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## Notice of Meeting

### WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

Thursday, November 21, 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, November 7, 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. San Juan Creek Estuary Planning \$1,616,610  
Orange County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Trout Unlimited for a cooperative project with State Parks to develop planning designs and environmental compliance to restore and enhance estuarine and riparian habitats within the San Juan Creek Estuary and lower watershed, located in Doheny State Beach directly adjacent to Dana Point in Orange County.

**8. Montezuma Slough Fish Screen Augmentation \$2,018,000  
Solano County**

To consider the allocation for an augmentation to a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to complete the replacement of a fish screen and associated water delivery infrastructure at the Montezuma Slough intake at CDFW's Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, in Solano County.

**9. Cal Expo and Woodlake Crossing Planning, Augmentation \$300,132  
Sacramento County**

To consider the allocation for a grant augmentation to Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks for a trail crossing and habitat restoration planning project on 7 acres of publicly owned land within the American River Parkway, located approximately 3 miles northeast of the State Capitol in Sacramento County.

**10. Petaluma River Park - Planning \$1,287,000  
Sonoma County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Petaluma River Park Foundation for a cooperative project with State Coastal Conservancy, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, and City of Petaluma to complete designs and permits for future implementation of riparian habitat restoration and public access enhancement at an urban riverfront park, located in the city of Petaluma in Sonoma County.

**11. Euer Valley Sustainable Public Access \$890,000  
Nevada County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Truckee River Watershed Council for a cooperative project with Sierra Nevada Conservancy, State Water Resources Control Board, and Tahoe Donner Association to protect 30 acres of high-quality meadow and stream habitat by promoting sustainable recreational access for local residents and visitors, located on lands owned and managed by Tahoe Donner Association 7 miles northwest of Truckee in Nevada County.

- 12. Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Expansion #18 (Soper) CE \$790,200  
Yuba County**  
To consider the acquisition of a conservation easement on 878± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of blue oak-foothill pine, annual grasslands, and mixed chaparral habitats for numerous species including golden eagle, foothill yellow-legged frog, and mountain lion, as an expansion to CDFW's Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area located near Bangor, in Yuba County.
- 13. Sierra Valley Conservation Area, Expansion 9 (Grashius Phase II) \$1,200,000  
Plumas County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Feather River Land Trust to acquire a conservation easement on 944± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of sagebrush, black oak woodland, and eastside pine habitats for numerous species including mule deer, pronghorn, Swainson's hawk, bald eagle, burrowing owl, and American badger and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located near Beckwourth, in Plumas County.
- 14. Angelo Coast Range Reserve, Phase 2 \$232,500  
Mendocino County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California, Berkeley, for a project to complete facility enhancements located at the University of California, Berkeley owned Angelo Coast Range Reserve in Branscomb in Mendocino County.
- 15. Eel River Wildlife Area, Expansion 7 (Hansen) \$420,000  
Humboldt County**  
To consider the acquisition of 84± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of open space, and estuarine and tidal marsh habitats that support a variety of native fish, wildlife, and plant species, and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, as an expansion to CDFW's Eel River Wildlife Area located near the community of Loleta in Humboldt County.
- 16. Eel River Wildlife Area, Expansion 6 (Pedrazzini) \$680,000  
Humboldt County**  
To consider the acquisition of 136± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of open space, and estuarine and tidal marsh habitats that support a variety of native fish, wildlife, and plant species, and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, as an expansion to CDFW's Eel River Wildlife Area located near the community of Loleta in Humboldt County.
- 17. French Creek Water Right Dedication \$267,000  
Siskiyou County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy to permanently dedicate ~3 cubic feet per second of water rights from two properties located along French Creek, a tributary of the Scott River, approximately 7 miles south of Etna in Siskiyou County, using California Water Code § 1707, potentially tripling the amount of summer base flow that is otherwise available to support rearing habitat for state and federally listed coho salmon.

- 18. Lake Earl Wildlife Area (Evans) \$214,000**  
**Del Norte County**  
To consider the acquisition of 3± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of habitat for beaver, black-tailed deer, and numerous bird species, and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities as an expansion to CDFW's Lake Earl Wildlife Area, located near Crescent City in Del Norte County.

**Presentation Items**

- 19. Skyline North \$1,936,558**  
**San Diego County**  
To consider the allocation of a grant to Endangered Habitats Conservancy to acquire 557± acres of land for the protection of chaparral-boulder and mixed coastal sage scrub habitats for the benefit of mountain lion, southern mule deer, Quino checkerspot butterfly, Hermes copper butterfly, and spiny redberry; wildlife corridors and habitat linkages; and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located near Jamul in San Diego County.

- 20. Building Resilience on Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands \$4,513,000**  
**Santa Barbara County**  
The allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State Coastal Conservancy, CDFW, and California Institute of Environmental Studies to restore habitat by increasing fog-harvesting, reducing infestations of high priority invasive plants, increasing the area of resilient riparian woodlands, increasing populations of four priority listed plant species, and involving the public in meaningful ways with restoration projects on Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands in Santa Barbara County.

- 21. Toro Creek Phase II \$3,500,000**  
**San Luis Obispo County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the County of San Louis Obispo for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy, the Land Conservancy of San Louis Obispo County, and the Cayucos Land Conservancy to acquire 748± acres of land for the protection of coastal sage scrub, oak woodlands, enhancement to the La Panza Range – San Geronimo Corridor, an essential connectivity area, and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located between Cayucos and Morro Bay in San Luis Obispo County.

- 22. Hershey Ranch \$2,389,475**  
**Tulare County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Tule River Indian Tribe for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency to acquire 14,672± acres of land for the protection of oak grasslands, oak woodlands, chaparral, and riparian habitats for numerous species including San Joaquin kit fox, condor, monarch butterfly, spotted owl, and yellow-legged frog, located near Porterville in Tulare County.

- 23. Pico Blanco (Esselen) \$1,400,000**  
**Monterey County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Western Rivers and Esselen Tribe of Monterey County to acquire 327± acres of land for the protection of old growth redwood forest, south-central coast stream habitat, cultural resources for tribal activities, and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use and educational opportunities, located near Big Sur in Monterey County.
- 24. Carr Lake Restoration \$6,036,123**  
**Monterey County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Big Sur Land Trust for a cooperative project with California Natural Resources Agency, the California Department of Water Resources, and the State Coastal Conservancy to restore and enhance 67 acres of wetland and riparian fish and wildlife habitat, located on privately-owned land within the city of Salinas in Monterey County.
- 25. Enhancing Biodiversity and Resilience in the Amargosa Basin \$2,930,326**  
**Inyo, San Bernardino Counties**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the American Bird Conservancy for a cooperative project with Bureau of Land Management, CDFW, University of California, Davis, Amargosa Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy, China Ranch Date Farm, and Shoshone Village for a planning project consisting of hydrological monitoring of the southern Amargosa Basin, preparation of a riparian restoration plan for the Amargosa River and Willow Creek, and preparation of a habitat restoration plan for the endangered Amargosa vole, located on privately-owned lands, Bureau of Land Management lands, and CDFW's Tecopa Ecological Reserve approximately 56 miles north of Baker in Inyo and San Bernardino counties.
- 26. Rough Creek Native Aquatic Assemblage Restoration \$1,604,000**  
**Mono County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to CDFW to remove non-native trout from 24 miles of the Rough Creek watershed, a tributary of the Walker River in Mono County, and introduce a complex native fish assemblage by installing a fish barrier at the confluence of Rough Creek and the Walker River, conducting up to three years of electrofishing the entire Rough Creek watershed to remove non-native trout, and then reintroducing the native fish assemblage.
- 27. Coyote Valley Landscape Linkage Expansion 1 \$5,020,000**  
**Santa Clara County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Santa Clara Open Space Authority to acquire in fee 142± acres of land for the protection of riparian, wetland, and grassland habitats, wildlife corridors, wildlife linkages, and open-space for northern harrier, dusky-footed woodrat, western burrowing owl, and American badger, and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located near Morgan Hill in Santa Clara County.

**28. Hoover Ranch** **\$5,090,000**  
**Contra Costa County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to John Muir Land Trust to acquire in fee 600± acres of land to enhance and preserve wetland and riparian woodlands, protect wildlife corridors, and to provide wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, near Oakley in Contra Costa County.

**29. Mokelumne Forest Health Enhancement** **\$3,986,000**  
**Amador County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Upper Mokelumne Watershed Authority for a cooperative project with the U.S. Forest Service and Sierra Nevada Conservancy to implement 600 acres of forest restoration on the Eldorado National Forest located 16 miles east of Kirkwood in Amador County.

**30. Kiser Ranch** **\$4,885,000**  
**Sonoma County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Sonoma Land Trust for a cooperative project with State Coastal Conservancy to acquire 1,459± acres of land for the protection of restored tidal marsh and wetland habitat and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located near the city of Sonoma in Sonoma County.

**31. Navarro Watershed-Mill Creek Streamflow Enhancement** **\$2,749,000**  
**Mendocino County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Mendocino County Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with The Nature Conservancy and several private landowners to implement five streamflow enhancement projects, including placement of large woody debris, construction of an infiltration basin and 63,000 gallon steel water storage tank, restoration of incised channels, and development of pond release plan infrastructure and permitting located on privately-owned land within the Mill Creek sub-basin of the Navarro River watershed 4 miles Northeast of Navarro in Mendocino County.

**32. Public Forum for Items not on the Agenda**

**Adjourn**

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