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NOTICE OF MEETING

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1/ State Capitol, Room 112
Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status — Informational
3. Special Project Planning Account — Informational
4. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4—15)
- *5. Approval of Minutes — June 2, 2011
- *6. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *7. Mill Creek Forest Restoration \$550,000.00
Del Norte County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Smith River Alliance for a cooperative project with the California Department of Parks and Recreation and Save the Redwoods League to restore approximately 1,200 acres of early-stage native forest on the Mill Creek unit of the Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park in Del Norte County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that promotes ecological integrity and economic stability of California's diverse native forests and promotes the conservation and protection of productive managed forest lands, forest reserve areas, redwood forests and other forest types. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(a)]

- *8. Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge, \$632,000.00
La Barranca Unit, Riparian Restoration, Phase II
Tehama County

To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners for a cooperative project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore 116± acres of riparian habitat located on the 1,066-acre Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, La Barranca Unit, in Tehama County. The La Barranca Unit is located along the west bank of the Sacramento River at River Mile 237.5R, seven miles south of Red Bluff. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the enhancement or restoration of riparian habitat within a floodplain or flood corridor. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f)(1E)]

- *9. Windsor Oaks Habitat Restoration \$640,000.00
Sonoma County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Center for Social and Environmental Stewardship for a cooperative project with Windsor Oaks Vineyard to restore and enhance wildlife and pollinator habitat by installing hedgerows, restoring riparian habitat, installing bat and cavity nesting bird boxes, and enhancing bee habitat on 4± acres of privately owned land located in Sonoma County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for projects to assist farmers in integrating agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration and wildlife protection. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(d)(4)]

- *10. Wheeler Ridge, Expansion 4 \$730,000.00
Mono County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Eastern Sierra Land Trust for a cooperative project to acquire fee title in 56± acres of land for the protection of deer range habitat and a migration corridor for the Round Valley mule deer herd, and to provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located in the community of Swall Meadows just south of Mammoth Lakes in Mono County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of deer and mountain lion habitat. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]

- *11. Carmel River Lagoon Ecosystem Protective Barrier \$145,000.00
Monterey County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to prepare a feasibility study evaluating the installation of an environmental protection barrier floodwall located at the Carmel River lagoon in Monterey County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source, which allows for the development of scientific data, habitat mapping and other research information necessary to determine the priorities for restoration and acquisition statewide. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)]

- *12. Allensworth Ecological Reserve, Expansion 26 \$2,900.00
Tulare County

To consider the fee acquisition of .50± acres of land for expansion of the Department of Fish and Game's Allensworth Ecological Reserve, to increase protection of grassland areas that benefit special status species, including the San Joaquin kit fox, located approximately 30 miles south of Visalia in southern Tulare County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat for threatened and endangered species. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Proposition 12), Public Resources Code Section 5096.350(a)(3)]

- *13. Western Riverside County MSHCP, Expansions 10 and 11
Riverside County \$1,042,500.00

To consider the acceptance of two U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Land Acquisition grants and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (Authority) and to consider the allocation for two Wildlife Conservation Board grants to the Authority, for a cooperative project with the Trust For Public Land to acquire in fee two separate properties totaling 169± acres for protection of habitat supporting threatened and endangered species and to increase regional wildlife habitat cores and linkages located in the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan area, a joint Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan, in western Riverside County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that assists in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)]

- *14. Carlsbad/Northwest San Diego County MHCP HCPLA/NCCP 2010 (Perkins)
San Diego County \$1,256,250.00

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Center for Natural Lands Management and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to The Center for Natural Lands Management to acquire in fee 156± acres of land for the protection of core areas of habitat that will benefit threatened and endangered species found on the property, secure key regional wildlife linkages and enhance the existing Multiple Species Conservation Plan, a joint Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan at the northern terminus of Lone Jack Road and west of Rancho Summit Road in northwest San Diego County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that assists in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)]

- *15. Wildlife Connectivity Mapping (Change of Scope) \$0.00
Statewide

To consider a Change of Scope and change the grantee from the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to the California Wildlife Foundation for a cooperative project to develop, distribute and maintain data on essential wildlife corridors and linkages located in the northern section of Sierra Nevada Foothills (Mariposa County north to Shasta County). Grant funds in the amount of \$315,000.00 were allocated at the June 2, 2011, Wildlife Conservation Board meeting for the DFG to complete the project; however, the DFG staff has been unable to redirect and allocate resources necessary to complete the project. The Change of Scope would authorize the California Wildlife Foundation to complete the project.

16. Arcata Community Forest Expansion \$1,956,000.00
(Morris) Humboldt County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Arcata for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game, the Trust for Public Land and Caltrans to acquire in fee a total of 114± acres of land for the expansion of the City of Arcata's Community Forest (a mixed conifer managed working forest), located adjacent and east of the City of Arcata, in Humboldt County. The project will also protect riparian areas, the upper watersheds of salmonid streams, provide wildlife area linkages and will allow for public access and use. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that promotes ecological integrity and economic stability of California's diverse native forests and promotes the conservation and protection of productive managed forest lands, forest reserve areas, redwood forests and other forest types including the conservation of water resources and natural habitats for native fish, wildlife and plants found on these lands. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(a)]

17. Eel River Wildlife Area \$1,545,000.00
Salt River Unit Wetland Restoration
Humboldt County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a cooperative project with the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service, the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Caltrans to restore and enhance salt marsh, riparian forest and tidal sloughs on approximately 356 acres of formal tidal area on 2.5 miles of the Salt River channel,

located one mile from the mouth of the Eel River in Humboldt County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the enhancement or restoration of wetlands within a floodplain or flood corridor outside the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d)(1E), Wetlands Outside the Central Valley]

18. Leavitt Lake Conservation Easement \$1,705,000.00
Lassen County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. and Wetlands America Trust Inc. to acquire a conservation easement over 1,781 ± acres of land for the protection of wetlands, floodplain, grazing land and grassland areas that benefit sensitive and protected species, including the greater sandhill crane, and allow for the continuation of grazing operations, located on the north shore of Leavitt Lake, 5 miles southeast of the City of Susanville, in Lassen County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding sources that allow for the protection of habitat for rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species within a floodplain [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(b/c)(1E)], and the acquisition of conservation easements for the protection of rangeland, grazing land and grassland areas. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(d)(1)]

19. Gualala River Forest Conservation Easement \$19,030,000.00
Mendocino County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Conservation Fund to acquire a conservation easement over 13,913± acres of land to conserve and protect an economically sustainable working forest, oak woodlands, grasslands and critical habitat for native fish, wildlife and plants, located approximately 20 miles west of Cloverdale in southern Mendocino County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that promotes ecological integrity and economic stability of California's diverse native forests and promotes the conservation and protection of productive managed forest lands, forest reserve areas, redwood forests and other forest types, including the conservation of water resources and natural habitat for native fish, wildlife and plants found on these lands. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(a)]

20. McLaughlin Reserve Facilities Renovation \$1,725,000.00
Lake County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California to renovate existing buildings and infrastructure, and provide research and resident accommodations for staff and visitors at the McLaughlin Reserve, located approximately 10 miles east of the community of Lower Lake in Lake County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the construction and development of facilities that will be used for research and training to improve the management of natural lands and the preservation of California's wildlife resources. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)(3)]

21. Dos Rios Ranch \$5,410,000.00
Stanislaus County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the River Partners for a cooperative project with California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Water Resources, U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Francisco Public Utility Commission, and Tuolumne River Preservation Trust to acquire in fee 1,603± acres of valley floodplain and riverine habitat for protection of special status species habitat including Chinook salmon, steelhead trout and riparian brush rabbits, and to provide future wildlife oriented public use and recreational opportunities. The property is located 20 minutes west of Modesto, south of Paradise Road and west of Shiloh Road. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species within a floodplain or flood corridor. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Section 2786(b/c)(1E)]

22. San Joaquin River Parkway, \$1,420,000.00
San Joaquin Hatchery Public Access and Trail
Fresno County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Water Resources to improve public fishing access and enhance riparian habitat on the San Joaquin River and to improve recreational access to the San Joaquin Hatchery within the San Joaquin River Parkway, located on the south bank of the San Joaquin River one quarter mile downstream of the Highway 206 bridge in Fresno County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for river parkway projects identified by the San Joaquin River Conservancy. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75050(f)]

23. Southern Sierra Nevada Mountains, \$5,010,000.00
Rudnik Ranch
Kern County

To consider the allocation of a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Caltrans and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to acquire fee interest in 14,945± acres of land for the protection and preservation of important landscape linkages between the southern Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Tulare Basin, the Tehachapi Mountains and Mojave Desert. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that protects habitat corridors, significant natural landscapes and ecosystems. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)]

24. City of Carlsbad \$3,214,000.00
Habitat Management Plan/NW HCPLA 2009 (Bridges)
San Diego County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Endangered Habitats Conservancy and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the Endangered Habitats Conservancy to acquire in fee 97± acres of land for the purposes of conserving rare and declining habitat types, protecting habitat utilized by the California gnatcatcher as well as implementing or assisting in the establishment of a Natural Community Conservation Plan in northwest San Diego County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that assists in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)]

25. Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area, \$708,000.00
Expansion 4
San Diego County

To consider the acquisition in fee of 563± acres of land by the Department of Fish and Game and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Land Acquisition grant for an expansion of the Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area located in south-central San Diego County, southeast of the community of Jamul and approximately 26 miles southeast of San Diego. This is a cooperative project with The Nature

Conservancy to protect sensitive habitats and species as well as enhance an important wildlife corridor identified in the South County Subarea Plan of the San Diego County Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), a joint Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat to protect rare and endangered species, wildlife corridors and significant natural landscapes and ecosystems. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

26. Long Potrero East \$1,498,000.00
San Diego County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Back Country Land Trust and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the Back Country Land Trust to acquire in fee 468± acres of land for the purposes of conserving rare and declining habitat types and protecting habitat utilized by the Quino checkerspot butterfly as well as implementing or assisting in the establishment of a Natural Community Conservation Plan in eastern San Diego County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows the acquisition and protection of habitat that assists in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)]

27. Disclosure of Appraisal Information Action Item
Statewide

To consider new Board policies governing the disclosure of appraisal information and to require an independent, third party review of appraisals for all acquisition projects comprised of 5,000 acres or more.