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NOTICE OF MEETING
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

March 11, 2013
1:00 PM
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—10)
- *4. Approval of Minutes — November 29, 2012
- *5. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *6. Arcata Community Forest (Humphry) \$190,000.00
Humboldt County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Arcata (City) to acquire in fee 2± acres of land for the expansion of the City's Community Forest and protection of working forest habitat for important threatened and endangered species, and to provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities in Humboldt 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)]

- *7. Sacramento River Riparian Restoration Planning, \$151,000.00
Rancho Breisgau and Jelly's Ferry
Shasta and Tehama Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to River Partners for a cooperative project with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bella Vista Foundation to develop a plan to restore 581± acres of riparian and wetland habitat on two separate BLM-owned properties on the Sacramento River in southern Shasta County and northern Tehama 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 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)]

- *8. MacKerricher State Park (Sec.6-2008 RLA) \$15,000.00
Mendocino 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 California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks), for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy to acquire 64± acres, located adjacent to the Inglenook Fen-Ten Mile Dunes Natural Preserve – MacKerricher State Park in Mendocino County for the protection of sand dune habitat and several listed species, and to provide future public use opportunities. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source which allows for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and protection of habitat to promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species, 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 Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

- *9. Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area, Howard Hill Unit, \$10,000.00
Easement Exchange
Yuba County

This project is to exchange easements between the State and two separate property owners to provide clear title to the adjoining landowners and improved access to the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Daugherty Hills Wildlife Area (Howard Hill Unit). The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of habitat, including native oak woodlands, to protect deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]

- *10. Marysville Ranch Conservation Easement \$265,000.00
Yuba County

To consider the acquisition of a conservation easement over 1,277± acres of land by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) for a cooperative project with the U.S. Department of Defense, California Department of Transportation and the Trust for Public Land for the protection of oak woodland and grassland habitats and habitat linkages and open space buffers between DFW's Spenceville Wildlife Area (SWA) and Beale Air Force Base (BAFB) in Yuba County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of habitat, including native oak woodlands to protect deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]

11. Lower Redwood Creek Restoration, Phase II \$450,000.00
Marin County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy for a cooperative project with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area of the National Park Service and the Department of Parks and Recreation to restore natural creek estuary function of Lower Redwood Creek just upstream of Muir Beach in Marin 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 outside the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d)(Proposition 1E), Wetlands Outside the Central Valley]

12. Little Chico Creek Oak Woodland Conservation Easement, \$555,000.00
and Expansions 1 and 2 (Mott, Smith and Brigham)
Butte County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Northern California Regional Land Trust to acquire three conservation easements over 363± acres of land to protect and preserve oak woodland habitat areas as well as provide watershed protection benefits on property located approximately seven miles northeast of the City of Chico in Butte County. The purposes of the project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows 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)]

13. 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 restore 147± acres of riparian habitat on the City's Riverbottom Park property in Fresno County and the Conservancy's Schneider property in Madera County, 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 Bond Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b)(5)]

14. San Joaquin River Parkway, \$1,403,000.00
Lost Lake Park Campground Improvements
Fresno County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Fresno County for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy to improve recreational vehicle and tent camping facilities at Lost Lake Park campground, located one half mile southwest of the unincorporated community of Friant, approximately 6.5 miles east of the City of Fresno. 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. Puma Canyon, and \$488,000.00
Expansions 1 and 2 (Swart, J. Cox, and M&B Cox)
San Bernardino County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Transition Habitat Conservancy to acquire the fee title of three separate properties totaling 124± acres, to expand habitat connectivity and protection of diverse lower montane chaparral and woodland habitat areas for the benefit of desert wildlife species, unique to the western Mojave Desert Ecoregion, located in Puma Canyon on the lower northern slopes of the San Bernardino Mountains, near the community Pinon Hills 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 and protection of habitat and to provide habitat corridors 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 Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)(2)]

16. Boyd Deep Canyon Desert Research Center Improvements
Riverside County \$1,182,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California to construct a new educational facility, construct new student housing facilities, and renovate the existing access road at the Boyd Deep Canyon Desert Research Center, located 6 miles south of the City of Palm Desert in Riverside 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 Section 75055(b)(3)]

17. Appraisal Review and Disclosure Policy Action

To consider a modification to the Board's Appraisal Review and Disclosure Policy adopted by the Wildlife Conservation Board during its meeting of May 2012. Consistent with SB 1266 (Corbett) that was signed and became law January 1, 2013, staff will recommend that the Policy be amended to remove the 5,000 acre threshold.

18. Resolutions