a cooperative project with the California Department of Transportation, CDFW, SCC, the City of Agoura Hills, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to construct a wildlife crossing over U.S. Highway 101 to facilitate wildlife migration near Agoura Hills in Los Angeles County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]
- 24. Kings Beach Pier Replacement and Recreational Access** **\$700,000**
Improvement Planning
Placer County
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Department of Parks and Recreation for a cooperative planning project with the California Tahoe Conservancy to complete plans, designs, and permits for pier replacement and recreation 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).]
- 25. Snake Marsh Restoration Project** **\$665,000**
Sacramento County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with CDFW to complete planning activities to provide a long-term source of perennial water; add infrastructure to improve water supply reliability; restore a complex interspersion of seasonal, semi-permanent and permanent wetlands; control water primrose; and to increase emergent cover for giant garter snake and other wetland dependent species within the Cosumnes River Ecological Reserve in Sacramento County. [Proposition 40, Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)(1).]
- 26. Los Angeles River Habitat Enhancement and Stormwater** **\$350,000**
Capture Project
Los Angeles County
To consider the allocation of a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with CDFW and the California Department of Parks and Recreation to complete a suite of planning activities to ultimately daylight a storm drain and

restore multiple habitat types including arroyo, riparian, intermittent wetlands, and coastal sage scrub along the Los Angeles River in Los Angeles County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

- 27. Tilton Ranch, Santa Clara County** **\$4,000,000**
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency (SCVHA) and the acceptance of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grants, and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to SCVHA to acquire 1,741± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing regional wildlife linkages and special status species occurrences, as well as rare serpentine bunchgrass plant communities, grasslands, oak woodlands, pond and riparian habitat areas within the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan, located west of U.S. Highway 101 in Santa Clara County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b) and Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(c).]
- 28. Rancho Caleta Colusa County** **\$608,000**
To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners to acquire in fee 38± acres of riparian and floodplain habitat along the Sacramento River and to provide the potential for wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities located near Colusa in Colusa County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a) and (b/c) (Proposition 1E).]
- 29. Temescal Ranch Los Angeles County** **\$620,000**
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to TPL to acquire 1,741± acres of land for the protection for deer, mountain lion, and other sensitive species habitat, and to increase protection of regional wildlife habitat corridors and provide potential future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities near Lake Piru in northern Los Angeles County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]
- 30. Grinsell Ranch Napa County** **\$1,030,000**
To consider the allocation of a grant to the Land Trust of Napa County for a cooperative project with the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to acquire 1,280± acres of land for the protection and preservation of deer, mountain lion, and oak woodland habitat and existing regional wildlife linkages located west of Lake Berryessa in Napa County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]

- 31. Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve, Expansion 6** **\$1,400,000**
San Luis Obispo County
To consider the acquisition of 624± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of threatened and endangered species and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities as an expansion of CDFW's Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve located near McKittrick in San Luis Obispo County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(b).]
- 32. Tehachapi-Bear Mountain** **\$3,500,000**
Kern County
To consider the allocation of a grant to The Nature Conservancy for the acquisition in fee of 3,148± acres for the protection of deer, mountain lion, and special status species habitat and to increase protection of regional wildlife habitat corridors in the Tehachapi Mountain Range located near Bakersfield in Kern County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c).]
- 33. Newland Marsh** **\$1,083,129**
Orange County
To consider the allocation for a grant to SCC for a cooperative project with the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy to acquire 44± acres of land for the protection of habitat for nesting and foraging habitat for state-listed Belding's savannah sparrow, foraging habitat for California least tern, and other sensitive species located in Huntington Beach, Orange County. [Proposition 50, Water Code Section 79572(a).]
- 34. Executive Session (Not Open to the Public)**
The Board may meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(C) to confer regarding Sonoma Land Trust v. Thompson, et al., Sonoma County Superior Court, Case No. SCV 258010. After closed session, the Board will reconvene in public session, which may include announcements about actions taken during closed session.

Adjourn

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