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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**

February 25, 2015

10:00 AM

1/ State Capitol, Room 3191  
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 20, 2014
- \*5. Recovery of Funds

\* Proposed Consent Calendar

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

- \*6. Angelo Coast Range Reserve Improvements \$682,000.00  
Mendocino County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California, Berkeley (UCB), for a cooperative project with National Science Foundation for infrastructure improvements on UCB's Natural Reserve System property, located ±20 miles west of Laytonville in Mendocino County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows 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 of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)(3)]

- \*7. San Joaquin Wetlands Associates Settlement \$0.00  
(MID Eminent Domain)  
Stanislaus County

To consider authorizing the Department of Fish and Wildlife to accept a perpetual conservation easement over 44± acres of natural and managed wetlands, upland habitats, and riparian areas on 12 privately-owned parcels in western Stanislaus County as part of a Settlement Agreement related to the Modesto Irrigation District's Westley to Rosemore Transmission Line Project.

- \*8. Glen Deven Redwood Forest Restoration \$190,000.00  
Monterey County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Big Sur Land Trust (BSLT) for a cooperative project with Natural Resources Conservation Service for forest thinning and redwood/hardwood habitat restoration work on six± acres, located on BSLT's Glen Deven Ranch, approximately ten air miles south of Carmel in Monterey 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)]

- \*9. Allensworth Ecological Reserve, Expansion 57 \$0.00  
Tulare County

To consider the acquisition of two separate parcels totaling four± acres of land as an expansion of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Allensworth Ecological Reserve for the protection of habitat supporting the San Joaquin kit fox and other species and to enhance habitat linkages and connectivity, located near the city of Earlimart in Tulare County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which is being provided by the California Department of Corrections Statewide Electric Fence Project mitigation fund assigned to CDFW.

- \*10. Puma Canyon, Expansion 6 (Saylor) \$44,000.00  
San Bernardino County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Transition Habitat Conservancy to acquire six± acres of land, to conserve lower montane chaparral and woodland habitat for the benefit of deer, mountain lion and other wildlife species, located in Puma Canyon on the lower northern slopes of the San Bernardino Mountains, near the community of 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 to protect deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]

- \*11. Burton Mesa Ecological Reserve, \$0.00  
SLC Lease Amendment  
Santa Barbara County

To consider a proposal to expand the Burton Mesa Ecological Reserve (Reserve) in Vandenberg Village, California by adding 175± acres of land under the jurisdiction of the California State Lands Commission (CSLC); and to amend an existing management lease between the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and CSLC to add the 175± acres to the lease and manage and maintain the additional acreage as part of the Reserve.

- \*12. Western Riverside MSHCP (2013) – Evandel – Wilson \$146,200.00  
Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (Authority), and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the Authority, to acquire 80± acres of land in western Riverside County for the protection of habitat that supports threatened and

endangered species; and to increase regional wildlife habitat corridors and linkages located within the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, near the community of Murrieta. 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; and which allows for the acquisition of habitat on which unique species or natural communities naturally exist. [Habitat Conservation Fund Section (Proposition 117) 2786(b/c)]

- \*13. County of San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan 2011 (PWRG) \$227,090.00  
San Diego County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Endangered Habitat Conservancy (EHC), and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to EHC for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to acquire fee title to 79± acres of land to protect habitat that implements or assists in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans and the no cost transfer of the property to CDFW located near El Cajon in San Diego County. The purpose 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 Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)]

14. Independence Lake Forest Enhancement \$409,000.00  
Sierra County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for a cooperative project with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Forest Foundation, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, and the Bella Vista Foundation to restore forest stand ecology and reduce fuel loads on 200± acres of forest owned by TNC, located approximately 15 miles north of the City of Truckee in Sierra 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)]

15. American River Headwaters \$3,500,000.00  
Placer County

To consider the allocation for a grant to American River Conservancy for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency and private donations to acquire 9,955± acres of land to help preserve alpine forests and meadows, wildlife corridors, habitat linkages, and to provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, on the headwaters of the Middle and North Forks of the American River in Placer County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that 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 Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(a)]

16. Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, \$531,500.00  
Lower Napa River Unit, Ponds 6, 6A, 7, 7A and 8  
Napa County

To consider the allocation of matching funds for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the Army Corps of Engineers to restore Ponds 6, 6A, 7, 7A, and 8 of CDFW's Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area to provide 1,900± acres of managed and tidal marshes, located approximately five miles southwest of the City of Napa in Napa 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 50), Section 79572(c)]

17. East Sacramento County Blue Oak Legacy Area, \$810,000.00  
Expansion 3 (Graves)  
Sacramento County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Sacramento Valley Conservancy to acquire 100± acres of land for the protection of oak woodlands, riparian habitat, and grassland, and to provide habitat linkages and corridors between existing protected lands that support several native species and to provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located approximately six miles south of the city of Folsom and three miles north of

the community of Rancho Murrieta in Sacramento 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)]

18. San Joaquin River Parkway, Jenco Farms \$911,400.00  
Fresno County

To consider the acquisition of 23± acres of land on behalf of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife under the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act Program for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) for the protection of riparian and oak woodlands habitat and for future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, and the eventual transfer of control and possession to the SJRC. The property is located within the San Joaquin River Parkway, southwest of the junction of Friant Road and Rice Road in Fresno County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source that allows for river parkway projects identified by the San Joaquin River Conservancy. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75050(f)]

19. East Contra Costa County NCCP/HCP (Viera/Perley) \$882,500.00  
Contra Costa County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan 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 the ECCCHC for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) to acquire 260± 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, about 6 miles southeast of the Town of Clayton 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)]

20. Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands Habitat Enhancement \$841,000.00  
Santa Barbara County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with the National Park Service to eradicate invasive weed species and to map vegetation on Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands, located approximately 20 miles west of Ventura Harbor in Santa Barbara County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the development, rehabilitation, restoration, acquisition and protection of habitat that promotes recovery of threatened and endangered species and protects significant natural landscapes and ecosystems. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)]

21. County of San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan \$1,625,295.00  
2011 (multiple parcels)  
San Diego County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Endangered Habitats Conservancy (EHC), and to consider three Wildlife Conservation Board grants to EHC to acquire a total of 634± acres from three separate landowners for the protection of wildlife corridors and habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species located near the city of El Cajon. The purposes of the projects 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)].

22. Western Riverside MSHCP (2013) – Evandel – Bergstein \$218,565.00  
Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (Authority), and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the Authority, to acquire 108± acres of land in western Riverside County for the protection of habitat that supports threatened and endangered species; and to increase regional wildlife habitat corridors and linkages located within the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, near the community of Murrieta. 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; and which allows for the

acquisition of habitat on which unique species or natural communities naturally exist. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117) Section 2786(b/c)]

23. State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) Informational

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has embarked on an important effort to prepare a state wildlife action plan (SWAP) for fish and wildlife conservation using a comprehensive, internally consistent, and digitally accessible framework for assembling scientific information and designing conservation strategies with a wide array of stakeholders. First prepared in 2005 and now being updated for 2015, the SWAP is a requirement mandated by Congress for a state to receive federal funding through the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants (SWG) Program. Using the *Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation* as the planning framework, SWAP 2015 will identify the species of greatest conservation need for each target ecosystem, define their key ecological attributes, and prescribe measures to best protect the ecosystems from human-caused threats and environmental stresses, importantly including climate change. The SWAP update seeks to create a flexible but scientific process to respond to changing challenges, including population growth, the need for renewable energy, and global climate change. The SWAP will integrate and promote implementation of common goals and objectives from multiple sectors. CDFW seeks to make best use of limited resources while developing lasting partnerships and increasing public participation in the conservation and management of California's valued natural resources. The Board will be given a short briefing on the 2015 update to the SWAP.

24. California Streamflow Enhancement Program Informational

Proposition 1 (Water Bond), approved by California voters on November 4, 2014, authorizes \$200,000,000 to the WCB (section 79733, subject to appropriation by the Legislature) for projects that result in enhanced stream flows. Information on draft program guidelines and timing of program implementation will be discussed.

#### PERSONS WITH DISABILITES

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