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NOTICE OF MEETING

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

February 20, 2014
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—13)
- *4. Approval of Minutes — November 21, 2013
- *5. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities; more information on page vii

- *6. Star Bend Setback Levee \$0.00
Sutter County

To consider the acceptance of CDFW of an access easement across 0.22+/- acres of from the Levee District One of Sutter County to reestablish public access to the CDFW Feather River Wildlife Area, O'Connor Lakes Unit that was temporarily severed due to the construction of new setback levee along the Feather River, located approximately 10 miles south of Yuba City, in Sutter County

- *7. San Joaquin River Bypass Riparian Restoration \$204,000.00
Merced County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the National Audubon Society DBA Audubon California, for a cooperative project with the Landowner, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Center for Land-based Learning to restore and enhance ±77 acres of riparian habitat on privately-owned property adjacent to the Pick-Anderson Bypass of the San Joaquin River, approximately seven miles southeast of the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge and 14 miles northeast of the City of Los Banos in San Joaquin 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)]

- *8. San Joaquin River Parkway, \$20,000.00
Islewood Golf Course Drinking Water, Feasibility Study
Fresno County

To consider the allocation for a grant to San Joaquin River Conservancy for a project to determine the feasibility of supplying drinking water to the San Joaquin River Conservancy's Islewood Golf Course property, located within the City of Fresno in Fresno County. 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 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 (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b)(5)]

- *9. Allensworth Ecological Reserve, Expansion 28 \$0.00
Tulare County

To consider the acquisition of 7+/- acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the protection of habitat supporting the San Joaquin kit fox and other rare species found within the Allensworth Ecological Reserve, to enhance habitat linkages and connectivity, as well as provide for future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located near the city of Earlimart, west of State Route 99, in Tulare County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source. All of the funding for this project will be reimbursed from the California Department of Corrections Statewide Electric Fence Project mitigation fund assigned to CDFW.

- *10. Carrizo Canyon Ecological Reserve, Expansion 1, \$10,000.00
Suzanne Adams Trust Donation
Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a donation from the Trust of Suzanne Adams of 100 +/- acres of land in fee title, on behalf of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, as an expansion to the Carrizo Canyon Ecological Reserve, consisting of inland high desert, mountainous habitat supporting big horn sheep, and providing habitat connectivity, located southeast of the City of Palm Desert, on the lower eastern slopes of the San Jacinto Mountains in Riverside County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition of habitat for protection of deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(b/c)]

11. Strawberry Creek Riparian Restoration \$253,000.00
Humboldt County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Pacific Coast Fish, Wildlife and Wetlands Association for a cooperative project with the Redwood National Park and the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program to restore approximately 1,600 linear feet of riparian habitat for coho salmon and steelhead trout on Strawberry Creek, located approximately 1.5 miles west of Orick in Humboldt 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)]

12. Cow Creek Conservation Area,
Expansion 3, Triple B Ranch \$650,000.00
Shasta County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Shasta Land Trust (SLT) to acquire a conservation easement over 600 +/- acres of land, for protection of rangeland, riparian, floodplain and riverine habitat and providing habitat connectivity with the adjoining protected lands referred to as the Cow Creek Conservation Area, located north of State Highway 44 about 10 miles east of the City of Redding in Shasta County. The proposed funding source for this project is the WCB's Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(b/c), Proposition 1E, which allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species to protect or enhance a flood protection corridor or bypass.

13. Usal Forest Conservation Easement Transfer \$0.00
Mendocino County

To consider the assignment of a conservation easement by the Conservation Fund to CALFIRE over 49,500 +/- acres in Mendocino County pursuant to the California Forest Legacy Program Act of 2007.

14. Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area
Little Dry Creek Habitat Restoration \$515,000.00
Butte County

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with North American Wetlands Conservation Council to restore 534 acres of wetlands, uplands and cereal grain habitat) at the Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area, Little Dry Creek Unit, and enhance an additional 200 acres of wetlands on an adjacent privately owned property protected in perpetuity through a CDFW conservation easement, all located seventeen miles southwest of Oroville in Butte 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]

15. Yolo County HCP/NCCP Development, Phase II \$700,000.00
Yolo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Yolo Natural Heritage Program Joint Powers Agency to complete a second draft of and finalize an EIR/EIS for 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 in and 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)]

16. Breuner Marsh Wetland Restoration \$1,000,000.00
Contra Costa County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the East Bay Regional Park District for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy and others to restore ±164 acres of wetland habitat at Breuner Marsh, located at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline five miles north of the city of Richmond in Contra Costa County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the restoration of wetlands in the San Francisco Bay area [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Bond Fund of 2002 (Proposition P50), Section 795729(c)].

17. East Contra Costa County NCCP/HCP (Anna Smith) \$2,424,200.00
Contra Costa County

To consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (ECCCHC) and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Acquisition grant and the approval to sub-grant these federal funds to the (ECCCHC) for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) to acquire 960± 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, located in the Diablo Mountain Range, west of the City of Brentwood in 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)]

18. Blue Oak Ranch Reserve Facility Improvements \$4,252,000.00
Santa Clara County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California to construct new staff housing and storage facilities, enhance a campground, improve existing structures for visiting researchers and upgrade roads and other infrastructure at the Blue Oak Ranch Reserve, located approximately 9 miles east of the City of San Jose in Santa Clara 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), Section 75055 (b)(3)].

19. Round Valley Pine Creek Unit \$1,674,250.00
Inyo County

To consider the acquisition of 100± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the protection of important deer winter range, wildlife corridors and riparian habitat, located 10 miles north of Bishop in the unincorporated community of Rovana in Inyo 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 protect deer and mountain. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]

20. Sawmill Pebble Plain Ecological Preserve \$2,020,000.00
San Bernardino County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust to acquire 166+/- acres of very rare and endangered pebble plain habitat, supporting a wide variety of endemic plant species, located just south of Big Bear Lake, in the San Bernardino Mountains, in San Bernardino County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source (Proposition 40, Section 5096.650 - statewide) that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat to protect rare and endangered species, wildlife corridors and significant natural landscapes and ecosystems, such as old growth redwoods, oak woodlands and other significant habitat areas.

21. Trabuco Creek Fish Passage Physical Modeling \$338,000.00
Orange County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Trout Unlimited for a cooperative project with the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program to construct a physical model of the proposed fish passage structure to determine the physical parameters necessary to provide passage for steelhead trout while providing flood conveyance and sediment transport on Trabuco Creek, located in San Juan Capistrano in Orange 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 and other wetlands connected and proximate to such coastal wetlands and upland areas adjacent and proximate to such coastal wetlands. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79572(a)]

22. San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area, Expansion 5 (Thompson) \$230,000.00
San Diego County

To consider the acquisition in fee of 174+/- acres of land as an expansion to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area for the protection of habitat supporting the state and federally endangered least Bell's vireo and southwestern willow flycatcher and to enhance habitat linkages and connectivity, located near the community of Warner Springs, in northeastern San Diego 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. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

23. Strategic Plan Update Information/Ongoing

PERSONS WITH DISABILITES

Persons with disabilities needing reasonable accommodation to participate in public meetings or other CDFW activities are invited to contact the Department's Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator Tina Johnson at (916) 651-1214 or Tina.Johnson@wildlife.ca.gov. Reasonable Accommodation requests for facility and/or meeting accessibility should be received by November 1, 2013. Requests for American Sign Language Interpreters should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event, and requests for Real-Time Captioners at least four weeks prior to the event. These timeframes are to help ensure that the requested accommodation is met.

If a request for an accommodation has been submitted but due to circumstances is no longer needed, please contact the Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator immediately.