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Pursuant to the call of Acting Chairman Pete Bontadelli, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 447 of the State Capitol, Sacramento, California, on November 5, 1991. Chairman McCracken was not present and the two members present represented the minimum two vote quorum that is required for action. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

<u>Present:</u>	Susanne Burton, Chief Deputy Dir. Department of Finance	Member
	Pete Bontadelli, Director Department of Fish and Game	Member
	Sandy Silberstein, Vice Senator Robert Presley	Joint Interim Committee
	Edna Maita, Vice Assemblyman Jim Costa	Joint Interim Committee
	Susan Reidy Vice Assemblyman Dan Hauser	Joint Interim Committee
	Rick Battson Vice Assemblyman Phillip Isenberg	Joint Interim Committee
<u>Absent:</u>	Everett M. McCracken, Jr., President, Fish and Game Commission	Chairman
	Senator Barry Keene	Joint Interim Committee
	Senator David Roberti	Joint Interim Committee
<u>Staff Present:</u>	W. John Schmidt	Executive Director
	Clyde S. Edon	Assistant. Exec. Director
	Bob Schulenburg	Field Agent
	Jim Sarro	Chief Land Agent/Assist. Executive Director
	Howard Dick	Senior Land Agent
	Frank Giordano	Senior Land Agent
	Georgia Lipphardt	Senior Land Agent
	Marilyn Cundiff-Gee	Wetlands Program Manager
	Sylvia Gude	Staff Services Analyst
	Sandy Daniel	Executive Secretary
	Janice Beeding	Office Technician

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<u>Others Present:</u>	Laurie M. Halsey	Citizen
	Warren S. Halsey	Citizen
	Robert Snyder	Dept. of Fish and Game
	Tina Kubusek	So. Calif. Edison
	Gene Questa	Citizen
	Duke Foster	East Bay Municipal Utility District
	Harriet Burgess	American Land Conservancy
	Elizabeth Byers	Trust for Public Land
	Woody Robertshaw	Trust for Public Land
	Banky Curtis	Dept. of Fish and Game
	Jane Kagehiro	Citizen
	Kimberly Stewart	Dutra Construction
	Bonnie Turner	Dept. of Fish and Game
	Jim Swanson	Dept. of Fish and Game
	Steve Nicola	Dept. of Fish and Game
	Mark J. Palmer	Mountain Lion Foundation
	Holly Liberato	Ducks Unlimited
	Richard Spotts	Defenders of Wildlife
	Sarah Foster	Citizen
	Scott Ferguson	The Nature Conservancy
	Jim Messersmith	Dept. of Fish and Game

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes of the August 14, 1991, meeting of the Wildlife Conservation Board was recommended.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 1991, MEETING OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Funding Status as of November 5, 1991 (Information Only)

Mr. Schmidt indicated this item was for information only and required no action.

(a) 1991/92 Wildlife Restoration Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget - Land Acquisitions	\$ 204,930.38
Governor's Budget - Minor Projects	\$ 700,000.00

(b) 1989/90 Environmental License Plate Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Added to Governor's Budget by Ch. 1241	\$ 950,000.00
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(c) 1990/91 Fish & Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget	\$1,740,000.00
Less previous Board allocations	- 110,000.00
Unallocated Balance	\$1,630,000.00

(d) 1989/90 Fish & Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget	\$4,093,000.00
Less previous Board allocations	-1,813,611.47
Less Interest for Bond Loan	-1,356,422.47
Unallocated Balance	\$ 922,966.06

(e) 1991/92 Wildlife & Natural Areas Conservation Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget	\$5,000,000.00
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(f) 1989/90 Wildlife & Natural Areas Conservation Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget	\$15,000,000.00
Less previous Board allocations	-11,373,533.21
Unallocated Balance	\$ 3,626,466.79

(g) 1988/89 California Wildlife, Coastal & Park Land Conservation Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Direct appropriation to the Wildlife Conservation Board	\$81,300,000.00
Less previous Board allocations	-49,896,070.75
Less State administrative costs	- 1,219,500.00
Unallocated Balance	\$30,184,429.25

(h) 1990/91 Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget	\$ 985,000.00
Less previous Board allocations	- 425,000.00
Unallocated Balance	\$ 560,000.00

(i) 1989/90 Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget	\$ 5,500,000.00
Less previous Board allocations	- 4,485,714.94
Unallocated Balance	\$ 1,014,285.06

(j) 1991/92 Habitat Conservation Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget - Waterfowl Habitat Acquisition	\$ 2,000,000.00
Governor's Budget - Unallocated	\$ 1,682,000.00
Governor's Budget - Upper Sacramento River Basin	\$ 1,000,000.00
Governor's Budget - Minor Projects	\$ 500,000.00
Less previous Board allocations	- 500,000.00
Unallocated Balance	\$ -0-

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(k) 1991/92 Governor's Budget - Special Items

Department of Fish and Game

Salmon and Steelhead Restoration	\$ 777,000.00
Salmon and Steelhead Trout Restoration	\$ 663,000.00
Waterfowl Habitat Preservation Program	\$ 523,000.00
Trinity River Restoration	\$ 2,022,000.00
Salmon Habitat Restoration	\$ 991,000.00
Salmon, Steelhead & Anadromous Fish	\$ 70,000.00
Threatened Salmonids Project	\$ 252,000.00
Total Available	\$ 5,298,000.00
Less previous Board allocations	- 5,298,000.00
Unallocated Balance	\$ -0-

Department of Water Resources

Trinity River Restoration	\$ 605,000.00
Less previous Board allocations	- 605,000.00
Unallocated Balance	\$ -0-

(1) 1990/91 Habitat Conservation Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget	\$10,800,000.00
Less previous Board allocations	- 9,036,521.90
Unallocated Balance	\$ 1,763,478.10

RECAP OF FUND BALANCES

Wildlife Restoration Fund

Acquisition	\$ 204,930.38
Minor Development	\$ 700,000.00
Major Development	\$ -0-
<u>Environmental License Plate Fund</u>	\$ 950,000.00
<u>1984 Fish & Wildlife Habitat Enhancement</u>	\$ 2,552,966.06
<u>California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land</u>	
Conservation Fund of 1988	\$30,184,429.25
<u>Wildlife and Natural Areas Conservation Fund</u>	\$ 8,626,466.79
<u>Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund</u>	\$ 1,574,285.06
<u>Habitat Conservation Fund</u>	\$ 6,445,478.10

Mr. Schmidt reported that Items #4, 5 and 6 were listed as Consent Items in the agenda. Due to some title problems that have arisen, Item #5 has been withdrawn from the calendar and will not be considered. Items #4 and #6 will be considered as consent items at the end of the meeting. Items #16 and #17 have also been withdrawn because the legislation which would have provided funding was not passed.

* 4. Recovery of Funds (CONSENT CALENDAR)

The following 32 projects previously authorized by the Board have balances of funds that can be recovered and returned to their respective funds. It was recommended that the following totals be recovered:

\$9,515.20 to the Wildlife Restoration Fund,
\$2,540.00 to the Environmental License Plate Fund,
\$1.83 to the Parklands Fund of 1984,
\$41,623.43 to the 1984 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Fund,
\$35,007.10 to the Ca. Wildlife, Coastal & Park Land Conservation Fund,
\$14,033.89 to the Wildlife and Natural Areas Conservation Fund,
\$27,211.40 to the Habitat Conservation Fund, and
\$10,000.00 to the Cigarette & Tobacco Products Surtax Fund;

and that the projects be closed.

WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND

Antioch Park Fishing Pier, Contra Costa County

Allocation	\$ 54,000.00
Expended	- 54,000.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Clear Creek Wildlife Area, Shasta County

Allocation	\$230,000.00
Expended	-230,000.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Eagle Lake Fishing Access, Lassen County

Allocation	\$ 10,000.00
Expended	- 1,084.60
Balance for Recovery	\$ 8,915.40

Hammerhorn Lake Fishing Access, Mendocino County

Allocation	\$ 10,000.00
Expended	- 9,600.20
Balance for Recovery	\$ 399.80

Pier 7, San Francisco County

Allocation	\$500,000.00
Expended	-500,000.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Red Bluff River Park Fishing Access, Tehama County

Allocation	\$ 56,300.00
Expended	- 56,100.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ 200.00

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West Fork San Gabriel River Fishing Access, Los Angeles County

Allocation	\$ 6,187.91
Expended	- 6,187.91
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Total Wildlife Restoration Fund Recoveries \$9,515.20

ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATE FUND

Lake Earl Wildlife Area, Expansion #16, Del Norte County

Allocation	\$ 10,000.00
Expended	- 7,460.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ 2,540.00

Upper Butte Sink Wildlife Area, Expansion #3, Glenn County

Allocation	\$450,000.00
Expended	-450,000.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Total Environmental License Plate Fund Recoveries \$2,540.00

PARKLANDS FUND OF 1984

Crescent City "B" Street Pier, Del Norte County

Allocation	\$500,000.00
Expended	-500,000.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Dana Point Fishing Pier, Orange County

Allocation	\$ 66,950.00
Expended	-66,950.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Lake Shastina Public Access, Siskiyou County

Allocation	\$115,000.00
Expended	-114,998.17
Balance for Recovery	\$ 1.83

West Fork San Gabriel River Fishing Access, Los Angeles County

Allocation	\$ 45,812.09
Expended	- 45,812.09
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Total Parklands Fund of 1984 Recoveries \$1.83

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1984 FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT FUND

Lake Earl Wildlife Area, Expansion #19, Del Norte County

Allocation	\$ 32,000.00
Expended	- 23,100.24
Balance for Recovery	\$ 8,899.76

Moore's Gulch Steelhead Habitat Enhancement, Santa Cruz County

Allocation	\$ 30,900.00
Expended	- 28,088.49
Balance for Recovery	\$ 2,811.51

North Fork Yuba Boulders #2, Sierra County

Allocation	\$ 12,100.00
Expended	- 9,646.94
Balance for Recovery	\$ 2,453.06

Scott River Bank Stabilization, Siskiyou County

Allocation	\$ 50,100.00
Expended	- 39,256.25
Balance for Recovery	\$ 10,843.75

Scott River Spawning Habitat, Siskiyou County

Allocation	\$ 16,400.00
Expended	-0-
Balance for Recovery	\$ 16,400.00

Wheelbarrow Creek, Mendocino County

Allocation	\$ 40,100.00
Expended	- 39,884.65
Balance for Recovery	\$ 215.35

Total Fish & Wildlife Hab. Enhancement Fund Recoveries \$41,623.43

CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988

Coal Canyon Ecological Reserve, Orange County

Allocation	\$4,000,000.00
Expended	-3,991,586.05
Balance for Recovery	\$ 8,413.95

San Joaquin River Riparian Habitat Expansion #1, Fresno County

Allocation	\$1,532,000.00
Expended	-1,511,341.60
Balance for Recovery	\$ 20,658.40

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South Branciforte Ecological Reserve, Santa Cruz County

Allocation	\$251,000.00
Expended	-251,000.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Upper Sacramento River Wildlife Area, River Mile 166.5-R, Glenn County

Allocation	\$145,000.00
Expended	-142,028.40
Balance for Recovery	\$ 2,971.60

Upper Sacramento River Wildlife Area, River Mile 171-R, Glenn County

Allocation	\$114,000.00
Expended	-111,036.85
Balance for Recovery	\$ 2,963.15

Total California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land
Conservation Fund of 1988 Recoveries \$35,007.10

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AREAS CONSERVATION FUND

Allensworth Ecological Reserve, Tulare County

Allocation	\$490,000.00
Expended	-486,462.45
Balance for Recovery	\$ 3,537.55

Estelle Mountain Ecological Reserve, Riverside County

Allocation	\$450,000.00
Expended	-446,866.81
Balance for Recovery	\$ 3,133.19

San Francisco Bay WLA (North Bay), Sulphur Creek Unit, Alameda County

Allocation	\$1,000,000.00
Expended	-1,000,000.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Silver Creek Wildlife Area, Lassen County

Allocation	\$330,000.00
Expended	-322,636.85
Balance for Recovery	\$ 7,363.15

Total Wildlife and Natural Areas Conservation
Fund Recoveries \$14,033.89

HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND

Baker Gulch, Trinity County

Allocation	\$ 2,500.00
Expended	- 1,371.43
Balance for Recovery	\$ 1,128.57

Salmon Falls Ecological Reserve, Expansion #1, El Dorado County

Allocation	\$250,000.00
Expended	-241,778.67
Balance for Recovery	\$ 8,221.33

West Walker River Fish Ladder, Mono County

Allocation	\$ 50,100.00
Expended	-32,238.50
Balance for Recovery	\$ 17,861.50

Total Habitat Conservation Fund Recoveries \$27,211.40

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS SURTAX FUND

Project Planning

Allocation	\$ 10,000.00
Expended	-0-
Balance for Recovery	\$ 10,000.00

Total Cigarette & Tobacco Products Surtax Fund Recoveries .. \$10,000.00

AS ONE OF THE CONSENT ITEMS HEARD AT THE END OF THE MEETING, IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD RECOVER FUNDS FROM THE 32 PROJECTS LISTED ON PAGES 5-9 AND CLOSE THE PROJECT ACCOUNTS. RECOVERY TOTALS INCLUDE \$9,515.20 TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND; \$2,540.00 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATE FUND; \$1.83 TO THE PARKLANDS FUND OF 1984; \$41,623.43 TO THE 1984 FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT FUND; \$35,007.10 TO THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988; \$14,033.89 TO THE WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AREAS CONSERVATION FUND; \$27,211.40 TO THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND; AND \$10,000.00 TO THE CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS SURTAX FUND.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Upper Sacramento River Wildlife Area, River Mile 147-R and River Mile 145.3-L, Colusa County \$320,000.00

This proposal was to consider the acquisition of a conservation easement over 210+ acres of land located along the west bank of the Sacramento River and the acquisition of 70+ acres of land along the east bank of the Sacramento River, both near the town of Colusa, for enhancement and preservation of riparian habitat.

Mr. SCHMIDT REPORTED THAT THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA, DUE TO SOME TITLE PROBLEMS, AND WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED.

- * 6. Upper Sacramento River Wildlife Area, Cottonwood Creek Unit, Expansion #1, Shasta County (CONSENT CALENDAR) \$132,000.00

This proposal was to consider an acquisition of 59.7+ acres of riparian habitat to expand and provide improved access to the existing 316.44 acre Upper Sacramento River Wildlife Area, Cottonwood Creek Unit, Shasta County. This wildlife area is located at the confluence of the Sacramento River and Cottonwood Creek, on the north side of the Creek, about five miles east of the community of Cottonwood.

Current access to the wildlife area is limited to Department of Fish and Game personnel only. In addition to the proposed land purchase, the owners have agreed to sell a 60 foot easement from Adobe Road (a county road) to the property being considered for acquisition. Since the proposed purchase is contiguous to existing state owned land with limited access, this improved access will benefit the entire wildlife area. A condition of the granting of the easement is that no road be constructed until after January 1, 1994.

Riparian habitat in this area supports more than 200 species of birds and 42 species of mammals and is considered by the Department to be a very productive terrestrial ecosystem. Endangered and threatened species dependent upon these riparian forests include the Valley elderberry longhorn beetle, Bald eagle, American peregrine falcon, Swainson's hawk, and the Yellow-billed cuckoo. Bird species of special concern include the double-crested cormorant, sharp-shinned hawk, Cooper's hawk, osprey, merlin, long-eared owl, willow flycatcher, purple martin, bank swallow, yellow warbler and the yellow-breasted chat. Mammals known to occur in the area include black-tailed deer, mountain lion, muskrat, river otter, raccoon, striped skunk, gray fox, red fox, bobcat, badger, ringtail, brush rabbit and the black-tailed hare.

Much of the riparian habitat has already been cleared along the Sacramento River as evidenced by Department of Fish and Game studies which show that only about one percent of the Sacramento Valley riparian forests of the early 1800's remain today. Continued public acquisition of interests in Sacramento River lands is seen as a means of not only protecting some of this valuable habitat which remains, but providing the opportunity to restore historic habitat. The subject acquisition will add to the

Department's adjacent holdings thereby allowing the opportunity to restore, enhance and manage this property at minimal cost.

The owners have agreed to sell the subject parcel at the approved fair market value of \$120,000.00. Processing costs are estimated to be \$12,000 which includes the costs of appraisal, title, escrow and Department of General Services review. Potential State claims to the property by way of the State Lands Commission have been considered and their effect on the fair market value has been taken into account in the appraisal. The acquisition is exempt from CEQA under Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions as an acquisition for wildlife conservation purposes.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the acquisition of this property as proposed; allocate \$132,000.00 from the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Fund of 1988 (P-70), as designated for the Sacramento River under Section 5907 (c)(8); and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

AS ONE OF THE CONSENT ITEMS HEARD AT THE END OF THE MEETING, IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER WILDLIFE AREA, COTTONWOOD CREEK UNIT, EXPANSION #1, SHASTA COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$132,000.00 FROM THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988 (P-70), AS DESIGNATED FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER UNDER SECTION 5907 (c)(8), FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Marin Islands Ecological Reserve, Marin County \$505,000.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that this was a proposal to consider the acquisition of property totaling 329+ acres consisting of a 3+ acre island known as West Marin Island and 326+ acres of tidelands adjacent to this island and the nearby East Marin Island. The property is located in San Francisco Bay (San Rafael Bay) just off the shoreline of the City of San Rafael. Mr. Jim Sarro described the project's location on a map.

The proposed acquisition is part of a cooperative effort by local groups, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and State agencies to purchase the West Marin Island, the East Marin Island (10.28+ acre island) and their surrounding tidelands. While the East Island is part of the entire project area, it is not a part of this acquisition proposal. The entire 339.28+ acres has been appraised for \$3.4+ million. The Trust for Public Land is the lead negotiator for this overall project and has obtained an option from the landowners to purchase this entire area for \$2.8 million. They have in turn offered to sell the property to public agencies for \$3 million. A large part of the value for the entire property is attributed to the east island which is improved with three houses, docking facilities and appurtenant structures.

The subject proposal to be considered by the Board involves acquiring only the west island and the tidelands, which have a combined appraised value of \$512,626. This appraisal has been approved by the Department of General Services. The Trust for Public Land has offered this area to the State for \$500,000; \$12,626 below the fair market value. It is anticipated that the east island will be acquired using a combination of funding from private nonprofit groups, local agencies, private donations and Federal and State agencies.

West Marin Island supports one of the largest egret and heron colonies on the west coast. In 1991, over 9,000 bird nests were counted including those of the snowy egret, black-crowned night heron, great egret, and great blue heron. In addition, 47 western gull nests, 1 pair of black oyster catchers, and 3 mallard nests were present. One pair of Canada geese was also observed on West Marin Island.

East Marin Island receives less wildlife use because it has been developed and receives regular human use. However, black-crowned night heron nests have been found on the island. It is expected that if human uses were reduced or eliminated, East Marin Island could also provide significant wildlife benefits. In fact, in recent months, since the owners have reduced disturbing activities, birds from West Marin Island have begun to colonize East Marin Island.

The adjacent tidelands provide critical foraging and resting habitat for many species of birds including diving ducks such as canvasback and scaup, and other water birds such as double-crested cormorants and grebes. Shore birds also utilize the surrounding mud flats.

The Department of Fish and Game has recommended participation in this project due to the high wildlife use on West Marin Island and the tidelands. The Department's recommendation includes a requirement that DFG be a party to any management plan to be developed for the combined project area, that DFG and WCB be recognized as participants in any signing of the properties and that the area be designated and managed as the Marin Islands Ecological Reserve.

The acquisition is exempt from CEQA under Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions and a Notice of Exemption has been filed. Potential State claims have been considered and their effect on the fair market values have been taken into account in the appraisal.

In addition to the \$500,000 purchase price for the 329+ acres, it is anticipated an additional \$5,000 will be needed to cover processing costs such as Department of General Services review costs and escrow closing costs.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the various proposed participants in this project, in addition to the Wildlife Conservation Board, included the Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marin Open Space District, State Lands Commission and the Trust for Public Land, as well as substantial donations from private citizens in the area. Mr. Schmidt added that the

appraisal of the wetlands portion was completed by the State Lands Commission recognizing their rights in the area.

Mr. Schmidt read a list of those who sent in letters of support. The list included: Senator Marks, Assemblyman Filante, State Coastal Conservancy, City of San Rafael, Planning and Conservation League, National Audubon Society, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Audubon Canyon Ranch, Golden Gate Audubon Society, Marin Conservation League, Sierra Club-Marin Group, The Environmental Forum of Marin, Marin Audubon Society, Gardners' Guild, North Bay Wetlands Coalition, The Lindsay Museum (of Walnut Creek), Defenders of Wildlife, Mountain Lion Foundation and eight other letters from private citizens.

Staff recommended that the Board approve this purchase as proposed; allocate \$505,000.00 from the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Fund of 1988 (P-70), under Section 5907 (c)(1)(A)-1, wetlands in San Francisco Bay; and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Bontadelli clarified that the money from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently included in the appropriations bill that is pending in Congress. Mr. Sarro confirmed the statement.

Mr. Bontadelli asked that it be very carefully clarified for the record the State Lands Commission involvement in this appraisal appears to be inconsistent with points they have raised previously but appears to put them back into a consistency position with what this Board has always taken. He also requested that the handling of the question of the appraisal and payment for lands on which a state claim has been asserted by the State Lands Commission be clarified for the record.

Mr. Sarro stated that the appraisal was conducted by the State Lands Commission staff and took into account the fact that the property is open space. The appraiser's rationalization for the valuation was that if its highest and best use is open space, and it's appraised on that basis, then the value that results would be the value that should be paid to the landowner, even taking into account the existence of the State's Public Trust claims. In this case, part of the property, roughly the northerly one-third, has actually been subject to the exercise of the State Lands Trust. The lower portion has not, but there is no distinction in value. This value has been reviewed by the Department of General Services and approved on that basis.

Mr. Bontadelli summarized that the State Lands Commission has recognized that even on areas where there is a State Public Trust claim, if the highest and best use is one which is among those identified as a Public Trust use, such as open space, there is a value that should be recognized and paid for. Mr. Sarro agreed.

Ms. Burton asked if that made it more or less expensive. Mr. Bontadelli responded that the Board traditionally paid appraised value for property, even though a claim had been asserted. State Lands Commission had previously argued that there was no value to be attached to land if it was subject to a disputed Public Trust claim and we would have to wait for full adjudication. If we had gone through that process, it was pointed out by the Board at that time, we could have effectively eliminated the ability to go forward with any continuing riparian or wetlands acquisitions even at the appropriate open space value because the private landowner would have to force a full and completed adjudication up front to settle all State Lands claims and that would have had a significantly higher cost to the State and would basically become a major impediment to the acquisition programs of this Board and other similar agencies. Mr. Bontadelli noted that he believes this recognition by the State Lands Commission will make things less expensive from an administrative standpoint and more efficient to implement the program in the future.

Ms. Burton asked if there were any questions or concerns, and since there was no further discussion, the following action was taken.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE MARIN ISLANDS ECOLOGICAL RESERVE, MARIN COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$505,000.00 FROM THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988 (P-70), UNDER SECTION 5907 (c)(1)(A)-1, AS DESIGNATED FOR WETLANDS IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Napa Marsh Wildlife Area, Tolay Creek, Expansion #1,
Sonoma County

\$122,000.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that this proposal was to consider the acquisition of 57.08+ acres of marsh land within the Napa Marsh Area as part of the Board's and the Department of Fish and Game's ongoing acquisition and restoration efforts in the northern San Francisco Bay area. The proposed acquisition, a portion of the landowner's total ownership, is located east of Highway 121 near Sear's Point Raceway at the intersection of Highways 37 and 121 and adjacent to 99+ acres of existing DFG marsh lands acquired by WCB in 1990. The San Pablo Bay and the National Wildlife Refuge are located on the south side of Highway 37. Approximately 10 miles northeast of the subject are over 512 acres of previously approved Napa Marsh acquisitions. This acquisition would further the Department's goal of increasing and protecting the wetland acreage and the associated biological values of the Napa Marsh area. Ms. Georgia Lipphardt described this proposal as well as the overall program in the Napa Marsh Complex.

Less than 100 years ago the Napa Marsh was one of the largest wetland systems in the San Francisco Bay Area, providing habitat for millions of migratory waterfowl and shore birds. Today the remaining approximately 41,000 acres of the Napa Marsh is composed of 18,000 acres of reclaimed marsh lands used for agriculture; 10,000 acres of diked historic wetlands used for solar salt production and about 13,000 acres of open water and marsh lands. The sloughs and salt ponds provide the primary habitats for fish and water birds including the endangered California clapper rail. The marsh also provides home to the endangered Salt marsh harvest mouse. The diked agricultural lands provide seasonal wetland habitats during heavy rain periods.

There is a noticeable lack of quality fresh/brackish water marshes and seasonal wetlands. Historically these wetland habitats were available at the upper reaches of the marsh and in low depressions in the surrounding uplands. Unfortunately, these freshwater and seasonal wetlands have essentially been eliminated. Presently, crops such as oat-hay, planted in diked lands are harvested in early fall, allowing winter rains to pond the depressions creating "wetlands" during the winter months when large numbers of waterfowl and shore birds are present in the area. However, the Napa Marsh and the San Francisco Bay is also a very important area during the early migration as waterfowl, primarily pintail, start arriving in late August to early September when the "diked land wetland habitats" are least available. Additional managed wetlands in the Napa Marsh will provide more habitat for these early migrants, as well as increased habitat on a year around basis.

The subject property is generally low lying tule marsh with a vegetation covering that includes annual grasses, salt grasses, coyote bush, bulrushes and pickleweed. Management of this parcel would be handled by the Department in conjunction with the adjacent property and those properties acquired northeast of the subject. Potential State claims to this property by way of the California State Lands Commission have been considered and their effect on the value has been taken into account in the appraisal.

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The owners have agreed to sell their ownership at the appraised value of \$118,500. Department of General Services review costs, appraisal and closing expenses are estimated to be \$3,500. The acquisition is exempt from CEQA under Section 15313 as an acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the acquisition as proposed; allocate \$122,000.00 from the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Fund of 1988 (P-70), as designated for wetlands in the Napa Marsh under Section 5907 (c)(11), for the purchase price and related costs; and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Schmidt noted that letters of support were received from the Defenders of Wildlife and the Mountain Lion Foundation.

Ms. Burton asked what impacts do the raceway have on the property and its wildlife. Mr. Jim Swanson, Department of Fish and Game Yountville Office, responded that races are not held very often and that the birds do move off the property during races. However, they return to the property when the racing is over. He further stated that management of the property could improve the habitat and many more birds and species could accommodate the area for a long-term net benefit.

Mr. Bontadelli asked if there were any questions or concerns, and since there was no further discussion, the following action was taken.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE NAPA MARSH WILDLIFE AREA, TOLAY CREEK, EXPANSION #1, SONOMA COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$122,000.00 FROM THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988 (P-70), AS DESIGNATED FOR WETLANDS IN THE NAPA MARSH UNDER SECTION 5907 (c)(11), FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area, Burdell Ranch, Marin County \$1,480,000.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that this was a proposal to acquire 582+ acres of land located near the City of Novato. Mr. Frank Giordano explained the area. The property lies on the north side of Gness Field, Marin County's airport, and adjoins the State's present Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area on its southwesterly boundary and State Highway 101 on its westerly boundary. The property is one-half mile north of the State's Rush Creek Wildlife Area and one-half mile southeast of Olampali State Historical Park. Access to the property is currently obtained via the Highway 101 frontage road leading to Gness Field.

The Burdell Ranch represents a rare opportunity to acquire a large tract of previously drained San Francisco Bay wetlands in the Petaluma Marsh, for restoration to its historic tidal/seasonal marsh condition. Drained approximately 100 years ago and used for a combination of grazing and oat production, the property is kept dry by a large "sump" pump at the northeast corner which pumps out rain water and keeps the ground water table low to prevent ground water intrusion. The dikes at the eastern edge of the property prevent tidal flooding which would otherwise occur from the Petaluma River. Aerial photos show the vestiges of old sloughs laced throughout the property. It is felt that this is an ideal property for wetland restoration; one which could be restored with minimal costs to the Department of Fish and Game.

While the primary habitat type is tidal wetlands, the property does include a small amount of uplands. However, this upland area, which is located near Highway 101, is not a part of this acquisition proposal. Restoring the Petaluma Marsh has long been a top priority of the Department of Fish and Game. This property, which lies in the center of the proposed restoration area would be the largest single acquisition in this unit and would be a key to these restoration efforts. The Department of Fish and Game currently owns or manages (State Lands) approximately 3,146 acres of land in the Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area including the Rush Creek Unit, the Petaluma River Unit and the Black John Slough tidal marsh (State Lands).

The subject property contains critical habitat for at least five rare, endangered or candidate species including the Salt Marsh harvest mouse (SE, FE), the California Black rail (ST, FC), the Saltmarsh yellowthroat (FC), the Soft Bird's beak (SR, FC), and the Marin knotweed (FC).

Since the area was drained, the subsequent cattle grazing and oat and barley farming activities have had a serious detrimental affect on the property's ability to support habitat for game and nongame migratory waterfowl species and native nesting species. It does, however, still provide seasonal wetland habitat during winter rains when large numbers of shore birds and waterfowl are in the area. Shore birds continue to utilize the property most of the winter as a refuge and resting area during high tides. Waterfowl are most numerous during late winter. However, further threats to this property could eliminate its remaining wildlife values. The owners are processing a development plan to construct a marina, golf course, office/ industrial park, and retail center on the property. Public acquisition would not only protect this area from almost certain development but would provide the opportunity for this major San Francisco Bay wetland restoration project.

The primary objective of the Department of Fish and Game will be to restore this property to wetland habitat which can be accomplished with minimal costs by gradually reflooding the property. Pumping can be reduced to allow the ground water table to recover and native plant life to regenerate. With minimal earth movement ponds and nesting mounds for migratory birds can be constructed. Existing outer levees cannot merely be breached to allow for unrestricted tidal action as this might also impact adjacent lands. Management of this area is expected to be handled in conjunction with the existing Petaluma Wildlife Area.

Recreational uses for this property could certainly include fishing and the opportunity for a waterfowl hunting program if appropriate in this area. Other potential uses include hiking, birding, photography and scientific research. The marsh's close proximity to urban communities makes it an ideal area for organized study by groups of school children.

Presently, the American Land Conservancy has an option to purchase the subject property and its adjacent uplands, which are not included in this proposal. The subject 582+ acres of historical wetlands has been appraised at \$1,455,000, a value which has been approved by the State Department of General Services. The Conservancy has agreed to sell the property at the approved appraised value. It is anticipated that an additional \$25,000 will be needed to cover escrow fees, Department of General Services review costs and possible acreage adjustments that a final engineering study may reveal as necessary. Staff has applied for federal reimbursement funds through the National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant Program. If this application is approved, up to a 50 percent reimbursement in project costs could be obtained. The project is exempt from CEQA under Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions as an acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes.

Mr. Giordano stated that State claims have been taken into consideration and that Ms. Harriet Burgess, President of the American Land Conservancy, was present.

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Staff recommended that the Board approve the purchase as proposed; allocate \$1,480,000.00 from the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Fund of 1988 (P-70), under Section 5907 (c)(1)(A)-1 as designated for San Francisco Bay wetlands, for the purchase price and related costs; and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Schmidt noted that letters of support had been received from Senator Marks, Defenders of Wildlife, Mountain Lion Foundation, and Marin County Conservation League, as well as several private letters.

Mr. Bontadelli asked if there were any questions or concerns, and since there was no further discussion, the following action was taken.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE PETALUMA MARSH WILDLIFE AREA, BURDELL RANCH, MARIN COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$1,480,000.00 FROM THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988 (P-70), UNDER SECTION 5907 (c)(1)(A)-1 AS DESIGNATED FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY WETLANDS, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Sweetwater River Ecological Reserve, San Diego County \$1,835,000.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that this proposal was to consider the acquisition of 496+ acres of land located in San Diego County, lying approximately 9+ miles southeast of the City of El Cajon. Access to the subject is obtained via a dirt road which joins with Sloane Canyon Road, a county road. Loveland Reservoir Dam is located approximately one-half mile to the northeast and the State's McGinty Mountain Ecological Reserve lies approximately two miles to the southwest. Mr. Giordano explained the project as well as how the rivers flow through the property.

The purpose of the acquisition is for the preservation and restoration of Sweetwater River riparian habitat including the adjacent uplands and the many wildlife species these habitat types support.

This proposal encompasses the uppermost reach of privately-owned portions of the Sweetwater River corridor, including a portion of the Lawson Creek tributary. The terrain is generally steep, with elevations ranging from 800 to 1,000 feet on the valley floor to 1,600 feet on both the extreme westerly and easterly portion of the ranch. Much of the steep hillside is covered with chaparral and coastal scrub while the lower elevations support native coast live oak.

Southern coastal riparian habitat, consisting of dense forests of willows, sycamores and cottonwoods, follow the river and stream corridors and is the most significant habitat on the site. This habitat provides critical nesting and foraging area for a variety of songbirds, many of which are declining in Southern California due to loss of habitat. Because of their decline over the years, the southern coast riparian forest communities have been highly ranked by DFG's Natural Diversity Data Base.

The Sweetwater River, two miles of which flow through the subject parcel, is one of several drainages which are known to support the federal and state-listed endangered Least Bell's vireo. Historic records actually documented Least Bell's vireo on the subject property. The chaparral and coastal scrub communities, also support several species of concern, including the black-tailed gnatcatcher, the orange-throated whiptail and the San Diego coast horned lizard. In addition, several rare plants are known to occur on the property including the state-listed endangered Dehesa nolina and San Diego thornmint. Habitat is also provided for a number of game and nongame species including deer, quail, dove, rabbits, fox, coyote and mountain lion.

On a recent tour of the property, several clear water ponds were noted within the river drainage, with some flowing water and an active spring. This is unusual for this part of the state especially considering the several years of recent drought conditions, but speak highly for the water potential of this site.

San Diego County is one of the most rapidly growing counties in California with residential development particularly intense in the suburb communities to the east of the City of San Diego. The Sweetwater River has also been the subject of sand and gravel mining and other development downstream from the proposed acquisition area. These types of development pose the most significant threat to the habitats contained on the property. However, if purchased, it can be easily protected by virtue of its topography and its proximity to Cleveland National Forest.

Nonconsumptive uses such as hiking, bird watching, photography and scientific research would be ideal uses of the property. There is an existing hiking/equestrian trail on the property which could possibly be linked with trails into the adjacent Cleveland National Forest. Management would focus on the protection of the sites sensitive species and natural communities.

As structured, this proposed acquisition will provide the present owners with a life estate over a 19 acre site. The Nature Conservancy has an option to purchase the property and has agreed to exercise its option and then sell the property to the State at its appraised fair market value. The property has been appraised at \$1,820,000, which includes a reduction in value of \$80,000 for the life estate. These values have been reviewed and approved by the Department of General Services, Office of Real Estate and Design Services. The Nature Conservancy has agreed to transfer this area to the State at this amount. It is anticipated that General Services review costs, escrow and title charges will be an additional \$15,000. The project is exempt from CEQA under Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions as an acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the purchase of this property as proposed; allocate a total of \$1,835,000.00, \$500,000.00 from the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Fund of 1988 (P-70), as designated for Southern California riparian habitat under Section 5907 (c)(3) and \$1,335,000.00 from the Wildlife and Natural Areas Conservation Fund, Section 2720 (a), as established by the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Act of 1988. Staff further recommended that the Board authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Schmidt noted that letters of support had been received from the Mountain Lion Foundation, Defenders of Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service and the San Diego County Association of Governments.

Mr. Rick Battson asked what was the flow of the river during this drought and are there users of this water downstream. Mr. Giordano responded that the flow was very minimal. Mr. Schmidt reported that the reservoir located to the north of the project was a water reservoir and that it was his understanding that water delivery is via the river channel.

Mr. Bontadelli asked if there were any questions or concerns, and since there was no further discussion, the following action was taken.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE SWEETWATER RIVER ECOLOGICAL RESERVE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE A TOTAL OF \$1,835,000.00, \$500,000.00 FROM THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988 (P-70), AS DESIGNATED FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RIPARIAN HABITAT UNDER SECTION 5907 (c)(3) AND \$1,335,000.00 FROM THE WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AREAS CONSERVATION FUND, SECTION 2720 (a), AS ESTABLISHED BY THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION ACT OF 1988, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE AND RELATED COSTS. IT WAS FURTHER MOVED THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Wilson Valley Wildlife Area, Expansion #4, Lake County \$340,250.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that this proposal was to consider the acquisition of 821+ acres of land as an addition to the State's present Wilson Valley Wildlife area. Also to be considered is the acceptance of an option to acquire an additional 302+ acres adjacent to the subject proposal. The wildlife area is located in Lake County, generally south of State Highway 20 and east of State Highway 60. It extends along Cache Creek and Highway 20 to within 5+ miles east of Clearlake Oaks. The subject property lies toward the eastern end of the wildlife area and is located south of Highway 120, 3+ miles westerly of the junction of Highways 16 and 20. The majority of the property has access from Highway 20. Mr. Giordano explained the project and how it related to the existing wildlife area.

This area provides critical habitat for resident tule elk and wintering and feeding areas for Bald and Golden eagles. The key habitat types found within the Wilson Valley area are the grassland glades associated with large valley oaks and riparian vegetation along the creek. Because of the area's importance to tule elk and to the state and federally-listed endangered Bald eagles, its protection continues to be considered of statewide and even national significance.

In the late 1970's, the Department of Fish and Game recommended that the Board seek to acquire various properties in Wilson Valley. Specifically, they recommended acquisition of some of the properties located adjacent to U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. In 1985, the staff was able to make the first acquisition, based on DFG's recommendation, when 840 acres of this area was acquired pursuant to Board approval. Since that time, an additional 620 acres have been acquired by WCB in three separate actions placing over 3,000 acres in contiguous state/federal ownership.

The BLM and the DFG have entered into management agreements for Wilson Valley providing for controlled public access and recreational use, managed with the primary purpose of the endangered species habitat preservation.

Wildlife species using the subject include deer, tule elk, wild pig, black bear, wild turkey, California quail, dove and some species of waterfowl. The large size of the surrounding public owned area and the lack of federal grazing leases on BLM administered lands also makes this area important to the State's mountain lion habitat acquisition effort. The mountain lion population in this area has stabilized at a high level in the last ten years.

The Bald eagle, a state and federally listed endangered species, is a common winter visitor along Cache Creek. The Cache Creek riparian corridor between Clear Lake and Highway 16 supports one of the largest winter concentrations of Bald eagles in California, numbering as high as 60 along this drainage. Species listed by the Department of Fish and Game as "Species of Special Concern" that utilize the wildlife area include prairie falcon, golden eagle, osprey, long-eared owl, California gnatcatcher and American badger.

The vegetation types found within the subject area include blue oak woodland, valley oak woodland, valley foothill riparian, mixed chaparral, chamise-redshank chaparral, annual grassland, riverine and wet meadow.

Cache Creek traverses a portion of the most southerly acreage under consideration. Fish species found in the main fork of Cache Creek include the white crappie, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, bluegill, green sunfish, white catfish, carp, western sucker, mosquito fish and Mississippi silversides.

Rural subdivision development is a serious threat to this area with two such developments already in existence. Firewood harvest and commercial decorative rock harvesting also pose threats to the wildlife habitat. An adjacent ownership has already experienced a substantial reduction in oak trees due to such activities. The riparian habitats along Cache Creek are the most impacted, mainly by cattle grazing. These areas are also the most critical to wildlife during the dry hot summers.

Acquisition will help guarantee protection of the habitat, provide an opportunity for enhancement and provide for expanded public use opportunities where appropriate. Consumptive uses such as hunting and fishing are anticipated while nonconsumptive uses could include hiking, nature studies, photography and art studies.

The property was appraised at a value of \$328,400 which has been approved by the Department of General Services. The owners have agreed to sell for \$322,236, thereby providing the State with a donation of \$6,164.

In addition, they have signed an option in favor of the State to purchase their remaining acreage which lies in Colusa County, south of Highway 20 and adjacent to the subject. This property consists of 302+ acres and has an appraised value of \$120,800, which has been approved by the Department of General Services. The agreed price of the optioned property is \$98,150, thereby providing the State with a donation of \$22,650 if the option is exercised. An additional \$18,014 will be needed to cover appraisal, escrows and closing costs and Department of General Services administrative charges.

The project is exempt from CEQA under Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions. Management would be under the Department of Fish and Game but would be carried out under a cooperative agreement with BLM.

Mr. Giordano noted that Mr. Gene Questa, the agent for the owners, was present should there be any questions. Mr. Schmidt reported that letters of support had been received from the Mountain Lion Foundation, Defenders of Wildlife and the National Audubon Society.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the acquisition as proposed, and authorize staff to accept the option to purchase an additional 302+ acres in the future; allocate \$340,250.00 from the Habitat Conservation Fund (P-117 - Mountain Lion Initiative); and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Bontadelli asked if there were any questions or concerns, and since there was no further discussion, the following action was taken.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE WILSON VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA, EXPANSION #4, LAKE COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; AND ALSO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ACCEPT THE OPTION TO PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL 302+ ACRES IN THE FUTURE; ALLOCATE \$340,250.00 FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND (P-117 MOUNTAIN LION INITIATIVE) FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE AND RELATED COSTS FOR THIS PROPOSED PURCHASE; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Upper Battle Creek Wildlife Area, Expansion #2, Shasta County \$228,500.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that this proposal was to consider the acquisition of 34.5+ acres of irrigated pasture, wetlands and riparian habitat located on Battle Creek. The riparian habitat, which is scattered in areas along Battle Creek and along the west property line, has been reduced over the years by farming and livestock grazing practices. Protection of this area will allow riparian vegetation to reestablish. In addition, existing water rights on the property could allow for creation of valuable wetland habitats. The property supports abundant waterfowl populations and is part of a bald eagle nesting territory located immediately across Battle Creek. Additional wildlife species use the property including numerous raptors, deer, furbearers, nongame birds and mammals. Ms. Lipphardt described the project's location.

The subject property is located adjacent to and west of the Coleman National Fish Hatchery and east of the 205+ acre Upper Battle Creek WLA. This WLA was acquired by WCB for the Department in two phases: the first 25 acre acquisition was completed in 1981, and the second acquisition of 180 acres was completed in 1990. The Department will manage the subject proposal in conjunction with these adjacent holdings.

Battle Creek is currently closed to fishing except when steelhead counts exceed 1200. At such times, the creek is open from October to January for trout fishing only. Like the first two acquisitions, the subject property will provide limited public fishing access to the creek while contributing to protecting and enhancing the Battle Creek riparian corridor from its confluence with the Sacramento River to the Coleman Hatchery. Another goal for the Department of Fish and Game is to eventually conduct interpretive public education programs along portions of this stretch of Battle Creek.

The owner has agreed to sell the subject property at the approved fair market value of \$225,000. Processing costs are estimated to be \$3,500, which includes the costs of title, escrow and Department of General Services review. The acquisition is exempt from CEQA under Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions as an acquisition for wildlife conservation purposes. The State Lands Commission's review indicated no State sovereign interests exist on the property.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Cottonwood Creek Area that Ms. Lipphardt referred to in her presentation was item #6 of this agenda, which was a consent item. The acquisition, in addition to protecting key riparian habitat, will also provide the Department of Fish and Game the opportunity to do some wetland restoration in the area. Currently there is a bald eagle nest on the opposite side of the river from the proposed acquisition. The parcel to the west of the proposed acquisition is the existing Fish and Game wildlife area which is already providing educational opportunities to local school children that visit the area with their teachers. Mr. Schmidt noted that this was a very key area to acquire.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Mountain Lion Foundation and the Defenders of Wildlife had sent letters of support and Mr. Banky Curtis, Department of Fish and Game's Regional Manager-Redding Office, was present should there be any questions.

Staff recommended that the Board approve this acquisition as proposed; allocate a total of \$228,500.00 from the Habitat Conservation Fund (P-117), as designated for the Upper Sacramento River Basin; and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Bontadelli asked if there were any questions or concerns, and since there was no further discussion, the following action was taken.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE UPPER BATTLE CREEK WILDLIFE AREA, EXPANSION #2, SHASTA COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$228,500.00 FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND (P-117), AS DESIGNATED FOR THE UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER BASIN, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Grizzly Island Wildlife Area Fishing Access, Solano County \$77,300.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Department of Fish and Game was requesting funding approval for the construction of a barrier free fishing access project on the Department owned Grizzly Island Wildlife Area located in the Suisun Marsh, Solano County. The wildlife area is well suited for the development of this fishing project as it is located within a short drive from both the San Francisco Bay area and the Sacramento area. An all-weather county road provides access to the wildlife area and to the proposed fishing site. Mr. Clyde Edon explained the project's location and the intent of the proposal.

The wildlife area is open to year round fishing, with current usage exceeding 20,000 angler days per year. Catches include striped bass, sturgeon, catfish, carp, and some salmon. A major missing element in the present usage of the area is ample fishing opportunity for disabled anglers. The Department recognized this deficiency and included the proposed development of barrier free fishing access sites in the recently proposed management plan for the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. In fact, the Department recently completed the development of one such facility on Montezuma Slough, one that is already existing public support and use.

The proposed barrier free fishing access project consists of the development of three small piers connected by a short walkway. The project, which has been engineered by the Department, will conform with present barrier free access standards. The site, which is located at parking lot six adjacent to Montezuma Slough, was selected to make the best use of existing pilings, topography, safety, easy access, and good fishing. Paved parking slots and a restroom will be placed on the existing graveled parking lot with a concrete walkway connecting the parking lot with the three barrier free fishing piers. The piers will be constructed over Montezuma Slough on existing pilings which were originally part of a bulkhead designed to protect the levee bank from erosion. Riprap protection has replaced the old bulkhead structure but the remaining pilings are sound and will provide an ideal base for the fishing piers.

The Department's cost estimate for project construction of \$77,300 includes the following items:

Clearing, Grubbing and Earthwork	\$ 3,000
Aggregate Base	1,800
Concrete Parking and Pathway	19,200
Concrete Curbs	3,800
Fishing Piers	35,900
Striping & Traffic Stops	1,000
Handicapped Portable Toilet	1,500
Bonds, Supervision & Contingencies	<u>11,100</u>

Total Estimated Cost: \$77,300

The management plan and conceptual design drawings for the project have been approved by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and all necessary permits have been obtained. Furthermore, the project has the support of United Anglers, Richmond Rod and Gun Club, and the Marin Rod and Gun Club. The Department has filed the appropriate CEQA documents in the form of a Negative Declaration and a Notice of Determination was filed and posted on March 10, 1989. The Department's Engineering Section will administer the project through the contractual process.

Mr. Edon noted that Mr. Bob Snyder from the Department of Fish and Game's Yountville Office was present should there be any questions.

Mr. Schmidt pointed out that a barrier free access facility provides fishing opportunities for all users, not just the handicapped. This is an outstanding project and the Department of Fish and Game has recently finished a similar project and it has received a lot of support and publicity.

Staff recommended that the Board approve this proposal for the construction of the barrier free fishing access project, as proposed; allocate \$77,300.00 from the Wildlife Restoration Fund; and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Bontadelli clarified that existing pilings that are sound will provide the base for the piers. It was discussed that it was Fish and Game's responsibility for the maintenance of the project. The project is on Fish and Game property and they have staff on the area already to provide maintenance.

Mr. Bontadelli asked if there were any questions or concerns, and since there was no further discussion, the following action was taken.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BARRIER FREE FISHING ACCESS PROJECT AT THE GRIZZLY ISLAND WILDLIFE AREA, SOLANO COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$77,300.00 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Lafayette Reservoir Fishing Access, Contra Costa County

Scope Change

Mr. Schmidt reported that this proposal was to consider a change in scope for a handicapped access project at Lafayette Reservoir, a project approved by the Board at its May 10, 1990, meeting. At that time, the Board allocated \$80,000 for the construction of a handicapped accessible fishing float to provide access into the deeper waters of this 126 acre lake.

Lafayette Reservoir is operated by the East Bay Municipal Utility District and is a very popular recreational area for east bay residents, providing boating, fishing and general day use activities. The District and the Department of Fish and Game stock trout in the reservoir under a matching cooperative fish stocking agreement. The District has also instituted a fishing fee; the proceeds of which are used to purchase and plant additional fish.

The project as originally approved has been constructed and is already providing many hours of fishing use to visitors. However, because the District used their staff to do much of the shore side improvements necessary for anchoring the float and providing access thereto, they only used \$50,622.75 of the original allocation.

They are now requesting an expansion of this project which would include the reconstruction of the small parking lot adjacent to the pier. This parking lot would provide seven handicapped parking spaces (increase of five) and two regular spaces.

In addition, the District proposes to pave a 1,200 lineal foot trail which leads from the recreation center and the parking area along the shore of the lake. It will open up many popular fishing areas to handicapped users as well as provide them with access to two fishing floats previously installed by the District.

Preliminary estimates for this additional work are \$12,500 for the trail, which includes clearing, grubbing, some excavation, asphaltic base and an asphaltic concrete (AC) overlay. Preliminary estimates for the parking lot are \$12,000 which includes the cost of some excavation, a 95 foot retaining wall, base rock and asphaltic concrete (AC) surface. Parking bumpers and striping will be included as required. Any costs incurred above the amount remaining (\$29,377.25) in the original Board allocation will be absorbed by the District.

Mr. Schmidt noted that Mr. Duke Foster from the East Bay Municipal Utility District was present should there be any questions.

Staff recommended this change in scope in light of the savings incurred in the original project due to the District's input and because of the increased fishing opportunities the additional project will provide. The additional work will be carried out by the East Bay Municipal Utility District under normal Board procedures which will include an amendment to our original agreement to provide for assured District operation and maintenance of the increased project area.

Staff therefore recommended that the Board approve this change in project scope as proposed; using funds remaining from the May 10, 1990, allocation and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CHANGE IN SCOPE TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL HANDICAPPED ACCESS AT LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; USING FUNDS REMAINING FROM THE MAY 10, 1990, \$80,000.00 WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND ALLOCATION; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. Sutter Creek Land Conservation Area, Amador County \$2,500.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that this was an opportunity to accept the donation of a conservation easement covering an area of approximately 210 acres. Mr. Giordano explained the area. The property is located adjacent to the City of Jackson and is bounded by Jackson Gate, China Graveyard and New York Ranch Roads.

The Jackson area like many foothill communities is experiencing rapid development, which in many cases is destroying prime wildlife habitat. In an effort to protect the family property from development and to preserve the existing wildlife and agriculture nature of the area, the owners of the subject property would like to grant a permanent conservation easement over their ranch. They, along with the Amador Land Trust and Foothill Conservancy, are working with other landowners in the Jackson area to encourage them to also consider placing conservation easements on their properties as a means of ensuring preservation of this habitat.

Under terms of the proposed conservation easement, the property would continue to be used for limited cattle grazing or for other agricultural or agricultural-related uses that will not adversely affect fish and wildlife habitat values. The property owners are granting their development rights to the State, except for improvements necessary for forage production and livestock grazing or for alternative agricultural uses as noted above. The benefits to the landowners will be similar to a permanent Williamson Act contract. The State will benefit from permanent protection of the existing wildlife habitat values of the area.

Habitat on the ranch is predominately oak grassland and the natural diversity of this area provides the ranch with a variety of wildlife species including raptors, such as red-tailed hawks, and game birds such as quail, band-tailed pigeons, doves and wild turkeys. Mammals which inhabit the area include deer, bobcats, fox, coyotes, rabbits, raccoons, gray squirrels and an occasional mountain lion. The Department of Fish and Game has recommended accepting the donation in order that preservation of these wildlife values will be guaranteed.

Management of this conservation easement will be assumed by the Department of Fish and Game. However, this will probably be limited to leaving the parcel in its existing condition with some minor habitat improvements possibly in the future. The easement does not include the right of public access over the property but does give the Department the right of access to monitor the terms of the easement. The only obligation of the Department will be to appropriately post the area as a refuge or preserve (i.e. Private Land Conservation Area) which is not open to hunting.

Since this is a donation, a formal appraisal was not made. However, a brief investigation of values in the area indicates that the value of this donation is approximately \$500,000, based upon the difference between agricultural lands and residential subdivision lands.

This proposal falls within Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions from CEQA requirements. Class 13 consists of the acquisition of lands for fish and wildlife conservation purposes.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Board endorsed the idea of a Land Conservation Area acquisition several years ago and has recommended to the Fish and Game Commission that they in turn adopt such a designation for lands acquired by this Board. Basically, how it works is that the State receives the development rights and the owner retains the right to use the property for certain agricultural purposes consistent with wildlife habitat. This particular owner wants to see his property remain in open space and wildlife habitat in perpetuity and has offered this donation. Staff is working with the owner on another donation of approximately the same value.

Mr. Schmidt noted that a letter of support had been received from the Defenders of Wildlife.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the acceptance of this conservation easement by donation as proposed; allocate \$2,500.00 from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for related processing costs; and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Bontadelli asked if there were any questions or concerns, and since there was no further discussion, the following action was taken.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF THE SUTTER CREEK LAND CONSERVATION AREA, AMADOR COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$2,500.00 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR RELATED PROCESSING COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Battson asked what happens on the death of the owners. Mr. Bontadelli responded that all development rights of the easement are a condition to the title of the property and must be sold that way.

Mr. Bontadelli requested that the Board Staff prepare a letter of thanks for the signature of the Chairman to the owners for their generous donation.

16. Suisun Marsh Habitat Enhancement Project, Solano County \$250,000.00
(AB 2090)

To consider an allocation to fund marsh habitat development, enhancement and maintenance work on privately owned duck clubs within the primary management area of the Suisun Marsh, as provided for in Assembly Bill No. 2090, Hannigan, (Chapter 1571, Statutes of 1982) and as proposed as an augmentation to the 1991/92 State Budget (SB 402).

MR. SCHMIDT REPORTED THAT THIS ITEM HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA AND WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED BECAUSE SB 402, A FUNDING BILL, WAS NOT PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

17. Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, Riverside County \$50,000.00

To consider an allocation to the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, which is to be matched by local funding sources, and is to be used as one time startup funds for the Conservancy.

MR. SCHMIDT REPORTED THAT THIS ITEM HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA AND WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED BECAUSE SB 402, A FUNDING BILL, WAS NOT PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

18. Cosumnes River Wildlife Area (Ducks Unlimited Grant-Wetlands),
Sacramento County \$505,000.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that this was a proposal to authorize a grant of \$500,000 to Ducks Unlimited (DU) to be used toward the purchase of one-half interest in a 492.23+ acre parcel of land in a cooperative acquisition/restoration project to be carried out with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). This is the first grant proposal to be considered by the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Inland Wetlands Conservation Program. Ms. Marilyn Cundiff-Gee explained the proposal. The property being considered for purchase with these grant funds is located along the lower Cosumnes River, within the Cosumnes River Wildlife Area Conceptual Plan. When purchased, it will tie the Department of Fish and Game's holdings at Lost Slough to The Nature Conservancy's Cosumnes Preserve land which in turn joins the Department of Fish and Game's Cosumnes River Wildlife Area on the Preserve's east boundary, providing nearly five miles of continuous protected habitat. The subject parcel lies between Interstate 5 on the west and Franklin Boulevard on the east, and is located approximately 20 miles south of Sacramento.

The proposed cooperative project objectives are fivefold and include plans to restore 483 acres of land previously used for agriculture to 393 acres of wetland, 67 acres of forested wetland, and 23 acres of upland habitat. The second general objective is to contribute toward one of the objectives of the Central Valley Habitat Joint Venture (CVHJV) by restoring wetland habitat in this area. The Delta region, which this proposal lies within, provides critical late winter habitat for a variety of waterfowl species

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including northern pintail, mallards, white-fronted geese and tundra swans. Thirdly, the acquisition will provide the acres necessary to contribute significantly to the design and overall objectives of the Cosumnes River Preserve Project. When restoration of this area is complete, approximately 460 additional acres of wetland habitat will be added to the Preserve. The fourth goal of this cooperative venture is to eventually provide for regulated public uses that are compatible with the primary wildlife objectives of the project. The preserve would provide recreational/educational opportunities for the many visitors to this area and in particular, the residents of Sacramento County and northern San Joaquin County. Finally, if acquired, a primary goal of this project will be to provide management emphasis for species and habitat that are endangered, threatened, or of special concern.

Specifically, there are eight federal or state-listed threatened, endangered or candidate species that will benefit from this proposed acquisition and restoration project. These include the Swainson's hawk (FC, ST), the American peregrine falcon (FE, SE), the Greater sandhill crane (ST), the tricolored blackbird (FC), the white-faced ibis (FC), the bank swallow (ST), the Giant garter snake (ST), and the Valley elderberry long-horned beetle (FT).

The 492.23+ acre parcel has been appraised for \$1,082,900 or \$2,200 per acre. Staff has received verbal approval of the appraisal from the Department of General Services. The market value of a one-half interest in the property would therefore exceed the grant amount by over \$40,000. The acquisition is exempt from CEQA under Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions as an acquisition for wildlife purposes. Staff estimates that \$5,000 will be needed for administrative costs.

The Inland Wetlands Conservation Program which was added to the Board's normal program on January 1, 1991, authorizes the Board to make grants to nonprofit groups for wetland acquisition and enhancement purposes. This project certainly qualifies for these funds. Grant guidelines have been drafted by staff to implement this program. Included in these guidelines are provisions which protect the State's investment by requiring deed provisions guaranteeing the property's use for wildlife habitat in perpetuity. In addition, the guidelines require a matching contribution from grant applicants.

Ducks Unlimited has agreed to match the Board's grant in a very unique way. These matching funds (\$500,000) will be credited to the fund raising goal, established by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, in the name of the State of California and designated for use consistent with the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. This money, along with contributions from other states and private entities, will then be matched by other funding sources and then be sent to Canada for restoration and enhancement of wetland habitat in Canada. In other words, the proposed grant will not only benefit wetland habitat in California (\$500,000), but will also benefit the populations of waterfowl that winter in California by providing improved and expanded nesting habitat for them when they return to Canada during the spring breeding season.

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The property will be managed and maintained through a joint agreement with Ducks Unlimited, Bureau of Land Management and The Nature Conservancy.

Mr. Schmidt reported that this project would be an exciting project as it kicks off the Inland Wetlands Conservation Program and it ties a large block of state, private and federal properties together providing five miles of continuous protected habitat.

Staff therefore recommended that the Board approve the award of this grant as proposed; allocate \$505,000.00 from the Habitat Conservation Fund for purposes of the Inland Wetlands Conservation Program; and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Ms. Holly Liberato, Ducks Unlimited (DU), was present and thanked the Board for the opportunity for being the first grantee. Ms. Liberato reported that it is a unique funding opportunity. She further explained that the restoration dollars are also a unique funding opportunity. The proposal was put together under the Mitchell Bill funding and DU received EPA dollars from Sacramento County to put in DU's match. The match for the Inland Program is also unique in the fact that DU's match will come in a contribution and matching dollars to Canada projects.

Mr. Bontadelli noted for the record, as he is a member of the National Wetlands Council that approves Mitchell Bill funding, that this particular project, the whole Cosumnes Development Program, was one of the areas that was targeted as beneficial in terms of overall North American wetlands protection and within the National priorities for wetlands eligible to receive matching funds from the Federal Government under this program. He thanked Ducks Unlimited for helping to put together a program that is beneficial to the overall national and statewide program.

Mr. Bontadelli asked if there were any questions or concerns, and since there was no further discussion, the following action was taken.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE GRANT AWARD FOR THE COSUMNES RIVER WILDLIFE AREA (DUCKS UNLIMITED GRANT-WETLANDS), SACRAMENTO COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$505,000.00 FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND FOR PURPOSES OF THE INLAND WETLANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

19. Other Business

a. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Schmidt advised that a vote was needed on the Consent Calendar Items #4 and #6, unless someone wanted an item pulled.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS #4 AND #6 AS PROPOSED IN THE INDIVIDUAL AGENDA EXPLANATIONS, INCLUDING FUNDING AS NOTED THEREIN.

MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Ms. Burton requested that especially when there are barrier free access proposals on the agenda that it be pursued to schedule the meetings in hearing rooms that are accessible to the disabled. Mr. Schmidt agreed and indicated that this is staff's goal but our room location was only changed today because of another hearing.

Mr. Burton asked to have a presentation on how projects are selected and what the priorities are for selection. It was decided that the Department of Fish and Game's Lands Committee would make this presentation at the next scheduled Wildlife Conservation Board meeting.

Ms. Burton also requested an analysis and perspective from the staff on the impacts on local government when acquiring large pieces of land, particularly in rural areas, where the loss of tax revenues could have a bigger impact than it might have in a larger community. It was also decided that this would be scheduled for the next Wildlife Conservation Board meeting.

There being no further business to consider, Mr. Bontadelli thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:42.

Respectfully submitted,



W. John Schmidt
Executive Director

PROGRAM STATEMENT

At the close of the meeting on November 5, 1991, the amount allocated to projects since the Wildlife Conservation Board's inception in 1947 totaled \$300,264,587.36. This total includes funds reimbursed by the Federal Government under the Accelerated Public Works Program completed in 1966, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, the Anadromous Fish Act Program, the Pittman-Robertson Program, and the Estuarine Sanctuary Program.

The statement includes projects completed under the 1964 State Beach, Park, Recreational and Historical Facilities Bond Act, the 1970 Recreation and Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Bond Fund, the Bagley Conservation Fund, the State Beach, Park, Recreational and Historical Facilities Bond Act of 1974, the General Fund, the Energy Resources Fund, the Environmental License Plate Fund, the State, Urban and Coastal Park Bond Act of 1976, the 1984 Parklands Bond Act, the 1984 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Bond Act, the California Wildlife Coastal and Park Land Conservation Act of 1988, Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund of 1988, California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 and the Wildlife Restoration Fund.

a.	Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$16,005,271.06
b.	Fish Habitat Preservation, Development & Improvement	17,517,376.61
	1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement .	\$ 3,063,613.05
	2. Stream Clearance and Improvement	11,616,575.37
	3. Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	467,219.86
	4. Marine Habitat	646,619.07
	5. Fish Screens, Ladders and Weir Projects	1,723,349.26
c.	Fishing Access Projects	33,509,197.34
	1. Coastal and Bay	\$ 3,073,174.92
	2. River and Aqueduct Access	7,032,819.31
	3. Lake and Reservoir Access	6,228,733.81
	4. Piers	17,174,469.30
d.	Game Farm Projects	146,894.49
e.	Wildlife Habitat Acq., Development & Improvement Projects ..	225,324,480.37
	1. Wildlife Areas (General)	\$ 144,382,565.67
	2. Miscellaneous Wildlife Habitat Dev. ..	4,730,841.55
	3. Wildlife Areas/EcoReserves, (Threatened, Endangered or Unique Habitat)	76,208,573.15
	4. Land Conservation Areas	2,500.00
f.	Hunting Access Projects	533,743.57
g.	Miscellaneous Projects	6,258,012.87
h.	Special Project Allocations	311,995.42
i.	Miscellaneous Public Access Projects	657,615.63

Total Allocated to Projects \$300,264,587.36