



Climate Bond (Prop 4) Funding Webinar

California Wildlife Conservation Board





What we do:

- Wetland/river restoration
- Forest and grassland health projects
- Wildlife crossings and connectivity
- Land conservation in fee
- Conservation easements on private land
- Ancestral land return
- Public access

WCB in 2024

WCB contributed to 120 projects for the 2024 calendar year, allocating approximately \$320 million in funding including:



\$93.5 million for
habitat restoration and
enhancement of over
5,000 acres



\$162.4 million
for purchase or
conservation
easement on
**90,000 acres of
land**



\$63.9 million for
public access,
project planning,
and studies



2025-2030 Draft Strategic Plan

Goals:

- Protect and Restore Biodiversity
- Take Action on Climate Change
- Increase Access to Nature
- Improve Program Delivery

Available @wcb.ca.gov

- Comments due by May 16th



WCB Climate Bond Funding Categories

- Protect and Enhance Fish & Wildlife Resources and Habitats and Achieve Biodiversity, Public Access, and Conservation Goals \$668M
- Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Crossings and Corridors \$100M
- Stream Flow Enhancement \$100M
- Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program \$50M
- **New** San Andreas Corridor Program \$80M
- Lower American Conservancy \$10M
- Southern Ballona Creek Watershed \$22M





FY 2025/2026 (proposed):

- Protect fish and wildlife/biodiversity: \$176M
- Wildlife crossings and corridors: \$21M
- Streamflow: \$21M
- Fish habitat enhancement: \$11M
- Lower American River Conservation Program: \$3M



WCB Grants

- Continuously open, rolling application process
- Open to: non-profit organizations, government agencies, federally recognized tribes
- Approved at four board meetings per year

WCB Grant Process





Acquisition Process

- Fund Source
- Consult with WCB!
- CDFW priorities are important
- Project Manager assignment after full application is approved

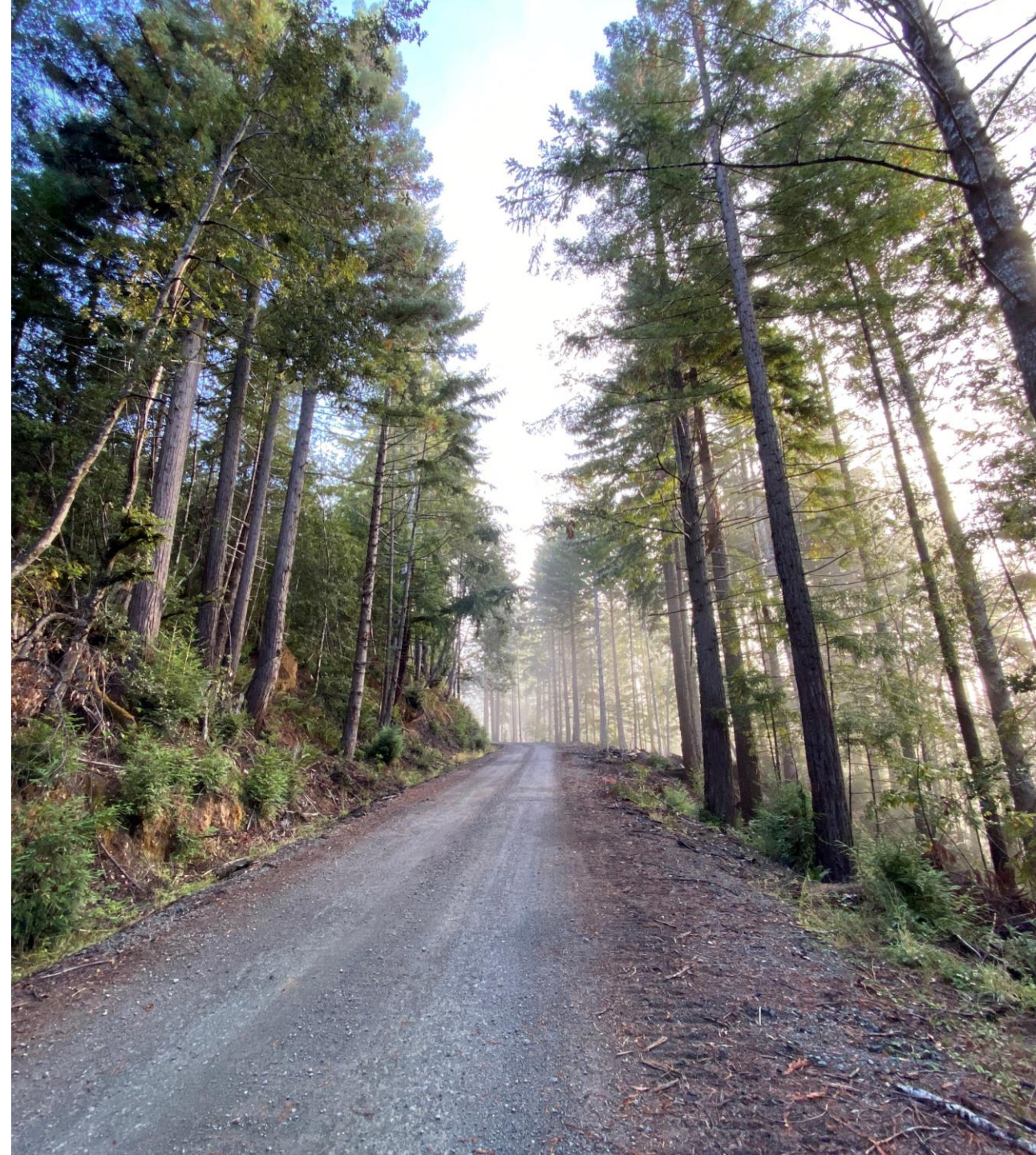
Common Acquisition Issues

- Landowner cannot be a client on appraisal (PRC 5096.510)
- Outdated Preliminary Title Reports
- Preliminary Title Reports not included and/or analyzed in the appraisal
- DGS Specifications
- Purchase and Sale Agreement
- Appraisal Date of Value must be within one year of WCB meeting



Common Acquisition Issues (cont'd)

- Conservation easement should be mostly complete prior to appraisal
- Talk to us early on about title issues
- Legal descriptions or changes to legal descriptions and encroachments
- Access
- State payments for all acquisitions should not exceed fair market value based upon a state approved appraisal





Acquisition Questions

- John Walsh, Deputy Executive Director
- Daniel Vasquez, Acquisition Manager
- Joe Navari, Acquisition Manager
- Email us at:
landacquisition@wildlife.ca.gov

Habitats We Restore

- Streams, lakes and rivers
- Riparian
- Wetlands
- Forests, mountain meadows
- Desert
- Monarch/pollinator habitat
- Lower American River



Project Types

Restoration

- Planning (including compliance)
- Implementation

Public Access

- Trails, signage, parking lots





Restoration Questions

- Rebecca Fris, Deputy Executive Director
- Scott McFarlin, Restoration Manager
- Shannon Lucas, Restoration Manager



Strong proposals

- Strategic Planning
- Multiple Benefits
- Benefits for Justice Communities
- Broad Community Support





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Key Resources

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wcb.ca.gov/Grants

Pre Applications:

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