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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

November 18, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Preliminary Agenda Items

The public and Board members will participate in the meeting via Zoom. A recording will be posted after the meeting.

Item Number

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Public Forum for Items not on the Agenda
- 3. Funding Status Informational
- 4. Executive Director's Report

Consent Items

5. Recovery of Funds

6. TNC 1000 Acre Ranch Donation Colusa County

To consider the acceptance of a donation of 60± acres of land as an expansion to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Stegeman Unit of the Sacramento River Wildlife Area (SRWA) for preservation, restoration, and maintenance of riparian habitat for special status species and for wildlife oriented public recreation, located near Colusa in Colusa County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(b).]

7. TNC Boeger Ranch Donation Colusa County

To consider the acceptance of a donation of 110± acres of land as an expansion to CDFW's SRWA for preservation, restoration, and maintenance of riparian habitat for special status species and for wildlife oriented public recreation, located near Colusa in Colusa County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(b).]

8. Hudeman Slough Boat Launch Construction Sonoma County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Sonoma County Regional Parks for a cooperative project with the Department of Boating and Waterways and CDFW to enhance the Hudeman Slough boat launch for boating, angling, hunting, and birding located in Sonoma County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

9. Quail Ridge UC Davis Natural Reserve System, Expansion 1 \$100,000 Napa County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Regents of the University of California, Davis to acquire 35± acres of land for the protection of blue oak woodlands, chaparral communities, perennial water resources, and provide future wildlifeoriented, public-use opportunities, located near the community of Moskowite Corner in Napa County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)(3).]

10. American River Ranch Animal Management and Education \$142,545 Program Planning

Sacramento County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Soil Born Farms for a planning project to develop a program to manage farm animals for habitat maintenance and educational purposes, and to develop final designs for a new animal barn facility located on publicly owned land within the American River Parkway, located one mile northwest of the center of the city of Ranch Cordova in Sacramento County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80100(a)(3).]

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11. American River Ranch Habitat Restoration Sacramento County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Soil Born Farms for a project to restore oak woodland habitat located on publicly owned land within the American River Parkway, located one mile northwest of the center of the city of Ranch Cordova in Sacramento County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80100(a)(3).]

12. Cal Expo and Woodlake Crossing Planning Sacramento County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks for a trail crossing and habitat restoration planning project on publicly owned land within the American River Parkway, located approximately three miles northeast of the State Capitol in Sacramento County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80100(a)(3).]

13. Bolinas Lagoon South End Habitat Adaptation and Resilience \$227,998 Planning

Marin County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Greater Farallones Association for a cooperative project with Marin County Open Space, County of Marin, Seadrift Homeowners Association, Audubon Canyon Ranch, and multiple private landowners to design a multi-benefit project to protect and restore degraded and missing wetland-upland transition zone habitat to enable long-term marsh migration for climate adaptation and resilience in the southern end of Bolinas Lagoon located in Marin County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

14. Grizzly Island Wildlife Area Pump Station 7 Solano County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with CDFW to rebuild Pump Station 7, within the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, nine miles southeast of Suisun City in Solano County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

15. East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP (Pugh) Contra Costa County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (ECCCHC) for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and approval to subgrant these federal funds to ECCCHC and EBRPD to acquire 80± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing wildlife linkages, including annual grasslands and alkali grasslands within the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan, located near the community of Byron in Contra Costa County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(c).]

\$297,949

\$149,400

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16. San Joaquin Basin Regional Conservation Investment Strategy \$761,000 San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to Reclamation District 2092 for a project to develop and complete a final draft of the San Joaquin Basin Regional Conservation Investment Strategy, covering the San Joaquin Basin in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, and Fresno counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(a).]

17. Tuolumne River Educational Center, Reeves Property (La Grange) \$110,000 Stanislaus County

To consider the acquisition in fee of $24\pm$ acres of land by CDFW to provide public access, expand educational opportunities for schools and the public, and provide other future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located near the community of La Grange in Stanislaus County. [Proposition 40, Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)(4).]

18. White Mountain Research Center Energy and Water Efficiency \$299,550 Inyo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the University of California, Los Angeles, for a project to install a battery bank at Crooked Creek Station, a new domestic well, a 600-amp service panel, and a 52KW solar carport at Owens Valley Station at the White Mountain Research Center four miles east of Bishop in Inyo County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(c).]

19. Llagas Creek and Pajaro River Confluence Restoration Planning \$221,600 San Benito, Santa Clara Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency for a cooperative project with Open Space Authority and Santa Clara Valley Water District to plan, design, and permit for a project that will enhance habitat conditions along lower Llagas Creek and the Pajaro River and support regional species conservation, land use, water quality, and flood protection priorities, located in Santa Clara and San Benito Counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

20. Campbell Ranch, Expansion 1 Santa Barbara County

\$374,306

To consider the allocation of a grant to the Land Trust of Santa Barbara County (LTSBC), and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Recovery Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to LTSBC to acquire a 328±-acre conservation easement for the protection and preservation of existing California tiger salamander populations and regional wildlife and habitat linkages, including grassland, oak woodland, oak savanna, and seasonal wetlands located near Lompoc in Santa Barbara County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b)(c).]

21. Western Riverside MSHCP (2017) KS California Riverside County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (WRCRCA) and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to WRCRCA, to acquire 20± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered species and protection of a migration corridor for compatible public uses consistent with the implementation of the Western Riverside Multi-Species HCP/NCCP located near Murrieta in Riverside County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

22. Western Riverside MSHCP (2017) Lafleur Riverside County

To consider the allocation for a grant to WRCRCA and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to WRCRCA, to acquire 20± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered species and protection of a migration corridor for compatible public uses consistent with the implementation of the Western Riverside Multi-Species HCP/NCCP located near Murrieta in Riverside County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

23. Western Riverside MSHCP (2017) TNC/Schumacher Riverside County

To consider the allocation for a grant to WRCRCA and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to WRCRCA, to acquire 52± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered species and protection of a migration corridor for compatible public uses consistent with the implementation of the Western Riverside Multi-Species HCP/NCCP located near Murrieta in Riverside County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

24. El Monte Preserve Cactus Scrub Restoration San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Earth Discovery Institute for a cooperative project with Endangered Habitats Conservancy to restore 15 acres of cactus scrub habitat in the El Monte Preserve, to implement part of the County of San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan Subarea Plan, located six miles northeast of Santee in San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

25. Morrison Pond Restoration and Enhancement San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation for a project to restore 3.45 acres of coastal sage scrub habitat and enhance 19.3 acres of riparian habitat, located on the County of San Diego's Sweetwater Summit Regional Park in the community of Bonita in San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

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Proposed Items

26. Los Gatos Creek Watershed Fire Resiliency Santa Clara, Santa Cruz Counties

To consider the allocation of a grant to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for a cooperative project with CAL FIRE to reduce fuel loads and increase forest resiliency on 353 acres of land located on multiple Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Preserves (Sierra Azul, Long Ridge, Saratoga Gap, and Bear Creek Redwoods) in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. [General Fund, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Provision.]

27. Grasslands Ecological Area Water Conveyance Enhancement \$841,000 Merced County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Grassland Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with Grassland Water District to enhance water conveyance infrastructure within the Grasslands Ecological Area in Merced County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

28. San Joaquin River Parkway, River West Eaton Trail Extension \$3,104,831 Planning

Fresno County

To consider the allocation for a grant to City of Fresno for a project to plan and design an extension of the Lewis S. Eaton Trail and public access to River West, located on San Joaquin River Conservancy land within the city of Fresno in Fresno County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75050(f)].

29. Carr Lake Restoration Planning Monterey County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Big Sur Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Laural Foundation to complete planning, design, and permitting necessary to create a new 73-acre multi-benefit park and open space within the city of Salinas in Monterey County. [Proposition 40, Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)(1).]

30. Attiyeh Ranch Conservation Easements San Luis Obispo County

\$3,880,000

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County for a cooperative project with the Department of Conservation and the State Coastal Conservancy to acquire conservation easements over 7,682± acres of land to protect and preserve native oak woodlands, deer, and mountain lions and maintain wildlife corridors near Bradley in San Luis Obispo County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

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\$776,000

31. Sespe Cienega Ecological Reserve Wetland and Riparian \$991,000 Restoration

Ventura County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Regents of the University of California, Santa Barbara for a cooperative project with CDFW to restore willow-cottonwood riparian woodland, emergent freshwater marsh, and patches of riparian and coastal sage scrub on 20 acres near Fillmore in Ventura County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

32. West Coyote Hills Orange County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Fullerton (City) for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy and others, and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the City to acquire 10± acres of land for the protection of an open space resource with wildlife and endangered species habitat, wildlife corridors, and to provide future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities, located in the city of Fullerton in Orange County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b)(c).]

33. Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration Planning San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Diego Association of Governments for a planning project to provide initial designs and engineering studies necessary to enhance the biological function and recreational values of the 240-acre Buena Vista Lagoon by restoring tidal connectivity and addressing increased sedimentation, invasive vegetation encroachment, and degraded water quality, located in CDFW's Buena Vista Lagoon Ecological Reserve in San Diego County. [Proposition 50, Water Code Section 79572(a).]

34. Del Mar Mesa Habitat Restoration San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Chaparral Lands Conservancy for a cooperative project with the City of San Diego to restore and enhance five acres of vernal pool wetlands and adjacent upland vegetation on the Del Mar Mesa Preserve in San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

35. Kendall-Frost Field Station and Learning Center Enhancement \$988,111 San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Regents of the University of California, San Diego for a 1,700 sq/ft ADA compliant modular structure with classroom space for students, a workspace for field researchers, an observation/viewing deck, storage facility, restrooms, a food preparation area, improved accessibility/access, and space for overnight accommodations at the Kendall-Frost Marsh Reserve in

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the city of San Diego, within San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(c).]

36. San Diego County MSCP – Crestlake San Diego County

\$930,000

To consider the allocation of a grant to the Endangered Habitats Conservancy (EHC) and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to EHC to acquire a conservation easement over 304± acres to preserve wildlife corridors, habitat linkages, and to provide wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities located near Alpine in San Diego County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(b/c).]

37. Board Resolutions

38. 2022 Board Meeting Dates

The Board will be asked to approve WCB meetings dates for 2022:

Thursday, February 24, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 26, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 25, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 17, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn

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