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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

May 20, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Preliminary Agenda Items

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 Chair and Vice Chair
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. Klamath National Forest Restoration Siskiyou County \$367,000

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Deer Association for a cooperative project with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to enhance forest health, meadow function, and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning and reforestation activities on approximately 883 non-contiguous acres in the Klamath National Forest in Siskiyou County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

8. State Route 97 Wildlife Migratory Corridor Planning Siskiyou County \$584,000

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for a cooperative project with California Deer Association, USFS, Ore-Cal Resource Conservation and Development Area Council, and Western Transportation Institute to complete the planning process and support the development of construction-level design plans that would be used for the construction of a wildlife overcrossing to enhance connectivity across State Route 97 in Siskiyou County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]

9. Salt River Public Access, Planning Humboldt County \$60,563

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) to develop a public access plan that will serve as a guide for future implementation projects, located on the Salt River Unit of CDFW's Eel River Wildlife Area, four miles northwest of Ferndale in Humboldt County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

10. CAL FIRE Grizzly Creek Forest Conservation Easement Humboldt County \$0

To consider the acceptance of a conservation easement over 762± acres by CAL FIRE under the California Forest Legacy Act of 2007, for the purposes of protecting productive timberland from conversion and protecting fish and wildlife habitat, located near Fortuna in Humboldt County.

11. Turtle Bay Boat Ramp Improvements, Planning Shasta County \$311,000

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Redding to complete planning, design, engineering, permitting, and CEQA analysis to enhance public access at Turtle Bay on the Sacramento River in Shasta County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

12. Yuba River Headwaters Aspen Restoration Planning **\$260,000**
Sierra, Nevada, Placer Counties

To consider the allocation of a grant to South Yuba River Citizens League for a cooperative project with Tahoe National Forest to develop a watershed-wide assessment, a prioritization tool and database, restoration design, and complete the environmental analysis of at least 100 acres in the Yuba River watershed, located in the Tahoe National Forest in Sierra, Nevada, and Placer counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

13. Lower Yuba River – Excelsior, Expansion IV **\$50,000**
Yuba County

To consider the acquisition of 3± acres of land by CDFW as an addition to CDFW's planned Yuba Narrows Unit of the Daugherty Hills Wildlife Area in Yuba County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]

14. Hawk Hill Visitor Access Improvements **\$204,077**
Marin County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy for a cooperative project with the National Park Service to enhance public access within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in Marin County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

15. North Bay Baylands Regional Conservation Investment Strategy **\$640,000**
Sonoma, Solano, Napa, Marin Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to Metropolitan Transportation Commission for a cooperative project with the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, Caltrans, and Sonoma County Transportation Authority to develop and complete a final draft of the North Bay Baylands Regional Conservation Investment Strategy, covering Sonoma, Solano, Napa, and Marin counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(a).]

16. Lake Solano Park Public Access, Planning **\$93,000**
Solano County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Solano Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with the Bureau of Reclamation and Solano County Parks to complete planning, design, and permitting for public access improvements at Lake Solano Park, located four miles west of Winters in Solano County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

17. Tuolumne-Stanislaus Watershed Restoration Planning **\$219,000**
Tuolumne County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Tuolumne River Trust for a cooperative project with USFS to complete CEQA analysis at Little Rattlesnake Tributary, wetland delineations at three sites (Boggy, Boney Flat, and Cottonwood meadows), and final designs and permitting at all four sites, located in the Tuolumne and Stanislaus River watersheds in Tuolumne County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

18. Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory Facilities Enhancement Mono County \$320,000

To consider the allocation for a grant to the University of California, Santa Barbara, for a cooperative project with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to complete ADA renovations and enhance existing buildings at the UC Santa Barbara, Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory, in Mammoth Lakes, Mono County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(c).]

19. Shoreline Park Public Access, Planning San Mateo County \$500,000

To consider the allocation for a grant to the SPHERE Institute for a cooperative project with the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct site investigations, outreach, design development, and prepare a long-term lease application for the development of Shoreline Park in San Mateo County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

20. Pacheco Creek Reserve Restoration, Planning Santa Clara County \$350,000

To consider the allocation for a grant to Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency to complete planning and design necessary to enhance and/or restore pond, freshwater perennial wetland, willow riparian and scrub, and stream habitats along Pacheco Creek in Santa Clara County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

21. Newman Seasonal Inland Wetland Restoration Merced, Stanislaus Counties \$299,000

To consider the allocation for a grant for technical assistance to the City of Newman for a cooperative project with CDFW to develop and implement protocols to quantify the amount of greenhouse gases sequestered by the habitat creation and enhancement portions of the Newman Community Conservation Area, consisting of three separate but related wetlands habitat restoration and creation projects, a multi-use trail system, and other amenities that will provide public access, nature viewing, and nature- and conservation-oriented education benefits to the community. [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.]

22. San Joaquin River Parkway, Ball Ranch Managed Aquifer Recharge Planning Fresno County \$324,317

To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) and the Department of Water Resources to support collaboration with local stakeholders, consolidate data and develop a scope of work and cost estimate for the implementation phase of a multi-benefit groundwater recharge project, located on SJRC's Ball Ranch

property, 1.5 miles north of Fresno in Fresno County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75050(f).]

**23. Big Creek Reserve Facilities and Infrastructure Improvement \$512,788
Monterey County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the University of California, Santa Cruz, to retrofit photovoltaic systems, resurface roads and parking lots, upgrade network infrastructure, and complete minor enhancements at the Landels-Hill Big Creek Reserve in Big Sur, within Monterey County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(c).]

**24. Calmas/Hayas (North Carrizo Ecological Reserve) \$0
San Luis Obispo County**

To consider the acceptance of a donation of 485± acres by CDFW as an expansion of the North Carrizo Ecological Reserve for the protection of the San Joaquin kit fox and other threatened and endangered species, located near Santa Margarita in San Luis Obispo County.

**25. Los Osos Wetland Restoration \$157,494
San Luis Obispo County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Creek Lands Conservation, Morro Bay National Estuary Program, County of San Luis Obispo, and Morro Coast Audubon Society to reconnect 40 acres of floodplain habitat and improve fish passage on Los Osos Creek located on public and privately-owned land, two miles east of the community of Los Osos in San Luis Obispo County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786ef.]

**26. Agua Dulce Creek SR 14 Wildlife Undercrossing \$381,000
Los Angeles County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to enhance wildlife connectivity between units of the Angeles National Forest by restoring three acres of habitat along Agua Dulce Creek's northern approach to State Route 14 in order to create a visual screen for wildlife species sensitive to human presence as they attempt to cross under the highway through a culvert located 18 miles northeast of the city of Santa Clarita in Los Angeles County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]

**27. San Joaquin Marsh Water Management Enhancement \$422,000
Orange County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the University of California, Irvine, to enhance up to 150 acres of seasonal and semi-permanent wetlands at the San Joaquin Marsh Reserve in Irvine, Orange County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

- 28. Coastal California Gnatcatcher Habitat Restoration** **\$527,000**
San Diego County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation for a project to restore 4 acres of coastal sage scrub and enhance an additional 175-acre habitat at the Dictionary Hill Preserve in order to expand habitat and promote connectivity between nearby conserved lands for the coastal California gnatcatcher. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]
- 29. Hidden Canyon** **\$613,750**
San Diego County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Escondido Creek Conservancy (ECC) and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant, and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to ECC to acquire 25± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing regional wildlife linkages including sensitive species such as the coastal California gnatcatcher located in the unincorporated community of Olivenhain, San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]
- 30. Otay Mesa Vernal Pool and Uplands Habitat Restoration, Phase II** **\$547,000**
San Diego County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Chapparal Lands Conservancy to improve the hydrologic and ecologic function of vernal pool habitat and surrounding coastal sage scrub on the City of San Diego's Clayton Preserve property in western Otay Mesa, near the international border with Mexico in San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

Proposed Items

- 31. Redwoods Rising Forest Restoration** **\$1,500,000**
Del Norte, Humboldt Counties
To consider the allocation for a grant to Save the Redwoods League for a cooperative project with the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the National Park Service to enhance forest health and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning on 1,000 acres of mixed conifer forest and four miles of road removal in Redwood National and State Parks in Del Norte and Humboldt counties. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(a).]
- 32. Shasta-Trinity National Forest Restoration** **\$740,000**
Siskiyou County
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Deer Association for a cooperative project with USFS to enhance forest health, meadow function, and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning and reforestation activities on approximately 1,290 non-contiguous acres in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in Siskiyou County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

- 33. Lightning Canyon Ranch Conservation Easement** **\$795,000**
Shasta County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Pacific Forest Trust to acquire a conservation easement over 2,096± acres of land for the protection and enhancement of forestland located near the community of Lakehead in Shasta County. [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.]
- 34. Mountain Meadows (Home Ranch)** **\$950,000**
Lassen County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Trust for Public Land for a cooperative project with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to acquire a conservation easement over 2,476± acres of land for the protection of significant wet meadow and montane riparian habitat, and fish and wildlife resources, located near the town of Westwood in Lassen County. [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.]
- 35. Robbers Creek Watershed Restoration** **\$1,783,500**
Lassen, Plumas Counties
To consider the allocation for a grant to Sierra Institute for Community and Environment for a cooperative project with USFS and Point Blue Conservation Science to enhance forest health, restore meadow function, and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning and reforestation activities on approximately 1,636 non-contiguous acres in Lassen National Forest in Lassen and Plumas counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 36. Grizzly Island Wildlife Area Pond 12 and Field 13 Enhancement** **\$1,580,000**
Solano County
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association, for a cooperative project with CDFW to restore 680 acres of wetland habitat and 169 acres of upland nesting habitat within the CDFW Grizzly Island Wildlife Area in Solano County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786dIWCP.]
- 37. Mindego Creek Fish Passage Restoration** **\$748,000**
San Mateo County
To consider the allocation for a grant to San Mateo Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with the City and County of San Francisco, California State Coastal Conservancy, and Natural Resource Conservation Service to remediate a dam and fish ladder that block the passage of coho salmon and steelhead trout to 4.5 miles of upstream habitat on Mindego Creek, 21 miles southeast of the city of Half Moon Bay in San Mateo County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]
- 38. Keyhole** **\$1,075,000**
Santa Clara County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to acquire in fee 182± acres of land for the purposes of preserving wildlife corridors, habitat linkages, and the protection of sensitive species located near Los Gatos Creek in Santa Clara County. [General Fund, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Provision.]

**39. San Joaquin River Parkway, Western Reaches Access, Planning \$1,519,000
Fresno County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Fresno Building Healthy Communities for a cooperative project with SJRC to complete public access planning and design for the western reaches of the San Joaquin River Parkway, including the Camp Pashayan site, and a recreational trail along the western side of the river toward the Millburn Overlook, located in the northwest corner of the city of Fresno in Fresno County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75050(f).]

**40. Chino Hills 80 \$600,000
San Bernardino County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the MRCA to acquire in fee 80± acres of land for the purposes of the protection of oak woodlands, chaparral, coastal sage scrub, cactus scrub and grasslands that support numerous wildlife species including Bell's vireo, southwest willow flycatcher, yellow warbler, coastal cactus wren, and other sensitive species located near Chino Hills in San Bernardino County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c).]

**41. Chino Hills 320 \$2,560,000
San Bernardino County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the MRCA to acquire 320± acres of land for the protection of oak woodlands, chaparral, coastal sage scrub, cactus scrub and grasslands that support numerous wildlife species including least Bell's vireo, southwest willow flycatcher, yellow warbler, coastal cactus wren, and other sensitive species located near Chino Hills in San Bernardino County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c).]

**42. Santa Cruz Island Reserve Infrastructure \$925,111
Santa Barbara County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the University of California, Santa Barbara, to upgrade the wastewater treatment system and install two new prefabricated shipping container homes and associated utilities at the Santa Cruz Island Reserve, on Santa Cruz Island in Santa Barbara County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(c).]

**43. Watson Property \$1,416,000
Orange County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Rivers and Lands Conservancy (RLC) and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to RLC to acquire 98± acres of land for the protection of habitat for the coastal California gnatcatcher, cactus wren, intermediate Mariposa lily, Coulter's matilija poppy, and other federally listed species as well as other sensitive species located in the community of Silverado in Orange County. [Proposition 12, Public Resources Code Section 5096.350(a)(6); Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

**44. State Route 94 Wildlife Corridor, Planning \$692,000
San Diego County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners for a cooperative project with the Bureau of Land Management to complete permitting, planning, and design for wildlife corridor improvements along State Route 94 between the communities of Rancho San Diego and Dulzura in San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]

45. Executive Session (Not Open to the Public)

The Board may meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(A) to confer regarding A.T. Paulek, et al. v. California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al., Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. RIC 2003634. 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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