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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus
3333 Manchester Avenue
Cardiff, CA 92007

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.

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Item Number

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

Consent Items

6. Recovery of Funds

**7. Marble Peaks \$800,000
Siskiyou County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy to acquire 455± acres of land and associated water rights for the protection of coho salmon habitat along one mile of Miners Creek, located near Etna in Siskiyou County.

**8. Battle Creek Ranch Water Rights Retirement \$584,000
Tehama County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners for an implementation project to retire a water rights diversion to Battle Creek Ranch to improve flows and habitat quality for Chinook salmon and allow the Colmen Fish Hatchery to operate at full capacity. Battle Creek Ranch is located near Red Bluff in Tehama County.

**9. Putah Creek Fish Passage at County Road 106A \$1,100,000
Yolo County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Solano County Water Agency to complete planning for fish passage in Putah Creek at Road 106A, replacing an earthen crossing with a solution that maintains both fish passage and the water diversion for agriculture and waterfowl, three miles east of Davis in Yolo County.

**10. American River Salmonid Rearing Habitat Planning \$333,000
Sacramento County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Sacramento for a cooperative project with the Bureau of Reclamation and Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks to complete the planning, design, and environmental review for ten juvenile salmonid rearing habitat sites along the lower American River on publicly owned land within the American River Parkway three miles east of downtown Sacramento in Sacramento County.

**11. Indian Joe Springs Ecological Reserve, Expansion 1 \$36,000
Inyo County**

To consider the acquisition of 40± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the protection of riparian, desert scrub, and desert wash habitats; protection of the Inyo California towhee and desert tortoise; and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities as an expansion to CDFW's Indian Joe Springs Ecological Reserve located near Trona in Inyo County.

**12. Joshua Tree Ethnobotanical Study \$255,803
Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino Counties**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Native American Land Conservancy for a project to conduct an ethnobotanical study on western Joshua tree, located

across the range of the species on public and privately-owned lands within Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

13. Spanish Ranch \$900,000
San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Rangeland Trust for a cooperative project with U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to acquire a 5,652± acre conservation easement for the protection of a mosaic of habitats supporting tule elk, California condor, San Joaquin kit fox, and giant kangaroo rat, located in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties.

14. Los Angeles River Habitat Enhancement, Augmentation \$1,500,000
Los Angeles County

To consider the allocation for an augmentation of a grant to The Nature Conservancy, for a cooperative project with California Department of Parks and Recreation, California Department of Water Resources, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and private donors, to restore 3 acres of riparian and wetland habitat on the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Bowties Parcel, located in Los Angeles within Los Angeles County.

15. Pellon Murrieta Acquisition (Section 6) \$610,750
Riverside County

To consider the allocation of a WCB grant and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Nontraditional Section 6 grant for a habitat conservation plan land acquisition and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority to acquire 91± acres of land to contribute to Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP/NCCP), which will provide critical habitat for MSHCP/NCCP covered species and provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located in Murrieta in Riverside County.

Presentation Items

16. Loyalton Ranch \$5,500,000
Lassen, Sierra Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to Wáši-w-šiw Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Feather River Land Trust, and the Northern Sierra Partnership, to acquire 10,273± acres of Washoe tribal ancestral lands for protection of a deer and mountain lion migration corridor, located in rural Sierra and Lassen counties.

17. Kopta Slough Multi-Benefit Project \$5,369,000
Tehama County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Water Resources for a cooperative project with the Tehama County Resource Conservation District for an implementation project to remove 5,200 linear feet of

rock revetment along the Sacramento River's right bank at the Kopta Slough property and restore natural fluvial and floodplain processes, and to restore the 176-acre agricultural portion of the Kopta Slough property to establish native floodplain habitat in Tehama County.

18. Battle Creek Ranch Acquisition \$15,050,000

Tehama County

To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners for a cooperative project with Department of Water Resources to acquire 1,715± acres of land and water rights and provide instream flows for salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon and future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located near Red Bluff in Tehama County.

19. Robinson's Riffle Feather River Restoration \$31,908,000

Butte County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency for an implementation project to excavate approximately 51 acres adjacent to the Feather River to remove relict tailings and create seasonal floodplain and side channel habitat to enhance the river channel to benefit Chinook salmon located near Oroville in Butte County.

20. Meridian Farms Fish Screen \$15,000,000

Sutter County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Meridian Farms Water Company for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, and private landowners to consolidate two unscreened water diversions on the Sacramento River into one new screened water diversion located immediately north of Meridian in Sutter County.

21. Tule Canal Fish Passage Improvement \$6,230,113

Yolo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Water Resources for a cooperative project with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation and a private landowner to replace an existing fish passage barrier with a new bridge to maximize open flow and to replace irrigation infrastructure with fish friendly structures located on privately-owned land one mile west of West Sacramento in Yolo County.

22. Pickel Meadow Restoration \$4,958,872

Mono County

To consider the allocation for a grant to American Rivers, Inc. for a cooperative project with CDFW, U. S. Forest Service, and U. S. Marine Corps to restore approximately 250 acres of montane meadow and aquatic habitats along the West Walker River, located on publicly owned lands, including portions of CDFW's

Pickle Meadow Wildlife Area and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, approximately 22 miles northwest of Bridgeport in Mono County.

**23. Western Goleta Slough Tidal Restoration Design \$1,540,000
Santa Barbara County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the University of California, Santa Barbara, for a cooperative project with CDFW to conduct hydrologic and hydraulic studies that will inform the design of a tidal restoration project for portions of Goleta Slough to reconnect up to 18 acres of estuarine wetlands and to develop a restoration plan for 62 acres of upland, emergent wetland and tidal wetland habitats located on University of California, Santa Barbara property and CDFW's Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve in the city of Goleta in Santa Barbara County.

**24. Chollas Creek at Federal Boulevard Riparian Restoration, \$1,600,000
Augmentation
San Diego County**

To consider the allocation for an augmentation to a grant to Groundworks San Diego for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Department of Water Resources, and the City of San Diego to remove a concrete channel and restore riparian habitat on Chollas Creek in the city of San Diego in San Diego County.

Adjourn

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