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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

Thursday, August 28, 2025, 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 14, 2025, to be listed in the Final Agenda. Letters of support or opposition received after August 14, 2025, will be provided to the Board to inform decision-making.

Item Number

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Board Member Updates and Reports
5. Funding Status
6. 2025-2030 Strategic Plan

Consent Items

- 7. San Diego Bay Salt Marsh Enhancement \$890,000**
San Diego County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Conservation Biology Institute for a cooperative project with Caltrans, California Department of Parks and Recreation, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Port of San Diego, and USS Midway Museum to survey, map, and enhance coastal habitat by controlling nonnative European sea lavender and Algerian sea lavender within coastal wetland and wetland/upland transitional habitat adjacent to the San Diego Bay within the cities of Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach, and Coronado in San Diego County.
- 8. Joshua Tree Conservation Tribal Engagement - Augmentation \$771,937**
Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino Counties
To consider the allocation for an augmentation to the Native American Land Conservancy to continue support of tribal participation in the development of CDFW's Western Joshua Tree Conservation Plan utilizing tribes located within the range of the western Joshua tree within Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.
- 9. Upper Pajaro River Restoration Planning \$500,000**
San Benito, Santa Clara Counties
To consider the allocation for a grant to Peninsula Open Space Trust for a cooperative project with the Webb Foundation and Goodman Family Foundation to complete ecological restoration planning on approximately 668 acres of conserved, privately-owned land two miles south of Gilroy in Santa Clara and San Benito counties.
- 10. Antelope Lake Conservation Easement \$42,900**
Mono County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Eastern Sierra Land Trust to acquire a conservation easement over 197± acres of land for the protection of alkali wetlands, alkali meadow, ephemeral spring-fed lakes, pinyon-juniper woodlands, and sagebrush areas supporting mule deer, mountain lion, and bi-state greater sage-grouse near the community of Benton in Mono County.
- 11. Llano Seco Water Conveyance System Planning \$384,000**
Glenn, Butte Counties
To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with USFWS, CDFW, and a private landowner to complete planning for water delivery system enhancements located on publicly and privately-owned land known as Llano Seco Ranch, located 15 miles southwest of Chico in Butte and Glenn counties.

- 12. Big Grizzly Creek Corridor - Phase 1** **\$975,000**
Plumas County
To consider the allocation for a grant to Feather River Land Trust, for a cooperative project with CAL FIRE to acquire in fee 1,025± acres of land that comprises the first phase of a three-phase project that will conserve three adjacent properties for the protection of forest and wet meadow habitats, as well as sections of the Big Grizzly Creek corridor near the city of Portola, in Plumas County.
- 13. North Coast Range Fen Conservation Area (Wojcik)** **\$559,000**
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.
- 14. (CAL FIRE) Shackleford Forest Conservation Easement** **\$0**
Siskiyou County
To consider the acceptance of a conservation easement over 12,214± acres by CAL FIRE under the California Forest Legacy Act of 2007, for the purposes of protecting productive timberland from conversion and protecting fish and wildlife habitat, located near Quartz Valley Indian Reservation in Siskiyou County.

Presentation Items

- 15. White Atterbury** **\$2,400,000**
San Diego County
To consider the acceptance of a USFWS Nontraditional Section 6 Grant Program Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to The Escondido Creek Conservancy, and to consider a WCB grant to The Escondido Creek Conservancy, to acquire in fee 160± acres of land for the protection of habitat for the federally threatened coastal California gnatcatcher habitat within the City of Carlsbad Habitat Management Plan/ Northwest San Diego County Multiple Habitat Conservation Program located in San Marcos, in San Diego County.
- 16. Elfin Acres** **\$1,045,000**
San Diego County
To consider the acceptance of a USFWS Nontraditional Section 6 Grant Program Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to The Escondido Creek Conservancy, and to consider a WCB grant to The Escondido Creek Conservancy, to acquire in fee 96± acres of land for the protection of habitat for the federally threatened coastal California gnatcatcher habitat, and for the protection of southern mixed chaparral, Diegan coastal sage scrub, open Engelmann oak woodland, and emergent wetlands within the City of Carlsbad Habitat Management Plan/Northwest San Diego County Multiple Habitat Conservation Program located in San Marcos, in San Diego County.

- 17. Joshua Tree Conservation Coalition and Monitoring – \$1,618,000**
Augmentation
Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino Counties
To consider the allocation for an augmentation to the California Desert Land Conservancy DBA Mojave Desert Land Trust (MDLT) to continue the Joshua Tree Conservation Coalition and to add an additional 100 monitoring plots to the western Joshua tree population monitoring study which will provide comprehensive baseline demographic to inform the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) western Joshua tree conservation plan, located within the range of the western Joshua tree on both private and public lands within Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.
- 18. Big Canyon Coastal Wetland Restoration \$3,241,000**
Orange County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Newport Bay Conservancy for a cooperative project with CDFW, City of Newport Beach, California Coastal Conservancy, and California Ocean Protection Council to restore historical salt marsh, the Big Canyon Creek riparian corridor, and establish transitional wetland habitats that will benefit several threatened and endangered species and improve climate resiliency within the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve in the city of Newport Beach in Orange County.
- 19. Transforming the Point Reyes National Seashore \$10,000,000**
Marin County
To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with the National Parks Service to establish a targeted conservation grazing regime within the Point Reyes National Seashore, located on publicly owned land 30 miles west-northwest of San Francisco in Marin County.
- 20. Alder-89 Forest and LCT Habitat Restoration \$3,623,800**
Nevada County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Truckee River Watershed Council for a cooperative project with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to implement forest thinning on 2,555 acres. The project will also provide funding for NEPA planning on 1,245 acres to enhance spawning habitat for Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. The project will occur on USFS land approximately four miles north of the town of Truckee in Nevada County.
- 21. Sacramento River Wildlife Area Mile 164 - L (Felkins) \$1,820,000**
Glenn County
To consider the acquisition of 128± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of valley foothill riparian and riverine habitats and special status species including the federally threatened valley elderberry longhorn beetle and state threatened bank swallow to strengthen connectivity within CDFW's Sacramento River Wildlife Area and the USFWS Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge, as an expansion to

CDFW's Sacramento River Wildlife Area Princeton East Unit located across the river from the town of Princeton in Glenn County.

22. Eel River Trail Accessible Ramp \$1,200,000
Humboldt County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Rio Dell for a project to construct a concrete, switchback ADA ramp at the north trailhead of a recently completed pedestrian and bicycle shared-use path along the Eel River, located on publicly owned land in the city of Rio Dell in Humboldt County.

23. 2026 Board Meeting Dates

The Board will be asked to approve WCB meeting dates for 2026:

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Thursday, May 28, 2026

Thursday, August 27, 2026

Thursday, November 19, 2026

24. Public Forum for Items not on the Agenda

Adjourn

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