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NOTICE OF MEETING

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

November 17, 2011
10:00 AM
1/ State Capitol, Room 112
Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status – Informational
3. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4 – 19)
- *4. Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2011 and September 13, 2011
- *5. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *6. Island Ranch Wetland Habitat Enhancement \$142,000.00
Shasta County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a cooperative project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the North American Wetland Conservation Act to restore and enhance wetland habitat on privately owned property 6.5 miles north of Fall River Mills in Shasta County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the enhancement or restoration of wetlands to protect or enhance a flood protection corridor or bypass outside the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d)(1E), Wetlands Outside the Central Valley]

- *7. Bass Hill/Lassen Creek Conservation Easement \$426,000.00
(Hulsman)
Lassen County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Lassen Land and Trails Trust, Inc. to acquire a conservation easement over 535± acres located adjacent to the Department of Fish and Game's Bass Hill Wildlife Area for protection of important wildlife habitat values, watershed protection and habitat linkage for deer populations in Lassen County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of deer, oak woodland and mountain lion habitat and for the protection of habitat within a floodplain or flood corridor. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)(1E)]

- *8. Lassen Foothills, Expansion 7 (Kerstiens Ranch) \$815,000.00
Tehama County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a conservation easement over 2,311± acres of land for protection of deer, mountain lion habitat and native oak woodlands. The property is located in southeast Tehama County and approximately eight miles southeast of Red Bluff, California. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of deer, oak woodland and mountain lion habitat and for the protection of habitat within a floodplain or flood corridor [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)(1E)]

- *9. DFG Land Management Plan, Bay Delta Region \$297,000.00
Yolo and Solano Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Wildlife Foundation for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game to complete and deliver a land management plan for Liberty Island located in Solano and Yolo Counties. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the preparation of land management plans for properties acquired in fee by the Wildlife Conservation Board. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

- *10. Eden Landing Ecological Reserve \$304,000.00
Wetland Restoration Final Design
Alameda County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game to complete final design plans for a tidal wetland restoration project on Ponds E12 and E13, located on the Eden Landing Ecological Reserve in Alameda County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the restoration of coastal wetlands, upland areas adjacent to coastal wetlands and coastal watershed lands within the San Francisco Bay Area. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79572(c)]

- *11. San Joaquin Multi-Species Conservation Plan 2008 \$235,000.00
Vaquero Farm Central
Contra Costa County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy, for a cooperative project with the East Bay Parks District and the Moore Foundation, to acquire 320± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing regional wildlife linkages, including valley floor and foothill grassland, oak woodland, oak woodland savannah, riparian woodland, emergent wetland, and vernal pool habitat areas within the East Contra Costa County Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan. The property is located in the Diablo Range in the town of Byron, in Contra Costa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat for areas in and around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that assist in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking

Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection
Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c),
(SB8)]

- *12. Pacifica Fishing Pier Improvements, Phase II \$249,000.00
San Mateo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Pacifica to improve public access for sport fishing at the Pacifica Fishing Pier located in the City of Pacifica in San Mateo County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife compatible recreational activities. [Wildlife Restoration Fund]

- *13. San Francisco Bay Community-based \$415,000.00
Salt Pond Transition Zone Restoration
San Mateo and Alameda Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to Save The Bay for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to restore 251± acres of transitional zone habitat adjacent to former salt ponds, located on the Eden Landing Ecological Reserve and the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Alameda and San Mateo Counties. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the restoration of coastal wetlands, upland areas adjacent to coastal wetlands and coastal watershed lands within the San Francisco Bay Area. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79572(c)]

- *14. Central Coast Farm Restoration \$201,000.00
Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Wild Farm Alliance for a cooperative project with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop native plant hedgerows that provide wildlife habitat and corridors and help improve agricultural operations by providing vegetation that attracts pollinators, suppresses non-native weeds and improves water quality through slope stabilization, on three farms, near the towns of Tres Pinos, Prunedale, and Soquel, in San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz Counties. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for projects to assist farmers in integrating agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration and wildlife protection. [Safe Drinking

Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection
Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(d)(4)]

- *15. San Joaquin River Parkway, Sycamore Island, \$361,000.00
North Channel Crossing Construction
Madera County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Department of Water Resources to construct a steel arch culvert crossing at the North Channel of Sycamore Island, within the San Joaquin River Parkway located downstream of the State Highway 41 crossing in Madera County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for river parkway projects identified by the San Joaquin River Conservancy. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75050(f)]

- *16. Castle Wetland Hydrology Enhancement \$85,000.00
Merced County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a cooperative project with the landowner to replace an existing deep well pump on privately owned property, located 10 miles southwest of the town of Merced, in Merced County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the enhancement or restoration of wetlands in the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program]

- *17. Lower Owens River Basin Saltcedar Control, Phase II \$385,000.00
Inyo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Inyo County Water Department for the final phase of a 10-year cooperative project with the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water & Power, to remove the nonnative invasive plant, saltcedar (Tamarisk spp.), from 400 acres of Lower Owens River floodplain habitat to restore native plant diversity. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the restoration or enhancement of riparian habitat to protect or enhance a flood protection corridor or bypass. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f)(1E)]

- *18. Santa Rosa Mountains, Expansions 11—13 \$141,250.00
Riverside County

To consider the acquisition in fee of 50± acres of land by the Department of Fish and Game for a cooperative project with Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy and U. S. Fish and Wildlife for the protection of Peninsular bighorn sheep habitat and to provide future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities, as an expansion to the DFG's Santa Rosa Wildlife Area located south of the City of La Quinta in Riverside County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that implements or assists in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)]

- *19. Western Riverside County MSHCP, Expansion 6 \$25,000.00
Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District, for a cooperative project with the Redevelopment Agency of the County of Riverside and the Riverside Land Conservancy, to acquire in fee 138± acres of land for the protection of core areas of habitat that will benefit threatened and endangered species found on the property, secure key regional wildlife linkages and enhance the existing Multiple Species Conservation Plan, a joint Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan on the east side of Pyrite Road, north of Granite Hill Drive and State Highway 60, in the community of Sunnyslope, in Riverside County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that provides matching funds for the acquisition and protection of habitat or habitat corridors that promote recovery of threatened and endangered species or fully protected species. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Proposition 12), Public Resources Code Section 5096.350(a)(5)]

20. Bear Creek Working Forest \$7,805,000.00
Siskiyou and Shasta Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Pacific Forest Trust to acquire a conservation easement over 8,230± acres of working forest lands allowing for continued forest management, passive public use and enhancing the protection of forest, meadow, riparian, fisheries and water resources. The property is located north and south of Highway 89 in a rural area of the southern Cascade Mountain Range in Shasta and Siskiyou Counties near the communities of

McCloud, Pondosa and Bartle. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that promotes ecological integrity and economic stability of California's diverse native forests and promotes the conservation and protection of productive managed forest lands, forest reserve areas, redwood forests and other forest types including the conservation of water resources and natural habitats for native fish, wildlife and plants found on these lands. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(a)]

21. Lassen Foothills, Expansion 8 (Lower Deer Creek Falls) \$1,100,000.00
Tehama County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Northern California Regional Land Trust for a cooperative project with Western Rivers Conservancy and the Department of Fish and Game to acquire fee title to 599± acres of land for the expansion of the Lassen Foothills Conservation Area, located northeast of Chico along a State Highway 32 in Tehama County. The project will protect approximately 1.4 miles of riparian corridor along Deer Creek and surrounding forest and oak woodlands, including habitat for deer and mountain lion, Chinook salmon, western pond turtle and mountain yellow-legged frog and allow for the expansion of appropriate wildlife-oriented public use. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species within a floodplain or corridor and for wildlife-oriented public use. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)(1E)]

22. Goodwin Sierra Valley Ranch Conservation Easement \$2,214,500.00
Plumas County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Rangeland Trust to acquire a conservation easement over 2,946± acres of working ranch land allowing for continued livestock grazing and other permitted agricultural uses while enhancing the protection of meadow, watershed, riparian, fisheries and wetland resources. The property is located north and south of Highway 70, just east of the town of Beckworth in Sierra Valley. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that provides funding for protection of deer, mountain lion, and for the protection of habitat within a floodplain or flood corridor, including the conservation of water resources and natural habitats for native fish, wildlife and plants found on these lands. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)(1E)]

23. Webber Lake/Lacey Meadows \$5,010,000.00
Sierra and Nevada Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Truckee Donner Land Trust to acquire 2,995± acres of land for the protection of significant alpine and wet-meadow habitat, protection of the upper watershed and source of the Little Truckee River and allow for continued conservation-based management and wildlife-oriented public use of the property, located north of the town of Truckee, in Nevada and Sierra Counties. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat to protect rare and endangered species, wildlife corridors and significant natural landscapes and ecosystems, such as old growth redwoods, oak woodlands and other significant habitat areas and pursuant to the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

24. San Joaquin Multi-Species Conservation Plan 2008 \$1,010,750.00
(Affinito)
Contra Costa County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy, for a cooperative project with the East Bay Parks District, to acquire 116± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing regional wildlife linkages, including valley floor and foothill grassland, oak woodland, oak woodland savannah, riparian woodland, emergent wetland, and vernal pool habitat areas within the East Contra Costa County Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan. The property is located in the City of Pittsburg. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat for areas in and around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that assist in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c), (SB8)]

25. Black Mountain Preserve, Expansion 4 (Kimbler) \$1,240,000.00
Fresno County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Sierra Foothill Conservancy to acquire conservation easements over 2,011± acres of land for the protection of grazing lands, grasslands, and blue oak woodlands that benefit sensitive and

protected species, and to advance the development of a corridor among existing protected areas for migrating wildlife, located between Prather and Tollhouse in Fresno County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and protection of habitat to promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species, to provide corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent habitat fragmentation, and to protect significant natural landscapes and ecosystems and other significant habitat areas. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

26. Strategic Planning Informational/Action Item

To provide information and receive Board direction on undertaking a strategic planning process.

27. Disclosure of Appraisal Information Informational

To provide the Board with an update regarding policies governing disclosure of appraisal information.