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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

Thursday, November 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

California Natural Resource Agency
1st 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 Wednesday, November 4, 2026, to be listed in the Final Agenda. Letters of support/opposition received after Wednesday November 4, 2026, 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 — Informational

Consent Items

6. Recovery of Funds

**7. Sheepy Ridge Wildlife Area \$0
Siskiyou County**

To consider the transfer of the 320± acre Sheepy Ridge Wildlife Area from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to the Modoc Nation for fish and wildlife habitat conservation, restoration, and cultural reconnection.

**8. Mattole Headwaters Habitat Enhancement \$688,000
Humboldt County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Mattole Salmon Group for an agreement to construct large wood debris structures and conduct riparian forest thinning for salmonids and other native aquatic organisms along the Mattole River and lower McKee Creek in Humboldt County.

**9. North Coast Range Fen Conservation Area (Woodcock) \$600,000
Humboldt County**

To consider the acquisition of 110± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the protection of mixed evergreen hardwood forest and riparian forest habitat, that supports special status species including summer steelhead, as an expansion to the CDFW's North Coast Fen Regional Conservation Area located near Bridgeville in Humboldt County.

**10. Calvi Ranch Public Access Planning \$750,000
Sonoma County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to LandPaths for a cooperative project with the Resources Legacy Fund, Agentives Fund, and a private donor to complete resource enhancement and public access planning for essential fish and wildlife habitat protection, old-growth and mature second-growth redwood stewardship, and public access, located on privately-owned land 3 miles west of Occidental in Sonoma County.

**11. Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Improvements \$615,000
Yolo County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to improve access for hunting and non-consumptive wildlife recreation, located on the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area 4 miles west of the City of Davis in Yolo County.

**12. Indian Joe Springs Ecological Reserve Easement Exchange \$0
Inyo County**

To consider the exchange of an access easement over 2± acres of land owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for an access easement over 1± acres of land owned by Bowman Asphalt, Inc., to serve CDFW's Indian Joe Springs Ecological Reserve, located near the community of Trona in Inyo

County.

- 13. North Carrizo Ecological Reserve, Expansion 1** **\$5,000**
San Luis Obispo County
To consider the acquisition 240± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the protection of sensitive species and their associated habitats including the San Joaquin kit fox and giant kangaroo rat while maintaining habitat connectivity between the federal land within the Los Padres National Forest and the Carrizo Plain National Monument as an expansion to the CDFW's North Carrizo Ecological Reserve located 35 miles southeast of Santa Margarita in San Luis Obispo County.
- 14. Del Dios** **\$423,600**
San Diego County
To consider the allocation for a grant to San Dieguito River Valley Land Conservancy to acquire 59± acres of land for the protection of critical coastal sage scrub and chaparral habitats that support threatened species, including coastal California gnatcatcher, and strengthen wildlife corridors, located near the city of Escondido in San Diego County.
- 15. Encino Ranch Habitat Restoration** **\$445,000**
San Diego County
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Encino Conservancy for a project to remove dead oaks infested with gold spotted oak borer, restore/enhance native grassland, remove invasive species, restore Engelmann oak habitat, and install pollinator plants for monarchs, located on privately-owned land six miles northeast of Ramona in San Diego County.
- 16. San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area, Expansion 11 (Parfrey)** **\$150,000**
San Diego County
To consider the acquisition of 31± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the protection of native shrub vegetation, Stephen's kangaroo rat, and the golden eagle, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, as an expansion to the CDFW's San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area located near the community of Oak Grove, in San Diego County.
- 17. San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area, Expansion 12 (Corner)** **\$560,000**
San Diego County
To consider the acquisition of 77± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the protection of native shrub vegetation, Stephen's kangaroo rat, and the golden eagle, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, as an expansion to the CDFW's San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area located near the community of Oak Grove, in San Diego County.
- 18. San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area, Expansion 13 (Schaarsmith)** **\$245,000**
San Diego County
To consider the acquisition of 58± acres of land by the California Department of

Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the protection of native shrub vegetation, Stephen's kangaroo rat, and the golden eagle, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, as an expansion to the CDFW's San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area located near the community of Oak Grove, in San Diego County.

**19. Grassland Ecological Area Hunting Access \$542,000
Merced County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to improve access and infrastructure for hunting and outdoor recreation at the Los Banos, North Grasslands, and Volta Wildlife Areas in Merced County.

Presentation Items

**20. Galiano Fen Restoration \$2,622,000
Sierra County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the South Yuba River Citizens League for a cooperative project with the U.S. Forest Service to restore 64 acres of mountain meadow habitat located within the Tahoe National Forest three miles southeast of Downieville in Sierra County.

**21. Upper Hoke Meadow Restoration \$1,724,000
Sierra County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Truckee River Watershed Council for a cooperative project with the U.S. Forest Service to restore 35 acres of mountain meadow habitat within the Tahoe National Forest, 13 miles northeast of Truckee in Sierra County.

**22. Harvego Bear River Preserve, Phase II \$5,200,000
Placer County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Placer Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Placer Conservation Authority to acquire 525± acres of land for the protection of oak woodlands and grasslands, to enhance habitat connectivity, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located near Auburn in Placer County

**23. Restoration of Hoover Ranch on Bethel Island \$1,659,000
Contra Costa County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the John Muir Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Delta Conservancy to complete the planning and design phase of the Hoover Ranch Restoration Project, which aims to establish approximately 500 acres of managed wetlands and riparian woodlands in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, located seven miles northeast of Oakley in Contra Costa County.

**24. Point Reyes National Seashore Implementation \$7,293,128
Marin County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a project to

enhance roughly 16,000 acres of Point Reyes National Seashore. The project will enhance water quality, sensitive habitats, and protect cultural resources within Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County.

25. Golden Gate Fields \$53,000,000

Alameda County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Trust for Public Land and East Bay Regional Parks District for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency, State Coastal Conservancy, and the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority to acquire 162± acres of land for future wildlife habitat creation, restoration and enhancement; habitat linkage and corridors; and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities located in Albany and Berkeley in Alameda County.

26. La Grange Salmon Habitat Restoration Project, Phase 2b \$3,391,000

Stanislaus County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Yosemite Rivers Alliance for a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to construct new instream and off channel habitat for salmonids and other native aquatic organisms to increase channel complexity and habitat diversity, reconnect the river to its historic floodplains, and provide spawning and rearing habitat along the Tuolumne River in Stanislaus County.

27. Mount Stakes \$2,675,000

Santa Clara, Stanislaus Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy to acquire 3,856± acres of land for the protection of chamise, manzanita, sagebrush, and oak savannah habitats, and migration corridors and linkages, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located near Paterson in Stanislaus and Santa Clara Counties.

28. Ferrini Ranch \$12,500,000

Monterey County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Big Sur Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Trust for Public Land to acquire 868± acres of land for the protection of a critical wildlife linkage between the coast ranges and Fort Ord National Monument and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located near Salinas in Monterey County.

29. Laguna Coast Wilderness Park Restoration \$1,945,000

Orange County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Laguna Canyon Foundation for a cooperative project with Orange County Conservation Corps and Orange County Parks to restore and enhance 71 acres of wildlife habitat that will improve biodiversity, climate resiliency, habitat connectivity, and ecosystem health to

benefit protected wildlife species in Laguna Coast Wilderness Park located in the City of Irvine in Orange County.

30. Red's Meadow Valley Restoration \$2,676,000
Madera County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the John Muir Wilderness Conservancy for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency and U.S. Forest Service to restore 36 acres of mountain meadow habitat located within the Inyo National Forest ten miles west of Mammoth Lakes in Madera County.

**31. Revision to Delegation of Authority Policy for Grant Agreement
Augmentation Amendments**

This proposal is to consider a revision to the policy delegating authority to the Executive Director of WCB to execute amendments to existing Grant Agreements for certain budget augmentations.

32. Public Forum for Items not on the Agenda

Adjourn

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