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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**

May 31, 2012

10:00 AM

1/ State Capitol, Room 112  
Sacramento, California 95814

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS**

**ITEM NO.**

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status – Informational
3. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4 – 25)
- \*4. Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2012
- \*5. Recovery of Funds

\* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- \*6. North Coast Interagency Visitor Center \$283,500.00  
Del Norte County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Crescent City Harbor District (District) for a cooperative project with the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Crescent City Chamber of Commerce for planning and design, CEQA compliance and permitting of a North Coast Interagency Visitor Center, to be located on District property at the corner of Citizens Dock Road and Highway 101, in Crescent City, Del Norte County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding sources, which allow for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife compatible recreational activities. [Wildlife Restoration Fund, Local Assistance; and California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

- \*7. Little Shasta Conservation Easement (Townley) \$1,327,900.00  
Siskiyou County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to acquire a conservation easement over 3,104± acres of land for protection of critical winter range for elk and other regional California wildlife and protection of grasslands that sustain working landscapes, located east of the City of Yreka and the town of Montague in Siskiyou County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the protection of grazing land pursuant to the California Rangeland, Grazing Land and Grassland Protection Act (Public Resources Code Section 10330 et seq.). [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)]

- \*8. Charles Mountain Ranch Conservation Easement, \$1,200,000.00  
Phase II  
Humboldt County

To consider an allocation for a grant to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to acquire a working forest conservation easement over 4,437± acres located eight miles southeast of Bridgeville in Humboldt County, wherein the State proposes to administer federal Forest Legacy Program (FLP) funds to protect forest land, important scenic, fish, wildlife, riparian and other ecological values under the California Forest Legacy Program (Public Resources Code section 12240 et seq.). The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that 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)]

- \*9. Doyle Wildlife Area (Utility Easement) \$0.00  
Lassen County

To consider a grant of easement to the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative (PSREC) over 0.51-miles on the Doyle Wildlife Area, necessary to construct a portion of a utility transmission line as part of the PSREC's - Fort Sage to Herlong 120KV Interconnect Project that will address regional power capacity limitations, located in Lassen County.

- \*10. Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Enhancement \$700,000.00  
Butte County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association (CWA) for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to enhance and restore 711± acres of wetland and upland habitat on the DFG's Gray Lodge Wildlife Area located approximately 6 miles west of the City of Gridley in Butte County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, enhancement or restoration of wetlands to protect or enhance a flood corridor or bypass in the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d) (Proposition 1E), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program]

- \*11. Little Chico Creek Oak Woodland \$315,000.00  
Conservation Easement  
Butte County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Northern California Regional Land Trust to acquire a conservation easement over 239± acres of land to protect and preserve oak woodland habitat located seven miles northeast of Chico in Butte County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding sources that allow for the preservation of native oak woodland habitat pursuant to the Oak Woodlands Conservation Act (Fish and Game Code Section 1360 et seq.). [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(d)(2); and California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650f]

- \*12. Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory \$1,412,000.00  
Facility Improvements  
Mono County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California to construct a new classroom/lecture hall, install underground utilities, improve existing roadway and parking areas, and replace water control structures at the Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory, located approximately 8 miles east of Mammoth Lakes in Mono County. The proposed funding source for this project provides for grants to the University of California for the Natural Reserve System 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 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055 (b)(3)]

- \*13. Point Pinole Fishing Pier Improvements \$234,000.00  
Contra Costa County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the East Bay Regional Park District to replace an existing vault toilet with an ADA accessible restroom, construct an ADA parking space, improve an ADA path, and conduct a structural engineering inspection of the Point Pinole Fishing Pier, located in Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Park in Contra Costa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source which allows for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife compatible recreational activities. [Wildlife Restoration Fund, Local Assistance]

- \*14. San Joaquin River Parkway, Sycamore Island Pond Isolation, \$232,000.00  
Planning and Design  
Madera County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Department of Water Resources for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy (Conservancy) to complete preliminary and final design, prepare analyses and environmental review in compliance with CEQA, and prepare permit documents to allow for the enhancement of habitat and stabilization of ponds on the Conservancy's Sycamore Island property in Madera County adjacent to the San Joaquin River. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and protection of land and water resources located within the boundaries of the San Joaquin River Conservancy. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b)(5)]

- \*15. San Joaquin River Parkway, \$245,000.00  
Camp Pashayan #2  
Fresno County

To consider the acquisition of 11± acres of land by the San Joaquin River Conservancy for the protection of riparian and oak woodland habitats and provide future public use opportunities, located along the San Joaquin River, just east of State Highway 99 in the City of Fresno, 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 Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75050(f)]

- \*16. San Joaquin River Parkway, Spano River Ranch, \$208,000.00  
Habitat Enhancement, Planning and Design  
Fresno County

To consider the allocation for a grant to San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy (Conservancy) to complete preliminary and final design, prepare analyses and environmental review in compliance with CEQA, and prepare permit documents to allow for habitat restoration on the Conservancy's River West Fresno (Spano) property, located immediately west of State Highway 41 in Fresno County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and protection of land and water resources located within the boundaries of the San Joaquin River Conservancy. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b)]

- \*17. Shaver Lake Boat Launch Parking Lot \$268,000.00  
Fresno County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the County of Fresno for a project to enhance the upper parking lot, replace an existing storm drain with an integrated grease and sand separator, and restore the launch ramp maneuvering area at the Shaver Lake Boat Launch Facility on property owned by the Southern California Edison Company in Fresno County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife compatible recreational activities. [Wildlife Restoration Fund, Local Assistance]

- \*18. Marks Ranch \$552,076.00  
Phase II  
Monterey County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Monterey County Parks Department to acquire 113± acres to protect native grasslands, oak woodlands, riparian woodlands and seasonal wetlands that serve as an import wildlife corridor, located west of Salinas, adjacent to the Toro County Park, along Highway 68, in Monterey County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection 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)]

- \*19. Quiota Creek Fish Passage \$398,000.00  
Santa Barbara County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game to replace a low-water Arizona crossing with an arched culvert at Refugio Road crossing #7 of Quiota Creek approximately 4 miles south of Highway 246 in Santa Barbara County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, restoration or enhancement of riparian habitat and aquatic habitat for salmonids and trout to protect or enhance a flood protection corridor or bypass. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f) (Proposition 1E)]

- \*20. Santa Margarita River Ecological Reserve, \$25,000.00  
Expansion 4  
Riverside County

To consider the acquisition of 21± acres of land as an expansion to the Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) Santa Margarita Reserve for a cooperative project with The Nature Conservancy, for protection of riparian and coastal sage scrub habitat providing habitat protection for the endangered California gnatcatcher, orange-throated whiptail, and coast horned lizard, located within the Western Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan, southwest of the City of Temecula, in Riverside County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the restoration or acquisition of habitat for threatened and endangered species or for the purpose of promoting recovery of those species. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Proposition 12), Public Resources Code Section 5096.350(a)(3)]

- \*21. Santa Rosa Mountains (Blixeth 1), \$10,000.00  
Expansion 16  
Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Habitat Conservation Planning grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission to acquire 1,342± acres of land for the protection of Peninsular bighorn sheep habitat, and to provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that implements or 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)]

- \*22. Upper Mission Creek / Big Morongo Canyon \$5,000.00  
Conservation Area, Expansion 5  
Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission to acquire 9± acres of land for the protection of core habitat linkages, fluvial and aeolian sand transport corridor, alluvial fan habitat, and mountainous habitat important for the Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard, Peninsular bighorn sheep, and other species addressed in the Coachella Valley Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located north of the City of Palm Springs in Riverside County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that implements or 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)]

- \*23. Rose Creek Watershed Invasives Control Project \$330,000.00  
San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Chaparral Lands Conservancy for a project to remove the non-native invasive plants Pampas Grass and Giant Reed on 22± acres to restore riparian habitat on public and privately-owned land in the Rose Creek watershed in San Diego County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, restoration or enhancement of riparian habitat and aquatic habitat for salmonids and trout in coastal wetlands, upland areas adjacent to coastal wetlands and coastal watershed lands in southern California. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f) (Proposition 50 SoCal)]

- \*24. San Diego County MSCP/HCPLA 2009 (El Cajon) \$5,000.00  
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 to acquire in fee 47± acres of land for the protection of land that will greatly enhance the existing San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan by securing key regional wildlife linkages and preserving core areas of habitat located east of the City of El Cajon in 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. San Diego County MSCP/HCPLA 2009 (Michelsen) \$5,000.00  
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 to acquire in fee 92± acres of land for the protection of land that will greatly enhance the existing San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan by securing key regional wildlife linkages and preserving core areas of habitat located east of the City of El Cajon in 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)]



26. Working and Learning Among the Oaks Special Presentation  
San Luis Obispo County

Students from the Santa Margarita School will be making a special presentation on Learning Among the Oaks. In 2005 and again in 2008, the Board allocated funds to implement the Learning Among the Oaks program, a unique and very successful oak education program for K through 6th grade students. The presentation, given by one of the student Oak Ambassadors, will highlight the unique partnership between the landowners of the historic Santa Margarita Ranch and the school.

27. Chalk Mountain Conservation Easement, \$2,000,000.00  
Phase II  
Humboldt County

To consider an allocation for a grant to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to acquire a working forest conservation easement over 4,024± acres located two miles southeast of the community of Bridgeville in Humboldt County, wherein the State proposes to administer federal Forest Legacy Program (FLP) funds to protect forest land, important scenic, fish, wildlife, riparian and other ecological values under the California Forest Legacy Program (Public Resources Code section 12240 et seq.). The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that 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)]

28. Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area, \$2,740,000.00  
Expansion 13  
Yuba County

To consider the acquisition of 679± acres of land by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) for a cooperative project with The Trust for Public Land for the protection of blue oak woodland, three miles of riparian habitat along South Honcut Creek, winter range habitat for the Mooretown deer herd and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities as an expansion to the DFG's Daugherty Hills Wildlife Area in the Sierra foothills, in northeastern Yuba County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding sources that allow for the acquisition of habitat, including native oak woodlands necessary to protect deer and mountain lions within a floodplain or flood corridor. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a) (Proposition 1E)]

29. Suisun Marsh, Denverton Legacy Project \$1,510,000.00  
Solano County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association (CWA) to acquire fee title of 763± acres of land for the protection of bay area wetlands and associated upland areas supporting migratory waterfowl and shorebirds and threatened and endangered species, including the fully-listed salt-marsh harvest mouse, located south of Suisun City, north of Grizzly Bay, in Solano County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species and wetland habitat areas within the San Francisco Bay Area. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c) (Proposition 50 SF Bay)]

30. Suisun Marsh, Grizzly Ranch Legacy Project \$2,010,000.00  
Solano County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association (CWA) to acquire fee title of 982± acres of land for the protection of bay area wetlands and associated upland areas supporting migratory waterfowl and shorebirds and threatened and endangered species, including the fully-listed salt-marsh harvest mouse, located south of Suisun City, north of Grizzly Bay, in Solano County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species and wetland habitat areas within the San Francisco Bay Area. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c) (Proposition 50 SF Bay)]

31. Rockville Trail Estates \$2,877,000.00  
Solano County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Solano Land Trust for a cooperative project with the California Coastal Conservancy, Moore Foundation, City of Fairfield, Resources Legacy Fund and the Syar Foundation to acquire 1,165± acres of land to protect significant natural landscapes and wildlife corridors, running north to the Blueridge open space areas near Lake Berryessa, including oak woodland, grassland, wetland and riparian habitats, and provide access and passive recreational opportunities to the public, located in the hills north of Cordelia Junction, in Solano County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat to protect rare and endangered species, wildlife corridors and significant natural landscapes, ecosystems and other significant habitat areas. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

32. Eden Landing Ecological Reserve \$8,000,000.00  
Wetland Restoration Construction  
Alameda County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy and the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to restore approximately 230 acres of coastal wetlands and to construct public access improvements at ponds E12 and E13 at the DFG's Eden Landing Ecological Reserve approximately 5.5 miles west of Union City in Alameda County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, protection and restoration of coastal wetlands, upland areas adjacent to coastal wetlands and coastal watershed lands within the San Francisco Bay Area. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79572(c)]

33. Mission Creek Fish Passage Project \$775,000.00  
Santa Barbara County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Santa Barbara for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game, the County of Santa Barbara Flood Control District, Southern California Wetland Recovery Program and private foundations to modify a channelized portion of Mission Creek to improve fish passage for steelhead trout on approximately 0.8 miles of stream channel in western Santa Barbara County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, restoration or enhancement of riparian habitat and aquatic habitat for salmonids and trout in coastal wetlands, upland areas adjacent to coastal wetlands and coastal watershed lands in southern California. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f) (Proposition 50 SoCal)]

34. Angeles Linkage (Nominn) \$2,480,000.00  
Los Angeles County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Riverside Land Conservancy to acquire 1,030± acres of land that will provide a significant contribution to the landscape level connection that serves two expansive core areas, and to assist in the movement of wildlife species within the upper Santa Clara River watershed, an important stream for the Southern California steelhead and the three-spine stickleback, located near the unincorporated community of Agua Dulce and approximately eight miles east of Santa Clarita, in Los Angeles County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare,

endangered, threatened or fully protected species and coastal wetlands, upland areas adjacent to coastal wetlands and coastal watershed lands in southern California. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c) (Proposition 50 SoCal)]

35. Jamul Creek Watershed Riparian Restoration \$1,696,000.00  
San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), Resources Legacy Fund, San Diego City Water Department and TransNet to restore 178± acres of riparian and oak woodland habitat on the DFG's Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve and Hollenbeck Wildlife Area located three miles southeast of Jamul in San Diego County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, restoration or enhancement of riparian habitat and aquatic habitat for salmonids and trout to protect or enhance a flood protection corridor or bypass. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f) (Proposition 1E)]

36. Southern California Coastal \$400,000.00  
Wetland and Riparian Restoration  
Various Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to the State Coastal Conservancy for a cooperative project with the Earth Island Institute to assist with the implementation of the Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program that provides funding for community-based restoration projects in coastal wetlands and watersheds in the Southern California region. Projects are located in the five coastal counties from Point Conception to the U.S. Mexico border, including portions of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, restoration or enhancement of riparian habitat and aquatic habitat for salmonids and trout in coastal wetlands, upland areas adjacent to coastal wetlands and coastal watershed lands in southern California. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f) (Proposition 50 SoCal)]

37. Appraisal Review and Disclosure Informational/Action  
Statewide

To consider a new Wildlife Conservation Board (Board) policy governing the review and disclosure of appraisal information and to require an independent, third party review of appraisals for acquisition projects comprised of 5,000 or

more acres or for which the Board proposes to allocate five million dollars (\$5,000,000) or more of State funds.

38. Strategic Planning Update

Informational

To provide the Board with an update on undertaking a strategic planning process.