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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

February 24, 2022, 10:00 a.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 Chairman
3. Public Forum for Items not on the Agenda
4. Executive Director's Report
 - Stream Flow Enhancement Program 5-year Report
 - Streamlined Continuous Application Process/Guidelines
 - 2021 WCB Year In Review
5. Funding Status — Informational

Consent Items

6. Recovery of Funds

**7. Quail Ridge UC Davis Natural Reserve System, Implementation \$224,100
Napa County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California, Davis for a cooperative project with the Bureau of Land Management, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Land Trust of Napa County to improve three areas of infrastructure: the road system, energy efficiencies, and fire-resistant facility upgrades, located at Quail Ridge Reserve, 15 miles northeast of Napa, in Napa County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(c); Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)(3).]

**8. Grizzly Island Wildlife Area Waterfowl Breeding Habitat \$1,300,000
Solano County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association, for a cooperative project with CDFW to restore 300 acres of upland nesting habitat and 75 acres of semi-permanent wetlands for the benefit of migratory birds at the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area located two miles south of Suisun in Solano County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786dIWCP; Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

**9. Centennial Point Ranch Conservation Easement \$978,750
Mono County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Eastern Sierra Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Department of Conservation for the acquisition of a conservation easement over 1,741± acres of land including pasture, riparian, wet meadow, and sagebrush areas supporting mule deer, mountain lion, and bi-state greater sage-grouse near Bridgeport in Mono County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]

**10. Santa Cruz Kangaroo Rat Habitat and Population Management \$295,000
Planning
Santa Clara County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to support habitat enhancement and protection for the Santa Cruz kangaroo rat through research, assessment, monitoring, and development of a habitat and population management plan on critical habitats located within the Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve in Santa Clara County. [General Fund, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Provision.]

**11. Central California Water Conveyance Improvement \$1,373,000
Merced, Stanislaus Counties**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a cooperative project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), San Joaquin Farms, Gable Land and Cattle Company and Grassland Water District to enhance water

conveyance infrastructure to benefit 6,693 acres of seasonal and semi-permanent wetlands on private land within Stanislaus and Merced counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

**12. Lindmore Multi-Benefit Recharge Basin \$434,000
Tulare County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Lindmore Irrigation District to construct an 80-acre wildlife friendly groundwater recharge basin to benefit migratory birds, located two miles southwest of Lindsay in Tulare County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

**13. Enhancing Wetlands at Goose Lake \$962,000
Kern County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with USFWS to provide a reliable water supply and enhance public access to wetland habitat through the installation of a one-acre solar array to benefit 600 acres of managed wetlands and install six hunting blinds with dog boxes, one ADA hunting blind, three parking lots, gravel blind paths, signage, and hunter check-in/kiosk on private land located one mile south of Lost Hills in Kern County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a) and Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

**14. Santa Clara River Riparian Habitat Restoration Planning - \$355,917
Santa Paula to Sespe Conservation Area
Ventura County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ventura County Resource Conservation District for a project to develop planning and permitting for riparian habitat restoration along the lower portion of the Santa Clara River in Ventura County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e)(f).]

**15. Community Wetlands Restoration Grant Program, Phase III \$560,000
Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Ventura Counties**

To consider an allocation for a grant to the State Coastal Conservancy for a project to administer a block grant to a broad-based partnership of 18 state and federal agencies to assist with the implementation of the Southern California Wetland Restoration Program's Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program which provides funding for community-based restoration projects in coastal wetlands and watersheds in the Southern California region. Projects are located in the five coastal counties from Point Conception to the U.S. Mexico border, including portions of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego counties. [Proposition 50, Water Code Section 79572(a).]

**16. Lake Elsinore Aquatic Ecosystem Planning \$750,000
Riverside County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Lake Elsinore and the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District for a cooperative project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete a feasibility study that will determine the most effective

design and approach to implement the Lake Elsinore Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project in Riverside County. [FY 21/22 General Fund.]

**17. Cháchaany Humuk Trailhead Improvement \$398,720
San Diego County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to National Forest Foundation for a cooperative project with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to construct a new entrance road, parking area, two restrooms, a ten-panel bulletin board, day use areas, interpretive and wayfinding signage; and installation of barrier rocks, curb stops, gate, pipe rail fence, and a culvert; located on USFS lands 49 miles northwest of Escondido in San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

**18. Oceanside Harbor Fishing Pier and Non-motorized Vessel Launch \$267,200
San Diego County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Oceanside for a project to develop planning and permitting for public access enhancements in the Oceanside Harbor in San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

**19. Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, SDG&E Power Line Re-Route \$0
San Diego County**

To consider the acceptance of a quitclaim easement from San Diego Gas and Electric for the purposes of enhancing management of CDFW's Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, located near the community of Jamul in San Diego County.

Presentation Items

**20. Lone Pine Ranch, Phase II \$10,000,000
Trinity County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Wildlands Conservancy to acquire in fee 10,848± acres of land for the protection of mixed conifer forest, including riparian corridors, salmonid streams, coastal watersheds, oak woodlands, annual grassland, and open meadow areas along with habitat linkages and the potential for public recreational opportunities, located south of the community of Alderpoint in Trinity County. [FY 21/22 General Fund.]

**21. Hemphill Diversion Structure Fish Passage \$1,500,000
Placer County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Nevada Irrigation District for a project to remove the Hemphill Diversion Dam, which is an impediment to the passage of migrating anadromous fish species that spawn in Auburn Ravine upstream of the diversion, and replace it with a roughened rock ramp that will allow fish passage in low and high flow conditions, located one mile east of Lincoln in Placer County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]

- 22. Green Oaks Wetland and Riparian Restoration** **\$1,124,485**
San Mateo County
To consider the allocation for a grant to San Mateo Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) to restore hydrologic function and wetland and riparian habitat on the former Steele Ranch property that is part of the Año Nuevo State Park, located 25 miles north of Santa Cruz in San Mateo County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e)(f).]
- 23. YMCA Camp Jones Gulch Conservation Easement** **\$2,000,000**
San Mateo County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Sempervirens Fund to acquire a conservation easement over 915± acres of land to protect and preserve habitat for deer and mountain lions, and to maintain wildlife corridors near La Honda in San Mateo County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]
- 24. Pacheco Pass Wildlife Overcrossing Planning** **\$3,125,000**
Santa Clara County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency for a project to develop the planning, designs, environmental review, and permitting for a wildlife overpass across State Route 152 in the Pacheco Pass Region of Santa Clara County. [FY 21/22 General Fund.]
- 25. Rocks Ranch** **\$4,000,000**
Monterey, San Benito Counties
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County for a cooperative project with the Department of Conservation to acquire 2,613± acres of land for the protection of wildlife habitat preservation, restoration and management, wildlife-oriented education and research, habitat connectivity, and to provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located near San Juan Bautista in Monterey and San Benito counties. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a); Proposition 40, Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)(2).]
- 26. Las Piletas Ranch** **\$4,722,600**
San Luis Obispo County
To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with CDFW to acquire 13,527± acres of land for the protection of corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent habitat fragmentation, and to protect significant natural landscapes and ecosystems and provide future wildlife-oriented,

public-use opportunities, located near Santa Margarita in San Luis Obispo County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

**27. Habitat Assessments and Restoration for Monarch Butterflies \$1,551,407
Santa Barbara, Ventura Counties**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Ventura County Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with State Parks, USFWS, and others to restore and enhance 11 acres at nine different monarch butterfly breeding and migratory habitat sites and develop detailed habitat management plans for three overwintering sites. Site locations are throughout Ventura and southern Santa Barbara counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

**28. Cienega Springs Ecological Reserve Wetland and Riparian \$6,476,450
Restoration Phase 2
Ventura County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to UC Santa Barbara for a cooperative project with CDFW, USFWS, and Santa Clara River Conservancy to restore and enhance 235 acres of wetland and riparian habitat on CDFW's Cienega Springs Ecological Reserve, located one mile east of Fillmore in Ventura County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e))(f).]

**29. Wheeler Gorge Campground Fish Passage Barriers Removal \$1,855,000
Ventura County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Earth Island Institute for a cooperative project with CDFW, the State Coastal Conservancy, and USFS to remove four low-flow creek crossings which currently act as migration barriers to federally endangered Southern California steelhead trout on North Fork Matilija and Bear Creeks and install two vehicular bridges within Los Padres National Forest's Wheeler Gorge Campground in Ventura County. [FY 21/22 General Fund.]

**30. Chatsworth Reservoir Connector \$2,200,000
Los Angeles County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for a cooperative project with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to acquire 163± acres of land for the protection of an open space resource with wildlife and endangered species habitat, wildlife corridors, and to provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located near Chatsworth in Los Angeles County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]

**31. Rindge Dam Removal and Malibu Creek Ecosystem \$12,500,000
Restoration Planning
Los Angeles County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to State Parks to complete the Rindge Dam Removal and Malibu Creek Ecosystem Restoration Planning project that builds on the completed Feasibility Study and EIR/EIS, to develop engineering plans and

specifications to a 90% level of completion, located two miles north of the city of Malibu in Los Angeles County. [FY 21/22 General Fund.]

**32. Temescal Ranch, Expansion 1 \$3,500,000
Los Angeles County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Trust for Public Land (TPL) for a cooperative project with the County of Los Angeles and others, and the acceptance of a USFWS grant with approval to subgrant these federal funds to TPL to acquire 3,605± 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, Fish and Game Code Section 2786b/c.]

**33. Santa Margarita River Bridge Replacement and Fish Passage \$1,941,000
Barrier Removal
San Diego County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Trout for a cooperative project with CDFW, the California Natural Resources Agency, the State Coastal Conservancy, and The Wildlands Conservancy to remove an aging flood-prone box culvert structure that is a fish passage barrier, and replace it with a new 615-foot steel bridge over the Santa Margarita River providing steelhead access to 12 miles of historic spawning grounds, located two miles north of Fallbrook in San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]

Adjourn

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