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In Response Reply To:  
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Dear Mr. Bonham:

We are pleased to advise you that \$2,280,971 of Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 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 Wildlife (CDFW) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) project ranking information, our Service Field Office section 6 representatives worked closely with their CDFW 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 2014 CDFW Traditional Section 6 grants:

- Captive breeding of a model species and reconstructing habitat ahead of translocation of the critically endangered Amargosa vole .....\$161,072
- Improving western snowy plover (*Charadrius nivosus nivosus*) recovery efforts at Eden Landing Ecological Reserve, Hayward, San Francisco Bay Area, California .....\$63,948
- Nest management of California condors (*Gymnogyps californianus*) in California .....\$221,202
- Paiute cutthroat trout habitat restoration project.....\$373,704
- Standardized monitoring and status surveys for priority plant species .....\$223,156
- El Segundo blue butterfly (*Euphilotes battoides allyni*) habitat restoration project: LAX El Segundo Dunes.....\$125,210
- A study of critical uncertainties that influence the population and breeding success of the endangered California least tern (*Sternula antillarum browni*) .....\$260,000

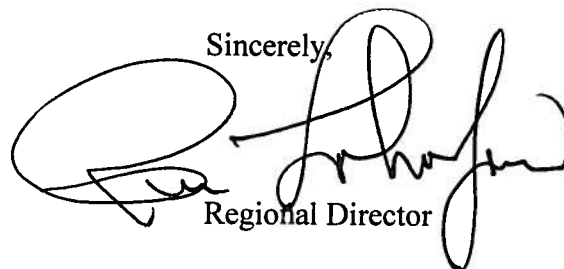
Range-wide management and monitoring of the endangered salt marsh bird's-beak ( <i>Chloropyron maritimum</i> subspecies <i>maritimum</i> ).....	\$166,250
Marbled murrelet landscape management plan, habitat improvements and audio-visual survey monitoring of important inland nesting areas.....	\$117,660
Complete downlisting requirements for the Owens pupfish ( <i>Cyprinodon radiosus</i> ).....	\$87,967
Monitoring and management of the endangered light-footed clapper rail ( <i>Rallus longirostris levipes</i> ) following population augmentation.....	\$190,000
Investigating blunt-nosed leopard lizard population size, demographics, space use, and future population trends on Department ecological reserves .....	\$261,625
TOTAL.....	\$2,251,794

The remaining funds of \$29,177 will be included in CDFW's 2015 allocation of Traditional Section 6 funds. 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.

We may contact your staff to help with the required 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,  
  
 Regional Director

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

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