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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

Thursday, August 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

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

Preliminary Agenda Items

The public and Board members will participate in the meeting in person or via Zoom. A recording will be posted after the meeting.

Note: Public comments on Agenda Items and Items Not on the Agenda will be limited to 2 (two) minutes. Letters of support/opposition must be received by WCB by close of business on Thursday, August 8, 2024, to be included in the Final Agenda and Board Packet.

Item Number

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Board Member Updates and Reports
5. Funding Status — Informational

Consent Items

6. Recovery of Funds

**7. Randall Preserve/Genga Resource Planning \$600,000
Orange County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Coastal Corridor Alliance for a cooperative project with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Trust for Public Land, the Orange County Community Foundation, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to develop a Resource Management Plan, Public Access Plan, and Coastal Resilience Strategy for the Randall Preserve/Genga, along with the formation of an Advisory Committee to guide the coordination and development of multiple plans for the Preserve, located in Newport Beach, Orange County.

**8. Huntington State Beach Dune Restoration \$864,000
Orange County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy for a cooperative project with the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the Sea and Sage Audubon Society that will enhance coastal dune habitat within the approximately 12-acre California Least Tern Natural Preserve at Huntington State Beach in Huntington Beach, Orange County.

**9. Ballona Wetlands Drain Removal \$575,000
Los Angeles County**

To consider an allocation for a grant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to remove two reinforced concrete pipelines within the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve in Playa Del Rey, Los Angeles County.

**10. Ballona Wetlands Tribal Engagement \$250,000
Los Angeles County**

To consider an allocation for a grant to CDFW to provide engagement with tribal governments and tribal community members to facilitate participation in ongoing actions within the Reserve in Playa Del Rey, Los Angeles County.

**11. Avila Pier Rehabilitation, Augmentation \$422,000
San Luis Obispo County**

To consider the allocation for an augmentation to a grant to the Port San Luis Obispo Harbor District for a cooperative project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Boating and Waterways, Friends of Avila Pier, and Avila Beach Community Foundation to rehabilitate a pier and boat landing at Avila Beach, located approximately eight miles northwest of Pismo Beach in San Luis Obispo County.

**12. Amargosa Basin Alkali Wetland Restoration and Seed Collection \$961,000
Inyo County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden DBA California Botanic Garden for a cooperative project with the Bureau of Land

Management, National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to alleviate threats to alkali wetland plants and ecosystems and to prepare a botanical inventory along the Amargosa River. The project is located on privately owned land, Bureau of Land Management lands, and within the Tecopa Ecological Reserve owned by CDFW, 56 miles north of Baker in Inyo County.

13. Big Rock **\$520,000**
Mariposa County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the American Indian Council of Mariposa County to acquire in fee 96± acres of land that combines habitat conservation, cultural preservation, and ecological stewardship, offering a unique opportunity to protect ancestral lands and biodiversity, located near Mariposa in Mariposa County.

14. Bolinas Lagoon South End Habitat Adaptation and Resilience **\$270,968**
Planning Augmentation
Marin County

To consider the allocation for a grant augmentation to the Greater Farallones Association for a cooperative project with CDFW, Seadrift Homeowners Association, and multiple landowners to design a multi-benefit project to protect and restore degraded and missing wetland-upland transition zone habitat in the southern end of Bolinas Lagoon, located in the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary six miles west of Mill Valley in Marin County.

15. Wilson Ranch Meadow Restoration, Augmentation **\$250,032**
El Dorado County

To consider the allocation for a grant augmentation to American Rivers, Inc. for a cooperative project with the U.S. Forest Service and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to restore montane meadow habitat, located in the headwaters of the South Fork American River in Eldorado National Forest, 20 miles northeast of Pollock Pines, in El Dorado County.

16. Napa River Watershed Planning **\$899,639**
Napa County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Napa County Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to complete the necessary planning and monitoring to accelerate remediation of artificial fish migration barriers across the approximate 430 square mile Napa River watershed in Napa County.

17. Sagehen Creek Field Station Improvements **\$149,561**
Nevada County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) for a project to complete facility enhancements at UCB's Sagehen Creek Field Station, located 11 miles north of Truckee in Nevada County.

**18. Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Expansion #17 (Soper) FEE \$1,238,900
Yuba County**

To consider the expansion of the Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area for the protection of blue oak-foothill pine forest, annual grasslands, and mixed chaparral habitats for numerous species including golden eagle, foothill yellow-legged frog, and mountain lion. The property is located approximately four miles east of Bangor in Yuba County.

**19. Willow Creek Ranch Conservation Easement \$775,000
Lassen County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Rangeland Trust for a cooperative project with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to acquire a conservation easement over 1,585± acres of land for the protection of grasslands, wetlands, riparian habitat, and seasonal wetlands that provide nesting and foraging habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife, located 17 miles north of Susanville in Lassen County.

**20. North Coast Range Fen Conservation Area (Wojcik) \$475,000
Humboldt County**

To consider the acquisition of 120± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of mixed evergreen hardwood forest and a fen wetland that supports special status species including summer steelhead, as an expansion to CDFW's North Coast Fen Regional Conservation Area located near Bridgeville in Humboldt County.

Presentation Items

**21. Deadman III Forest Resilience \$1,050,000
Santa Cruz County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Save the Redwoods League for a cooperative project with Peninsula Open Space Trust and Sempervirens Fund to restore 300 acres of redwood forest on conserved land located 12 miles east of Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz County.

**22. Tidewater Day Use Area \$2,650,000
Alameda County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to East Bay Regional Park District for a cooperative project with the National Park Service, California State Coastal Conservancy, and Alameda County to convert an empty industrial lot to eight acres of bayfront parkland, which will become part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline in the city of Oakland in Alameda County.

**23. San Francisco Bay Invasive Plant Control \$2,639,000
Alameda County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California State Coastal Conservancy for a cooperative project with various private, local, state and federal landowners to restore tidal wetlands via invasive spartina control, revegetation, and construction of high tide refuge islands located throughout nine counties in the San Francisco Bay Area.

- 24. Roddy Ranch Restoration** **\$2,300,000**
Contra Costa County
To consider the allocation for a grant to East Bay Regional Parks District for a cooperative project with East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy and California State Parks to convert 84 acres of former golf course to functional grassland and wetland habitat, located on East Bay Regional Parks District's former Roddy Ranch Golf Course one mile south of Antioch in Contra Costa County.
- 25. Education Center at Mount Diablo State Park** **\$2,624,000**
Contra Costa County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Mount Diablo Interpretive Association for a cooperative project with California Department of Parks and Recreation to construct a new Education Center at the Mitchell Canyon entrance of Mount Diablo State Park, which will be ADA-accessible and feature exhibit and classroom space to conduct interpretive programs and field trips, one mile south of Clayton in Contra Costa County.
- 26. American River Ranch Animal Barn Construction** **\$2,012,000**
Sacramento County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Soil Born Farms Urban Agriculture and Education Project for a cooperative project with the City of Rancho Cordova and Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks to construct a new hands-on interpretive center at the historic American River Ranch located within the Lower American River Parkway approximately one mile northwest of the city of Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County.
- 27. Upper Carpenter Valley** **\$2,500,000**
Nevada County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Truckee Donner Land Trust to acquire in fee 691± acres of land to preserve montane meadow, wildlife corridors, habitat linkages, and to provide wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities located three miles northwest of the town of Truckee in Nevada County.
- 28. Feather River - Side Channels Restoration Plan** **\$2,199,000**
Sutter County
To consider the allocation of a grant to the Sutter County Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with the Bureau of Land Management and CDFW for a planning project to develop designs, environmental permits, incorporate traditional ecological knowledge (TEK), plan for the creation of 1.5 miles of side-channel habitat at the confluence of the Feather and Yuba rivers for the benefit of migratory salmonids, and the improvement of 231 acres of riparian and connected floodplain habitat, located directly adjacent to the eastern boundary of Yuba City in Sutter County.

**29. Lost Coast Redwoods \$8,500,000
Mendocino County**

To consider the allocation of a grant to Save the Redwoods League and Bureau of Land Management for the permanent protection of 4,566± acres of land for the purposes of natural resource and water quality protection, open space preservation, cultural resource protection, wildfire resilience and restoration forestry, and public access compatible with cultural and natural resource protection, located seven miles southwest of Leggett in Mendocino County.

**30. Black Oak Ranch Water Conservation and Flow Enhancement \$3,564,000
Mendocino County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Salmonid Restoration Federation for a project to construct a 4-million-gallon pond, nine, 90,000-gallon stainless steel water storage tanks, and complete a forbearance agreement to stop all dry season diversions from Streeter and Tenmile creeks, leaving 5.55 acre-feet per year in those waterways. Project is located approximately five miles north of Laytonville in Mendocino County.

**31. 'O Rew Lower Prairie Creek Floodplain Restoration \$3,712,000
Humboldt County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the State Coastal Conservancy for a cooperative project with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Save the Redwoods League to restore 16 acres of floodplain/wetland habitat and 0.5 miles of instream habitat along lower Prairie Creek, located on privately-owned land approximately 1.5 miles north of the town of Orick in Humboldt County.

**32. 'O Rew Redwoods Gateway \$2,870,000
Humboldt County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the State Coastal Conservancy for a cooperative project with Save the Redwoods League to construct new recreational and visitor serving amenities, located on privately-owned land approximately 1.5 miles north of the town of Orick in Humboldt County.

33. 2025 Board Meeting Dates

The Board will be asked to approve WCB meetings dates for 2025:

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Thursday, November 20, 2025

34. Public Forum for Items not on the Agenda

Adjourn

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