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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Martis Valley
Nevada County and Placer County
Project ID 2006082

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) through the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) is involved in a land acquisition program that is focused on the long-range protection and enhancement of habitat for fish and wildlife. Possibilities for acquisition are identified by the DFG in response to public interest, legislative mandate, and departmental goals.

This letter is to advise you that the WCB will consider the allocation of a grant to the Truckee Donner Land Trust to assist in its acquisition of 1,481± acres of land for the preservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat, identified as Nevada County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 49-040-20, 49-040-21, 49-040-22, 49-040-23, and 49-050-01, and Placer County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 110-010-017, 110-010-018, 110-010-021, 110-010-022, 110-010-023, 110-010-026, and 110-010-027. This proposal is scheduled for the May 24, 2007, Board meeting. A copy of the preliminary agenda is enclosed for your review. A full agenda will follow within two weeks. You may view all agendas and minutes, and/or subscribe to receive them via email, on our website at www.wcb.ca.gov.

If you have any questions about this proposal or wish more information, please feel free to contact me at (916) 445-0137.

Sincerely,

John P. Donnelly
Executive Director

Enclosure

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NOTICE OF MEETING

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

May 24, 2007
 10:00 A.M.
 1/ State Capitol, Room 113
 Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Election of Chair
- 3. Funding Status – Informational
- 4. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 6-20)
- 5. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 15 and March 15 and 28, 2007
- *6. Recovery of Funds
- *7. Wilson Creek Riparian Corridor, Expansions 4 and 5, \$10,000.00
 Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a Habitat Conservation Planning Land Acquisition Grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the authorization to enter into an Agreement to Subgrant the federal funds to the County of Riverside to be applied toward its acquisition of two separate properties totaling 354+ acres for the protection of threatened and endangered species including the San Diego horned lizard, orange-throated whiptail, coastal western whiptail, and the coast patch-nosed snake and to establish a wildlife movement corridor located east of Temecula, south of Hemet near State Highways 79 and 371, in the County of Riverside. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Prop. 12), Section 5096.350(a)(5)]

* Proposed Consent Calendar
 1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *8. San Jacinto Wildlife Area, Expansion 29, Riverside County \$211,000.00
- To consider the acceptance of a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$211,000.00 for the acquisition of 16± acres of land, as an addition to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, for the protection of wildlife habitat located southeasterly of the City of Moreno Valley near Mystic Lake, in Riverside County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (b/c) (Prop. 50)]
- *9. Department of Fish and Game Land Management Plans, \$221,000.00
Inland Deserts Region, Phase II, Riverside County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Wildlife Foundation to provide oversight for the completion and delivery of a land management plan for Department of Fish and Game's 21,000-acre San Jacinto Wildlife Area, located in Riverside County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]
- *10. La Sierra Canyon, Los Angeles County \$5,000.00
- To consider the acceptance of a Recovery Land Acquisition Grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the authorization to enter into an Agreement to Subgrant the federal funds to the County of Los Angeles, Parks and Recreation, to be applied toward its acquisition of 30± acres of vacant land for the protection of valuable wildlife habitat, in Los Angeles County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (b/c) (Prop. 50)]
- *11. Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve, Expansion 12, \$550,000.00
Monterey County
- To consider the acquisition of 42± acres of land as an addition to the Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve for the preservation and protection of wildlife habitat located south of the City of Watsonville, in Monterey County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (b/c)]
- *12. Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve, Expansion 13, \$325,000.00
Monterey County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation to assist in the acquisition of 7± acres of privately-owned land as an addition to the Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve for the preservation and protection of critical wildlife habitat found in the slough area, located in the town of Castroville, in Monterey County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (b/c) and Section 2786 (b/c) (Prop. 50)]

- *13. San Joaquin River Parkway, Ball Ranch Site Enhancement, Fresno County \$66,000.00
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Joaquin River Conservancy to demolish and remove old, uninhabitable, dilapidated structures and debris to enhance public use and habitat conservation opportunities at the Conservancy's Ball Ranch located in Fresno County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650 (b)(5)]
- *14. San Joaquin River Parkway, Lost Lake Regional Park Master Plan, Fresno County \$400,158.00
- To consider the allocation for a cooperative project with the County of Fresno to develop a master plan for improving Lost Lake Regional Park and to perform an environmental review of the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650 (b)(5)]
- *15. Ingomar Ranch Wetland Restoration, Merced County \$70,000.00
- To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with the Landowner, the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore 237± acres of seasonal wetlands and 13± acres of associated uplands located on privately-owned property one mile east of the intersection of Ingomar and Cottonwood Roads, approximately five miles southeast of the City of Gustine in Merced County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d) IWCP]
- *16. San Pedro Creek Fish Passage Improvement, San Mateo County \$300,000.00
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Pacifica for a cooperative project to improve passage for steelhead in San Pedro Creek by removing a box culvert and existing log booms, and installing rock vane weirs and a new bridge structure across the creek, located on city-owned property approximately 1.5 miles upstream from the Pacific Ocean in San Mateo County. [General Fund (CRHCP)]
- *17. Loch Lomond Marina, Intertidal Enhancement, Marin County \$207,775.00
- To consider the allocation for a grant to The Bay Institute to support its Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW) project in eradicating an introduced non-native snail species (Japanese Mud Snail) at two locations at Loch Lomond Marina in San Rafael, Marin County. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop. 50), Section 79572 (c)]

- *18. North Sutter Bypass Ranch Wetland Enhancement, \$45,000.00
Sutter County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with the Landowner, the Department of Fish and Game, the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to enhance 177± acres of seasonal wetlands and associated uplands located on privately-owned property in the Sutter Bypass at the western terminus of Lincoln Road, approximately eight miles west of the City of Yuba City in Sutter County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d) IWCP and Section 2786 (d) IWCP (Prop. 50)]

- *19. Battle Creek Wildlife Area Bridge Replacement, \$154,550.00
Shasta County

To consider a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game to remove the dilapidated foot bridge and replace it with a new foot bridge for pedestrians, vehicles, and equipment use. The new bridge will be placed 300 feet west of the current bridge located approximately 15 miles southeast of the town of Anderson, east and upstream from the Sacramento River, in Shasta County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop 40), Section 5096.650]

- *20. Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Wetland Restoration, Yolo County \$470,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association for the restoration of 350± acres of agricultural lands within the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area to semi-permanent and seasonal wetlands and to upgrade an existing pump station to improve water supplies for the management of 810± acres of wetlands and nearly 2,800 acres of wildlife-friendly agricultural fields located approximately 1.5 miles south of Highway 80, and just west of West Sacramento, in Yolo County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d) IWCP]

21. Santa Ana – Palomar Mountain Linkage \$1,580,000.00
(Department of Defense – Margarita Peak), San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Trust for Public Land for a cooperative project with the Department of Defense, the Fallbrook Land Conservancy, and the Department of Fish and Game to assist with the acquisition of 1,206± acres of land to protect significant open space corridors and provide connectivity to the Cleveland National Forest, located south of the Cleveland National Forest and north of Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, in San Diego County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]

22. Santa Rosa Mountains, Expansion 8, Riverside County \$756,000.00

To consider the acquisition of 100± acres of land as an expansion of the Santa Rosa Mountains and the acceptance of two grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service totaling \$924,000.00 to be applied toward the purchase of the property for the protection of critical habitat for peninsular bighorn sheep located south of Avenue 62 and west of Jefferson Street, in the city of La Quinta, in Riverside County. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Prop. 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(5)]

23. Topanga State Park Rodeo Grounds Stream Restoration, \$1,591,300.00
Los Angeles County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the removal of a berm and structures, and revegetation of the site known as the Rodeo Grounds at Topanga Creek in Topanga State Park, located in Los Angeles County, just upstream from the Pacific Coast Highway and Topanga Canyon Boulevard. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop. 50), Section 79572 (a)]

24. Parker Ranch, Kern County \$1,515,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy to assist in the acquisition of a conservation easement over 9,576± acres of land for the protection of rangeland, grazing land, and grasslands, located near Caliente, in the County of Kern. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650 (f) Rangeland]

25. California Fisheries Restoration Projects – 2007, \$1,153,073.00
San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Del Norte Counties

To consider approval of an interagency agreement with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) for funding to assist in the restoration of fisheries habitat and to improve fish passage at four locations identified by the DFG's Fisheries Restoration Grant Program. The projects will be implemented on private and public property in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Del Norte Counties. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]

26. San Antonio Valley, Santa Clara County \$4,730,000.00

To consider the acquisition of a 2,899± acre real property for the protection of sensitive plant and animal species and valuable habitat linkages to adjacent public lands, located approximately 20 miles east of San Jose and 25 miles south of Livermore, in Santa Clara County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]

27. Bahia Wetland Restoration, Phase I, Marin County \$835,800.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Marin Audubon Society to fund Phase I of a tidal wetland restoration project on 386± acres owned by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) known as the Bahia Unit of the Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area, and on 39± acres controlled by the State Lands Commission and managed by DFG, known as Mahoney Spur, and to restore upland and wetland habitat on East Bahia, a 58± acre parcel owned by the Marin Audubon Society adjacent to DFG lands in Marin County. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop. 50), Section 79572 (c)]

28. Putah Creek Fishing Access Improvements, Yolo County \$562,606.00

To consider the allocation for a cooperative project with the County of Yolo to make extensive improvements to the Department of Fish and Game's Putah Creek Fishing Access sites 1, 2, 3, and 4 located east of the town of Winters between Lake Solano Park and Lake Berryessa. The project will include constructing barrier-free trails and fishing platforms, restrooms, and informational kiosks. Interpretive and informational signage will be installed and the existing parking areas, access roads, and park host area will be improved. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]

29. Putah Creek North (Bobcat Ranch), Yolo County \$6,360,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to Audubon California to assist in the acquisition of 6,810± acres of vacant land, together with the acceptance of a conservation easement over the property by Department of Fish and Game, for the protection of native grasslands, oak woodlands, and riparian habitat located north of State Highway 128, approximately three miles west of Winters, in Napa and Yolo Counties. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]

30. Martis Valley, Nevada and Placer Counties \$6,510,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Truckee Donner Land Trust to assist in a cooperative project with The Trust for Public Land for the acquisition of 1,481± acres of vacant land for the protection of a critical deer migration corridor, mountain lion and wetland habitats, and to provide recreational opportunities for the public located approximately one-half mile east of the Truckee-Tahoe Airport, in Martis Valley, in Nevada and Placer Counties. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786(a) and California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]

31. Eel River Wildlife Area (Salt River Unit), Humboldt County \$920,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Western Rivers Conservancy and the acceptance of a National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service together with the authorization to enter into an Agreement to Subgrant those federal funds to the Conservancy, in a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy to assist in the acquisition of a 443± acre real property for the protection of wildlife habitat and coastal wetlands located northwest of the community of Ferndale along the Salt River, adjacent to the Eel River, in Humboldt County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (b/c)]

32. Eel River Wildlife Area Wetland Enhancement, Humboldt County \$335,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to enhance 140± acres of seasonal wetlands on the DFG's Eel River Wildlife Area, Ocean Ranch Unit, located approximately 10 miles southwest of the City of Eureka in Humboldt County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d), Other]

33. Humboldt Bay Coastal Reserve, Humboldt County \$175,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Friends of the Dunes Land Trust in a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy, Humboldt County, and the Pacific Coast Joint Venture, to assist in the acquisition of 38± acres of land for the protection and preservation of beach, dune, wetland, and remnant maritime forest habitat on the north spit of Humboldt Bay, about three miles southwest of Arcata and four miles northwest of Eureka, in Humboldt County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (b/c)]

(Inquiries regarding agenda items may be directed to John P. Donnelly, Executive Director of the Wildlife Conservation Board, at the address and telephone number shown on the letterhead.)