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## **Notice of Meeting**

### WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

February 25, 2021, 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 Zoom. A recording will be posted after the meeting.*

#### **Item Number**

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

**Consent Items**

**7. Mapping Important Plant Areas of California Statewide \$272,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Native Plant Society to identify the most important areas for preserving California's botanical biodiversity heritage throughout the State. [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.]

**8. Programmatic Permitting for Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Augmentation Statewide \$300,000**

To consider the augmentation for a grant to Sustainable Conservation for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy, Water Foundation, and S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation to advance a statewide expedited permitting program for aquatic habitat restoration and water quality improvement projects. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

**9. Elk River Estuary Restoration, Feasibility and Conceptual Design Humboldt County \$309,400**

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Trout, Inc. for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy to conduct preliminary conceptual design and phase 1 planning for landowner-supported concepts within the tidally influenced portion of the lower Elk River and adjacent agricultural lands two miles south of Eureka in Humboldt County. [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.]

**10. Stone Lagoon Wildlife Connectivity Planning Humboldt County \$230,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for a cooperative project with the California Department of Parks and Recreation to implement a planning effort to remediate a wildlife migration barrier on U.S. Highway 101, six miles south of the town of Orick in northern Humboldt County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]

**11. Poplar Valley Meadow Restoration Planning Plumas County \$110,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Plumas Corporation for a cooperative project with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Sierra Pacific Industries to develop project designs, complete all permitting and environmental clearance requirements, and collect pre-project monitoring data in Poplar Valley, located in Plumas County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

**12. Thompson Meadow Restoration Plumas County \$504,002**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Plumas Corporation for a cooperative project with USFS, California Department of Water Resources, and Bonneville Environmental Foundation to restore approximately 47± acres of montane meadow

along Thompson Creek approximately 7 miles north of Lake Davis in the Plumas National Forest in Plumas County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

**13. Building Climate Resiliency in Central Valley Wetlands, Phase 2 \$170,000  
Butte, Colusa, Fresno, Glenn, Kern, Merced, San Joaquin, Sutter,  
Tulare Counties**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Audubon California for a cooperative project with Point Blue Conservation Science to provide technical assistance to Central Valley wetland managers and Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to conduct climate change scenario planning and adequately represent managed wetlands in Groundwater Sustainability Plans. [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.]

**14. Sierra Foothill Forest Climate Resilience Planning \$219,000  
Nevada County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Sierra Streams Institute for a cooperative project with USFS for the development of shovel ready Forest Management Plans for 625± acres of private lands in the Sierra Nevada wildland urban interface in Nevada County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

**15. Truckee River Wildlife Area, Canyon Unit, Expansion 1 \$135,000  
Nevada County**

To consider the acquisition of 120± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the protection of critical summer range of the Loyalton-Truckee Deer Herd and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, as an expansion to CDFW's Truckee River Wildlife Area-Canyon Unit, located approximately 1 mile northwest of Floriston in Nevada County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]

**16. Lower American River Natural Resources Management Plan, \$118,380  
Augmentation  
Sacramento County**

To consider an augmentation for a grant to Sacramento County Regional Parks for a cooperative project with the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency to develop a Natural Resources Management Plan, including state environmental review for the Lower American River, from Hazel Avenue downstream to the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers in Sacramento County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

**17. Leek Springs Meadow Assessment and Restoration Planning \$125,000  
El Dorado County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the American River Conservancy for a cooperative project with Point Blue Conservation Science and USFS to develop project designs and complete all permitting and environmental clearance requirements, located in Leek Springs Valley in El Dorado County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

- 18. Golden Gate Monarch Butterfly Habitat Enhancement \$400,000**  
**Marin County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy for a cooperative project with the National Park Service and Marin County Parks to enhance historic monarch butterfly overwintering habitat and breeding sites at various sites within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Marin County Parks in Marin County. [Proposition 50, Water Code Section 79572(c); Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]
- 19. Burcham and Wheeler Flats Wildlife Area, Expansion 2 \$300,000**  
**Mono County**  
To consider the acquisition of 160± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of eastern Sierra mountain sagebrush scrub areas that provide important habitat for mule deer and the greater sage grouse and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, as an expansion to CDFW's Burcham and Wheeler Flats Wildlife Area, located approximately 15 miles northwest of Bridgeport in Mono County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]
- 20. Mariposa Creek Parkway Riparian Restoration \$415,000**  
**Mariposa County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Mariposa County for a cooperative project with the Sierra Foothills Conservancy to restore 8± acres of riparian habitat and install natural history interpretive signage along the Mariposa Creek Parkway, located within the town of Mariposa on publicly owned land in Mariposa County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786ef.]
- 21. San Pedro Creek at Adobe Bridge Fish Passage Planning \$171,000**  
**San Mateo County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Mateo Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with the City of Pacifica, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the San Pedro Creek Watershed Coalition to produce designs and permit applications to replace the Adobe Bridge fish passage barrier on San Pedro Creek in Pacifica, in San Mateo County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]
- 22. Los Banos and North Grasslands Wildlife Areas Public Access \$120,000**  
**Merced County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with CDFW to refurbish a public access kiosk, educational signage, and hunter access parking lot; and resurface an Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant trail to a viewing platform located on CDFW's Los Banos and North Grasslands Wildlife Areas approximately five miles northeast of Los Banos in Merced County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

- 23. Santa Cruz County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy, \$124,000  
Augmentation  
Santa Cruz County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant augmentation to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission to develop and complete a final draft of the Santa Cruz County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy covering Santa Cruz County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(a).]
- 24. Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve Amphitheater, Phase II \$200,000  
Monterey County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Elkhorn Slough Foundation for a cooperative project with CDFW to complete the renovation of the outdoor Oak Grove Amphitheatre, located on CDFW's Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve, eight miles south of Watsonville in Monterey County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]
- 25. Protecting Central Coast Habitat for Listed Plant Species \$120,000  
Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz,  
Ventura Counties**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Invasive Plant Council for a cooperative project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to plan climate-smart invasive plant management to improve the climate resilience of fifty federally listed and candidate species and sensitive habitats along the Central Coast. [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.]
- 26. Puma Canyon, Expansion 8 \$95,500  
San Bernardino County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Transition Habitat Conservancy (THC) to acquire in fee 14± acres of land to conserve lower montane chaparral and woodland habitat for the benefit of deer, mountain lion, and other wildlife species located in Puma Canyon, near the community of Pinon Hills in San Bernardino County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code 2786(a).]
- 27. Puma Canyon, Expansion 9 \$24,000  
San Bernardino County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to THC to acquire in fee 3± acres of land to conserve lower montane chaparral and woodland habitat for the benefit of deer, mountain lion, and other wildlife species located in Puma Canyon, near the community of Pinon Hills in San Bernardino County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]
- 28. North Campus Open Space, Public Access \$291,018  
Santa Barbara County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of University of California, Santa Barbara, to construct a parking lot, trail entry, two overlooks, a post and cable fence, bilingual signage, and seating and landscaping at the outdoor

classroom, located on University of California, Santa Barbara's North Campus Open Space, two miles northwest of Isla Vista in Santa Barbara County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

**29. Western Riverside MSHCP (2017) Startup \$42,000  
Riverside County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (WRCRCA) and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to WRCRCA to acquire in fee 7± acres of land for protection of essential habitat and endangered species, consistent with the implementation of the Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), located in unincorporated Riverside County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

**30. East Otay Regional Trails Planning, CEQA \$450,000  
San Diego County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation for a cooperative project with the City of Chula Vista and the City of San Diego to complete environmental documentation for a trail project connecting more than 80 miles of trail, located on state and federally-owned lands owned by County of San Diego, City of Chula Vista, City of San Diego, Otay Water District, CDFW, USFWS, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, approximately 24 miles southeast of downtown San Diego in San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

**31. San Diego County MSCP (2019) Donelson \$97,900  
San Diego County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy (SDRVC) and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to SDRVC, to acquire in fee 14± acres of land for protection of threatened and endangered species, consistent with the implementation of the San Diego County Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), located near the community of Del Dios in San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

**Proposed Items**

**32. Mad River Estuary Public Access Enhancement \$367,745  
Humboldt County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Trout, Inc. for a cooperative project with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association to construct an ADA compliant nature trail, coastal overlook, parking area, interpretive signage, and river-level access located on McKinleyville Community Services District owned land, within the community of McKinleyville in Humboldt County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

- 33. Ladybug Forest Health and Fuels Reduction** **\$753,000**  
**Sierra County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the National Forest Foundation for a cooperative project with USFS to implement forest health restoration within the Tahoe National Forest in Sierra County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 34. Truckee Springs** **\$2,000,000**  
**Nevada County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Truckee Donner Land Trust for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency to acquire in fee 25± acres of land to preserve riparian and wildlife corridors, habitat linkages, and to provide wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities located in the town of Truckee in Nevada County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]
- 35. Laguna Wildlife Area, Expansion 9** **\$1,300,000**  
**Sonoma County**  
To consider the acquisition of 47± acres of land by CDFW for the purposes of protecting and enhancing freshwater wetland habitat that benefits migratory waterfowl, endangered species and will provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, as an expansion to CDFW's Laguna Wildlife Area, located one mile north of the city of Sebastopol in Sonoma County. [Proposition 40, Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)(4).]
- 36. King Fire Forest Restoration** **\$756,648**  
**El Dorado and Placer Counties**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to American Forests for a cooperative project with USFS and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to enhance forest health, meadow function, and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning and reforestation activities on approximately 2,046± acres of the Middle Fork American River Watershed located in Eldorado National Forest approximately 6 miles west of Foresthill in Placer and El Dorado counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 37. Yosemite Area Forest Restoration, Phase 2** **\$4,239,244**  
**Mariposa County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with the National Parks Service, UC Berkeley, California Office of Emergency Services, and Yosemite Conservancy to enhance forest health and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning activities on approximately 2,153± acres of mixed conifer forest in Yosemite National Park and the community of Yosemite West approximately 5 miles west of El Portal in Mariposa County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

- 38. Butano Creek Channel Stabilization and Habitat Enhancement \$1,735,000**  
**San Mateo County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Mateo Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with San Mateo County, the Peninsula Open Space Trust, and a private landowner to address channel incision at Cloverdale bridge, pier scour, and bank instability, while providing habitat enhancement benefits for salmonids and other aquatic species in Butano Creek one mile west of the town of Pescadero in San Mateo County. [(Proposition 68), Public Resources Code Section 80132 (e)(1).]
- 39. Highway 17 Crossings Planning and Design \$5,000,000**  
**Santa Clara County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for a cooperative project with Caltrans to develop designs and environmental documentation for a wildlife undercrossing and regional trail overcrossing of Highway 17, six miles south of Los Gatos in Santa Clara County. [General Fund, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Provision.]
- 40. SR-152 at Pacheco Creek Wildlife Connectivity and Corridor \$802,000**  
**Enhancement**  
**Santa Clara County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency to restore habitat and alter transportation infrastructure to improve the ability for wildlife to safely cross SR-152 and to improve highway safety for drivers by minimizing vehicle collisions with wildlife near Pacheco Creek, eight miles north of Hollister in Santa Clara County. [(Proposition 68), Public Resources Code Section 80132 (e)(1).]
- 41. San Joaquin River Parkway, Circle V (Vinnard) \$1,050,000**  
**Public Access Plan**  
**Madera County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the U.S. Green Building Council Central California to develop a public access plan that will serve as a guide for future implementation projects on approximately 20.21± acres of land commonly known as the Circle V Vinnard property owned by the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC), located 1 mile northeast of Fresno in Madera County. [Proposition 40, Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b)(5); Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75050(f).]
- 42. San Joaquin River Parkway, Lanes Property \$2,300,000**  
**Fresno County**  
To consider the acquisition of 23± acres of land by CDFW and a Transfer of Jurisdiction of the land by CDFW to SJRC for the protection of riparian habitat and to provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities within the San Joaquin



River Parkway, located near the city of Fresno in Fresno County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75050(f).]

**43. Western Riverside MSHCP (2019) Woods Canyon \$1,932,500  
Riverside County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to WRCRCA and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to WRCRCA, to acquire in fee 62± acres of land for protection of essential habitat and endangered species, consistent with the implementation of the Riverside County MSHCP, located in unincorporated Riverside County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

**44. Blue Diamond Acquisition \$1,640,000  
Sacramento County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Sacramento to acquire in fee 29± acres for the protection of wildlife habitat and to increase public access adjacent to the American River near Sutter's Landing within the city of Sacramento in Sacramento County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code sections 80100(a)(3) and 5845 et seq.]

**45. Ventura River Parkway \$4,750,000  
Ventura County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Trust for Public Land for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency and the Ventura Land Trust to acquire in fee 29± acres of riparian and floodplain habitat along the Ventura River and to provide the potential for wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities located near Ventura in Ventura County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a) and (b/c) (Proposition 1E).]

**Adjourn**

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