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## **Notice of Meeting**

### **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**

May 26, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Natural Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **Preliminary Agenda Items**

*Board members will participate in the meeting in person. Virtual options are still being evaluated. 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

**Consent Items**

5. **Recovery of Funds**
6. **Fund Shifts for Previously Approved Projects** **\$1,215,000**  
To consider an alternative funding source for up to five previously Board approved projects as a result of original fund sources expiring on June 30, 2022.
7. **Lake Earl Wildlife Area - Tax Default Properties** **\$0**  
**Del Norte County**  
To consider the acquisition of 38± acres of land owned by Del Norte County by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for a cooperative project with Smith River Alliance and State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) for the protection of habitat and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, as an expansion to CDFW's Lake Earl Wildlife Area in Del Norte County.
8. **Lake Earl Wildlife Area, Expansion 36** **\$0**  
**Del Norte County**  
To consider the acquisition of up to 460± acres of land by CDFW for a cooperative project with Smith River Alliance and SCC, for the protection of habitat and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, as an expansion to CDFW's Lake Earl Wildlife Area in Del Norte County.
9. **Evan's Spring Analysis and Design, Phase 2** **\$283,119**  
**Siskiyou County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Trout, Inc. for a project to develop a plan to return 2.36± cfs flow from Evan's Spring back to the Little Shasta River which will improve important habitat for all aquatic species, particularly coho salmon and steelhead trout, located on privately-owned land 10 miles east of Montague in Siskiyou County. [Proposition 1, Water Code Section 79733.]
10. **Huseman Ditch Association Pipeline, Phase 3** **\$212,402**  
**Siskiyou County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, to develop plans for engineering and environmental compliance, and a 1707 Change Application for 2.5 cfs to aid a sustainable flow regime for coho salmon and other aquatic species in the Shasta River watershed, located on privately-owned land 2 miles east of Grenada in Siskiyou County. [Proposition 1, Water Code Section 79733.]
11. **Scott Bar Mill Creek Fish Passage Improvement** **\$844,000**  
**Siskiyou County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to California Trout, Inc. for a cooperative project with CDFW and two private landowners to remove a concrete weir and ford crossing that act as a barrier to fish passage and replace them with a full span bridge and a regraded channel that will allow coho salmon and other anadromous

fish species to access three miles of rearing and spawning habitat on Mill Creek in Siskiyou County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021.]

- 12. Studies Following Klamath Dam Removal** **\$529,772**  
**Siskiyou County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Cal Poly Humboldt for a scientific study in cooperation with Resource Environmental Solutions, seeking to understand food web dynamics associated with stream flow enhancement in the mainstem Klamath River and associated tributaries before, during, and after the removal of four large hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River. [Proposition 1, Water Code Section 79733.]
- 13. Carlson Park Improvement and Mad River Access** **\$691,000**  
**Humboldt County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Arcata for a project to create 3,800 feet of trail, including a pathway for non-motorized boats, an ADA river lookout trail and observation deck, upgrades to the parking lot, bilingual interpretive signage, boat staging area, an ADA restroom facility, and two access points to the Mad River, located within the city of Arcata on city-owned land in Humboldt County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]
- 14. Reading Island Boat Ramp Planning** **\$636,000**  
**Shasta County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Chico State Enterprises for a cooperative project with the Bureau of Reclamation to develop planning, design, environmental review, and permitting for rehabilitation of an existing motorized boat ramp and potential installation of a non-motorized boat access on Anderson Creek in Shasta County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021.]
- 15. Outlet Creek Flow Enhancement Design** **\$726,604**  
**Mendocino County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Trout Unlimited for a project to complete final designs and permits for four stream flow enhancement projects on tributaries to Outlet Creek, and to develop concept-level designs for a fifth project on Davis Creek. When implemented, these individual projects will enhance summer stream flows, improve aquatic habitat conditions for coho salmon and steelhead trout, and improve water supply reliability and fire protection capabilities for water users. [Proposition 1, Water Code Section 79733.]
- 16. Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area Llano Seco Unit** **\$645,000**  
**Canal Improvement**  
**Butte County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a cooperative project with CDFW to enhance 1,500 acres of wetlands for the benefit of migratory birds at the Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area in Glenn County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

**17. Donner Lake Lagoon Access Improvement Nevada County \$372,662**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Truckee River Watershed Council for a cooperative project with California State Parks to stabilize 300 feet of shoreline; construct loading, staging, and launching areas for non-motorized boats; stabilize streambank to prevent further erosion; revegetate damaged areas; make picnic area improvements; install interpretive signage; and conduct outreach; located on California State Parks lands within the town of Truckee in Nevada County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

**18. Climate Smart Restoration at River Garden Farms Yolo County \$613,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Audubon California, for a cooperative project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), River Garden Farms, River Partners, and the Center for Land-based Learning to restore and enhance 19 acres of riparian habitat along a 15,000-acre, privately-owned farm in Yolo County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

**19. Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Restoration Planning Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Tuolumne Counties \$649,400**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority for a cooperative project with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to complete planning, design, permitting, and environmental analysis for aspen restoration within the Upper Mokelumne River watershed, in Amador, Calaveras, Alpine, El Dorado, and Tuolumne counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d); Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

**20. Mattley Meadow and Riparian Restoration Calaveras County \$538,314**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Plumas Corporation for a cooperative project with USFS, Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority, and Stan Dell'Orto to restore hydrologic function and improve riparian habitat conditions within Mattley Meadow on privately-owned land and USFS land in the Stanislaus National Forest approximately four miles west of Bear Valley in Calaveras County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e)(f).]

**21. Pickel Meadow Restoration Planning Mono County \$162,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to American Rivers for a cooperative project with Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest to complete planning, design, permitting, and environmental analysis to restore Pickel Meadow, a 450-acre meadow, located in the Walker River watershed in Mono County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

**22. Pacheco Pass Wildlife Linkage and Connectivity Improvements Santa Clara County \$400,000**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency for a cooperative project with Caltrans to install directional fencing that will guide

wildlife to an underpass that will provide safe passage under the migration barrier created by State Route 152 in the Pacheco Pass region of Santa Clara County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021.]

- 23. Jackass Creek Watershed and Fish Passage Improvement \$406,000**  
**Planning**  
**Tulare County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Trout Unlimited for a cooperative project with Sequoia National Forest to complete planning, design, permitting, and environmental analysis to improve ecosystem function, resilience, and climate adaptation mechanisms in Jackass Creek watershed, located in the Sequoia National Forest in Tulare County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 24. San Luis Obispo Creek Stream Flow Enhancement and Protection \$219,104**  
**Planning**  
**San Luis Obispo County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Creek Lands Conservation for a project to prepare water right change petitions or other formal agreements for stream flow enhancement and protection in San Luis Obispo Creek, located on private and publicly owned lands within the city of San Luis Obispo in San Luis Obispo County. [Proposition 1, Water Code Section 79733.]
- 25. Stream Flow Enhancement Plan for the Arroyo Seco \$427,288**  
**Los Angeles County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Arroyo Seco Foundation for a cooperative project with USFS and Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps to conduct a scientific study to map and analyze stream flow barriers and other limiting conditions in the upper Arroyo Seco, located on publicly owned lands within the city of Pasadena in Los Angeles County. [Proposition 1, Water Code Section 79733.]
- 26. West Coyote Hills, Phase II \$1,000,000**  
**Orange County**  
To consider an interagency agreement between the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) for the allocation of funds from WCB to RMC for an appraisal and due diligence costs of a 483± acre portion of the West Coyote Hills property, located in the city of Fullerton in Orange County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021.]
- 27. Peninsular Bighorn Sheep-Recovery Land Acquisition, \$0**  
**Mesquite Ridge**  
**Riverside County**  
To consider the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Planning Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to Oswit Land Trust (OLT) to acquire in fee 29± acres of core desert alluvial fan habitat that supports the protection and preservation of habitat linkages and corridors for the

endangered Peninsular bighorn sheep and other threatened and endangered species covered under the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan, located along the lower elevations of the San Jacinto mountains, in the city of Palm Springs in Riverside County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

**28. Sunnyslope Creek Riparian Restoration Planning \$392,500  
Riverside County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for a project to develop planning and permitting for an Integrated Master Plan for riparian and aquatic habitat restoration of 290 acres surrounding Sunnyslope Creek in Riverside County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e)(f).]

**Presentation Items**

**29. Redwood National and State Parks Riparian Restoration \$5,951,136  
and Trails Gateway  
Humboldt County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to SCC for a cooperative project with Save the Redwoods League, National Park Service, Ocean Protection Council, USFWS, and Cal Trout to restore floodplain connectivity and riparian habitat and construct accessible public access amenities on privately-owned land known as the former Orick Mill, located one mile northeast of the town of Orick in Humboldt County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e)(f); Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d); Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

**30. Navarro River Stream Flow Enhancement Implementation Project \$1,327,757  
Mendocino County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Mendocino County Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with Camp Navarro and the Mendocino Redwood Company to: A) implement a 120,000-gallon rainwater catchment, including irrigation use efficiency upgrades for landscape/lawn retrofit, and forbearance project; B) implement a groundwater infiltration project; and C) monitor by maintaining the associated gauge network and infiltration baseline data collection, located on privately-owned land 35 miles south of Fort Bragg in Mendocino County. [Proposition 1, Water Code Section 79733.]

**31. Honey Lake Wildlife Area Wetland Enhancement \$1,030,000  
Lassen County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with CDFW to restore 2,157 acres of wetlands and 189 acres of upland nesting habitat for the benefit of migratory birds at the Honey Lake Wildlife Area in Lassen County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

**32. Cedar Creek Hatchery Dam Removal** **\$1,677,000**  
**Mendocino County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Trout, Inc. for a cooperative project with CDFW and a private landowner to remove the Cedar Creek Hatchery Dam which prevents migrating anadromous fish species from reaching nine miles of upstream spawning and rearing habitat, near the city of Leggett in Mendocino County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021; Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]

**33. Marshall Ranch Flow Enhancement** **\$4,198,589**  
**Humboldt County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Salmonid Restoration Federation for a project to construct off-stream water storage on the Marshall Ranch, adjacent to Redwood Creek to improve habitat and water conditions for coho salmon and steelhead trout in Humboldt County. [Proposition 1, Water Code Section 79733.]

**34. Childs Meadow Restoration** **\$1,164,055**  
**Tehama County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Point Blue Conservation Science for a cooperative project with USFWS, CAL FIRE, Tehama Resource Conservation District, The Nature Conservancy, and Collins Pine Company to restore and enhance 404 acres of southern Cascades meadow habitat in Childs Meadow, located in Tehama County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

**35. Coldstream Canyon Restoration** **\$1,380,000**  
**Placer County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Truckee River Watershed Council for a cooperative project with California State Water Board and California Department of Parks and Recreation to restore riparian and floodplain habitat located in Coldstream Canyon approximately five miles southeast of Truckee in Placer County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

**36. Van Norden Meadow Restoration** **\$3,746,000**  
**Nevada, Placer Counties**

To consider the allocation for a grant to South Yuba River Citizens League for a cooperative project with USFS, CDFW, Placer County, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and Placer County to restore meadow habitat located in Tahoe National Forest, approximately nine miles west of Truckee in Placer and Nevada counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

**37. Greenwood Creek Conservation Area (Lewis Ranch)** **\$1,155,000**  
**El Dorado County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to The American River Conservancy for a cooperative project with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to acquire 972± 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 other significant habitat areas and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located in El Dorado County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

**38. Grizzly Island Wildlife Area New Lands Enhancement \$1,110,263  
Solano County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association, for a cooperative project with CDFW and the USFWS to restore 458 acres of wetlands and 20 acres of upland nesting habitat for the benefit of migratory birds at the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area in Solano County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786dIWCP.]

**39. Kings Canyon Restoration \$933,000  
Fresno County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to JMT Wilderness Conservancy for a cooperative project with USFS and the National Park Service to restore eastern Sierra meadows and riparian habitat along the John Muir Trail located in Kings Canyon National Park and Sierra National Forest, approximately 20 miles southeast of Bishop in Fresno County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

**40. Bonelli Regional Park Fishing Pier Replacement \$785,000  
Los Angeles County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the County of Los Angeles for a project to construct a new floating fishing pier at Puddingstone Reservoir in Bonelli Regional Park, install ADA pathways and restrooms, and multilingual interpretive signage, located on county-owned land in the city of San Dimas in Los Angeles County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

**41. Rancho Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, Expansion 1 \$4,830,000  
Los Angeles County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes for a cooperative project with USFWS, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, and the County of Los Angeles, and the acceptance of a USFWS Section 6 grant with approval to subgrant these federal funds to the city to acquire 96± acres of land for the protection of wildlife and endangered species habitat, wildlife corridors, and to provide potential future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities in the city of Rancho Palos Verdes in Los Angeles County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

**42. Banning Ranch \$10,000,000  
Orange County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for a cooperative project with CDFW, Natural Resources Agency, USFWS, and SCC to acquire 385± of land for the protection of upland and lowland habitat consisting of wetlands, vernal pools, marsh lands,



arroyos, and coastal sage scrub that support both state and federally endangered species and; to provide for potential wildlife habitat preservation, restoration and management, wildlife-oriented education and research, and for compatible public uses, located in the cities of Costa Mesa and Newport Beach in Orange County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b)(c); Proposition 50, Water Code Section 79572(a).]

**43. State Route 91 B Canyon Wildlife Crossing \$7,279,000  
Riverside County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Caltrans for a cooperative project with the Riverside County Transportation Commission to upgrade an existing concrete culvert underneath State Route 91 to support wildlife migrating between Chino Hills State Park and the Cleveland National Forest in Riverside County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021.]

**44. Executive Director's Report**

**Adjourn**

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