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NOTICE OF MEETING
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

November 29, 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 3—17)
- *4. Approval of Minutes — August 30, 2012
- *5. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *6. Lake Earl Wildlife Area Trail Improvements \$147,500.00
Del Norte County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Smith River Alliance for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and Tolowa Dunes Stewards to make trail improvements on the DFG's Lake Earl Wildlife Area in Del Norte 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]

- *7. Shanghai Bend River Access \$10,000.00
Sutter County

To consider the acquisition of 13± acres by Quitclaim Deed from Sutter County for the purposes of clarifying title to accreted land bordering the Department of Fish and Game's Feather River Wildlife Area Shanghai Bend Unit located along the west bank of the Feather River in southeast Sutter County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition and development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife compatible recreational activities. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

- *8. Conaway Ranch Conservation Easement (Change of Scope) \$0.00
Yolo County

To consider a Change of Scope for a project previously approved by the Wildlife Conservation Board at its August 30, 2012 meeting allocating funding and authorizing the acquisition of four friendly agricultural conservation easements (three outside and one within the Yolo Bypass) by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), located east of the cities of Davis and Woodland. This change of scope proposes to redirect a portion of the funding and authorize a grant to the California Waterfowl Association to acquire the easement inside the Yolo Bypass in-lieu of the DFG.

- *9. Hudeman Slough Fishing Access CEQA \$50,000.00
Sonoma County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Sonoma County Regional Parks to complete preliminary design and analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reconstruction of the Hudeman Slough Boat Launch Facility, located in Sonoma County on property owned by the Department of Fish and Game. 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]

- *10. Napa Sonoma Marsh, Napa River Unit (Giovannoni) \$35,000.00
Napa County

To consider the acquisition of 12± acres of land by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) as an expansion to DFG's Napa Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area (NSMWA) for the protection of wetlands and associated wildlife species, located south of Highway 12 off Buchli Station in Napa 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 bay wetlands. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Public Resources Code Section 79572(c)]

- *11. Quail Ridge UC Davis Natural Reserve System \$70,000.00
Napa County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the University of California to acquire 10± acres for expansion of the UC Davis Natural Reserve System used for research and training to improve the management and preservation of natural resources, including high-quality native grassland, oak and chaparral habitats, located approximately 14 miles west of the City of Winters. The purposes of the project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition of lands to support the UC Natural Reserve System. [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)]

- *12. Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, \$350,000.00
Crescent Unit Water Conveyance
Solano County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and three private landowners to enhance and restore 500± acres of wetland habitat on the DFG's Grizzly Island Wildlife Area and adjacent private wetlands, located approximately 9 miles south of the City of Suisun in Solano County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, enhancement or restoration of wetlands to protect or enhance a flood protection 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]

- *13. East Contra Costa NCCP/HCP (Alaimo) \$88,250.00
Contra Costa County

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 East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (ECCCHC), and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to ECCCHC for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District to acquire 2± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing regional wildlife linkages, including grassland and oak woodland savannah habitat areas within the East Contra Costa County Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan area, located in the Diablo Mountain Range between the town of Clayton and the City of Pittsburg, in unincorporated Contra Costa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat for areas in and around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that assist 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)(SB8)]

- *14. Lake Temescal Fishing Access Improvements \$250,000.00
Alameda County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the East Bay Regional Park District to replace two fishing piers, improve bank erosion control, and improve access pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act at Lake Temescal Regional Recreation Area in Oakland, Alameda 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]

- *15. San Joaquin River Parkway, \$704,450.00
Riverbottom Park and Schneider Property Habitat Restoration
Madera and Fresno Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy (Conservancy) and the City of Fresno (City) to complete habitat restoration on 147± acres located on the City's Riverbottom Park property and the Conservancy's Schneider property, both of which are within the floodplain of the San Joaquin River in the vicinity of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad crossing. 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 Fund of 2002 (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b)(5)]

- *16. San Antonio Valley Ecological Reserve Expansion \$868,000.00
Santa Clara County

To consider the acquisition of 339± acres of land as an addition to the Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) San Antonio Valley Ecological Reserve for the protection of sensitive plant and animal species and valuable habitat linkages to adjacent public lands, located approximately 20 miles east of San Jose in eastern Santa Clara 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 to provide corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent habitat fragmentation, and to protect significant natural landscapes and ecosystems and other significant habitat area. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

- *17. Santa Cruz Sandhills, Zayante (Zolezzi) \$87,921.00
Santa Cruz 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 Land Trust of Santa Cruz County (LTSCC), and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to LTSCC for a cooperative project with the Resources Legacy Fund to acquire a conservation easement over 25± acres of land for the protection of habitat essential to the long term recovery of several state and federally endangered species, located in the City of Ben Lomond in Santa Cruz County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source which provides matching funds for the acquisition and protection of habitat that promotes the recovery of threatened, endangered, or fully protected species. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Proposition 12), Public Resources Code Section 5096.350(a)(5)]

18. Crescent City Harbor \$527,000.00
Restroom and Fish Cleaning Station
Del Norte County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Crescent City Harbor District for a project to construct a new ADA accessible restroom and enclosed fish cleaning station at the Crescent City Harbor in Crescent City, Del Norte 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]

19. Yolo County HCP/NCCP Development \$600,000.00
Yolo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Yolo Natural Heritage Program Joint Powers Authority to complete a first draft of a Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP) covering the entire County of Yolo. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for grants that implement or assist in the establishment of NCCPs for areas in or around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)(SB8)]

20. East Sacramento County Blue Oaks Legacy Area, \$2,713,514.00
Expansion 2
Sacramento County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Mother Lode Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Sacramento Valley Conservancy, United States Army Corp of Engineers and the County of Sacramento to acquire 375± acres of land for the protection of grassland, vernal pool, oak woodland and riparian habitat areas, providing habitat linkages and corridors between existing protected lands, located on Scott Road approximately three miles north of Rancho Murieta in southeast Sacramento County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat to provide corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent habitat fragmentation, and to protect significant natural landscapes and ecosystems and other significant habitat areas. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

21. Clos du Bois Vineyard Habitat Restoration \$500,000.00
Sonoma County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Center for Social and Environmental Stewardship for a cooperative project with Clos du Bois Vineyard to restore and enhance wildlife and pollinator habitat and provide landowner workshops on sustainable and wildlife-friendly farming practices on 556± acres of privately owned land, along the Russian River, approximately 22 miles north of the City of Santa Rosa, located in Sonoma County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which 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)]

22. Campstool Ranch \$2,761,055.00
Calaveras County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Pacific Forest Trust for a cooperative project with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to acquire a working forest conservation easement on 2,175± acres of mixed conifer forest lands, located near the community of Railroad Flat in Calaveras County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for forest conservation and protection projects in order to promote the ecological integrity and economic stability of California's diverse native forests through forest conservation, preservation and restoration 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)]

23. Star Creek Ranch \$2,510,000.00
Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County to acquire 1,210± acres of land for the protection of habitat linkages and working forest property, located in Pajaro Hills in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for forest conservation and protection projects in order to promote the ecological integrity and economic stability of California's diverse native forests through forest conservation, preservation and restoration 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)]

24. Los Banos Wildlife Area, \$859,000.00
Island Wetland Enhancement
Merced County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to enhance 335± acres of wetlands and associated uplands by recontouring the habitat areas, removing debris, and improving water deliver infrastructure on the DFG's Los Banos Wildlife Area in Merced County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding sources, which allow for the acquisition, enhancement or restoration of wetlands and associated upland habitat to protect or enhance a flood protection 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]

25. Joshua Tree North Linkage - Section 33 \$685,000.00
San Bernardino County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Mojave Desert Land Trust (MDLT) to acquire 624± acres of land for the protection of desert habitat corridors leading south to the Joshua Tree National Park, located west of the community of Joshua Tree, in San Bernardino County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the 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 Section 5096.350(a)(3)]

26. Upper Mission Creek / Big Morongo Canyon Conservation Area, Expansion 6 (Palmwood) Riverside County \$2,012,000.00

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 Friends of the Desert Mountains, and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the Friends of the Desert Mountains, to acquire 883± acres of land for the protection of critical habitat, benefiting covered species addressed in the Coachella Valley MSHCP located near Desert Hot 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 Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)]

27. Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center Renovation San Diego County \$2,833,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California to construct additional enclosed building space, a small storage building, patio, outdoor staging and parking area at the Steele Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center, located in Borrego Springs in San Diego 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)]

28. Carlsbad Hydrologic Unit and San Luis Rey Watershed Exotic Invasives Removal, Phase II San Diego County \$952,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy to restore 180± acres of habitat in the Carlsbad Hydrologic Unit and the San Luis Rey Watershed in San Diego County. The proposed funding source for the project allows for the restoration or enhancement of riparian habitat 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)]

29. 2013 Wildlife Conservation Board Meeting Schedule

The Board will consider and possibly adopt its 2013 meeting schedule.

February 28, 2013

May 30, 2013

August 22, 2013

November 21, 2013