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In Response Reply To:
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Dear Mr. Bonham:

We are pleased to advise you that \$2,356,060 of Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Endangered Species Act (ESA) Traditional Section 6 funds are available to your agency pursuant to our Cooperative Agreement. The Cooperative Agreement has been renewed for the current year. Thank you for the information your staff provided for the renewal.

Using both the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) project ranking information, our Service Field Office section 6 representatives worked closely with their CDFG counterparts to collectively recommend their highest priority projects given the known funding allocation. We hope that you are as pleased with this collaborative approach as we are.

The following is a list of the projects approved for FY 2012 CDFG Traditional Section 6 grants:

Wolves in California: planning and implementation strategy development.....	\$300,000
Sierra Nevada red fox: habitat use, reproductive biology, animal health and diet in the Lassen Peak area.....	\$127,860
Amargosa Canyon songbird project.....	\$162,000
Big-leaved crownbeard and native habitat restoration.....	\$32,400
Conservation of the Buena Vista Lake shrew	\$225,214
Imperiled southern California coastal plant species: assessment of threats from climate change	\$64,800
Recovery and management of the Amargosa vole.....	\$135,000
Salt marsh harvest mouse: rangewide population indices	\$135,135
Landscape genetics of the San Diego fairy shrimp	\$75,600

Santa Cruz Island Fox Recovery	\$467,039
Hydrogeological assessment of Shay Pond for unarmored threespine stickleback ..	\$52,650
Santa Cruz long-toed salamander and California red-legged frog breeding pond construction – Milsap property	\$123,672
Locating extant populations of Fresno kangaroo rat.....	\$74,250
Evaluating demography of palmate-bracted bird’s-beak at Alkali Sink Ecological Reserve.....	\$53,115
Marbled murrelet predator studies	\$27,000
Fencing to protect peninsular bighorn sheep in Borrego Springs	\$169,325
Monitoring populations of Laguna Mountain skipper on Palomar Mountain	\$64,800
Threat abatement and population recovery of the Santa Catalina Island fox.....	\$66,200
TOTAL.....	\$2,356,060

Please prepare an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424) for each individual project, including all supporting grant documents. Please send the signed original and supporting documents by electronic mail to R8FA_Grants@fws.gov and to Karen_Jensen@fws.gov.

The Traditional Section 6 Grants Coordinator will complete the appropriate NEPA and ESA section 7 compliance for each project. However, we may contact your staff to help with the environmental review associated with these projects. Completion of the grant and compliance documentation will allow the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) Program to obligate funds and make them available to reimburse your agency for costs related to these projects. If you have any questions or need assistance in preparing the appropriate documents, please contact Karen Jensen, Traditional Section 6 Grants Coordinator, at (916) 414-6557. Additional information regarding the grant process, as well as necessary forms can be found at the Service’s WSFR Program website, <http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/ToolkitFiles/toolkit.pdf>.

We look forward to another productive year of endangered species conservation efforts in California.

Sincerely,


Acting Regional Director

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

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