The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA  90012

Dear Supervisors:

FISH AND GAME PROPAGATION FUND GRANT AWARD
(FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT)
(3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval to award grant funds from the Fish and Game Commission (Commission), to the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the Quail Unlimited (SGVCQU), to replace an existing drinking Guzzler in the Angeles National Forest.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the Fish and Game Propagation Fund Grant request in the amount of $3,000 to the SGVCQU, to replace an existing drinking Guzzler with a Nevada Style drinking Guzzler in the Angeles National Forest, by October 2012.
PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Commission has determined that the grant request will promote education, conservation and the propagation of fish and game thus benefiting the County of Los Angeles and the State of California. At its meeting held October 13, 2011, the Commission approved a grant request in the amount of $3,000 to the SGVCQU, to replace an existing non-Nevada Style drinking Guzzler with a Nevada Style drinking Guzzler in the Angeles National Forest.

The purpose of drinking “Guzzlers” is to make water available to wildlife year round, especially during the hot months of July, August and September. The drinking guzzlers catch, and store water from snow and rain and are built in areas where a lack of water is the major reason wildlife populations are not able to establish themselves and grow.

The SGVCQU conducts habitat improvements for all types of wildlife in the Angeles National Forest within the areas west of 5 freeway and east of the Los Angeles County Line. In 2010, SGVCQU installed four drinking Guzzlers in the Angeles Forest and is currently assessing the need of replacement of existing Guzzlers. The replacement of an existing non-Nevada Style drinking Guzzler with a Nevada Style drinking Guzzler will allow for repairs and service to be easily made and increase the lifespan of the guzzler significantly. Most importantly, with this improvement wildlife will have a dependable source of drinking water for survival for years to come, particularly in drought years.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Providing funds for this improvement is consistent with the County’s Strategic Plan Goal No. 3 (Community and Municipal Services). In addition to enhancing the community’s knowledge and understanding of conservation and the propagation of fish and game, the improvement will increase the ability for game to disperse with the addition of another water source.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the General Fund. The approved expenditure will be charged to the Fish and Game Propagation Fund, which has sufficient funds to cover the cost.

The Los Angeles County Fish and Game Propagation Fund is financed from a percentage of penalty assessments collected relating to fish and game code violations in Los Angeles County.
FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 13100 of the Fish and Game Code establishes guidelines for the expenditure of fines levied for fish and game code violations. It includes enhancing fish and game activities including propagation, protection and restoration; supporting fish and wildlife projects; and furthering research and education in areas related to fish and wildlife.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This Board action enhances the education, conservation and the propagation of fish and game thus benefiting County of Los Angeles and the State of California.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Hybarger
Chairman

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Officer
   Executive Officer, Board of Supervisor
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
INFORMATION FOR GRANT APPLICANTS

THE COMMISSION

The Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission is an advisory body for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Fish and Game Warden regarding the propagation and protection of fish and game in Los Angeles County and the State of California. It was created by authority of a resolution adopted February 26, 1952 under Chapter 3.26 and Chapter 6.44 of the Los Angeles County Code. The Commission administers and makes recommendations for the disbursement of funds received from fines for violations of the Fish and Game Code within the County of Los Angeles. Grant making is based on the availability of funds, geographical and categorical considerations and a thorough evaluation of the information provided by applicants. The Commission meets quarterly, but grant applications may be submitted at any time.

POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

The policy of the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission is to encourage the conservation and maintenance of wildlife resources in conjunction with Sections 1801 and 13103 of the California Fish and Game Code. This policy includes the following objectives:

- To enhance Fish and Game activities including propagation, protection and restoration
- To support Fish and Wildlife projects
- To further Research and Education in areas related to Fish and Wildlife
APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Non-profit organizations with an IRS 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status or a purpose consistent with the definition of 501 (c) (3) status are eligible to apply.

Project/Program Must Clearly Qualify For Funding Under Section 13103 of the California Fish and Game Code - (Please Refer to Attachment A). Projects funded under this Section must be expended for the propagation and conservation of fish and game within or outside the County.

Completed applications must be submitted with ten (10) signed originals to:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM B-50
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Applicant(s) or representative(s) must attend and make a presentation at the Commission meeting, as notified, in order to have their grant application considered.

Successful applicants must provide the Commission a progress report in six months following the award of the grant.

APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications must include all of the information and materials requested on the attached Grant application for consideration by the Commission. If additional space is required, please use 8½ x11 paper.

Revised 02-13-08
TITLE OF PROJECT/PROGRAM: Angeles Forest Gazzlen Replacement

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited
[As it appears on (501) (c) (3) IRS Letter]

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 932

CITY: San Gabriel
STATE: California
ZIP CODE: 91778

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 626-919-7663
FAX NUMBER: 6715

AMOUNT REQUESTED: $3,000.00

BOARD CHAIRPERSON: Tim Bovard

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Robert Armijo

CONTACT PERSON: Robert Armijo

TITLE: San Gabriel Valley Quail Unlimited newsletter/board member

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S): 626-919-7663

AUDITED TOTAL INCOME: $18,321
AUDITED TOTAL EXPENSES: $12,833.52

FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING: 1/1/10 AND ENDING: 12/31/10

SIGNATURE OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON: 9/3/11

DATE

Note to Applicant: Please complete this title page and attach all grant application materials prior to submission.
The replacement of a non Nevada Style guzzler with a Nevada Style will allow the guzzler to be repaired and serviced easily. Also the lifespan of the guzzler will be increased significantly, providing water for the local wildlife for years to come.
Background on Applicant's Organization

Purpose and goals:

Our goal is habitat improvement for all types of wildlife.

Brief summary of current activities:

We are currently conducting habitat workdays in the Angeles Forest.

Geographic area served: We install, repair, and check guzzlers in the Angeles Forest, west of the 5 freeway, and east to the Los Angeles County line.

We sometimes also do work in the Mojave Desert.
Major sources and dollar amounts of corporate, foundation and government support during current and past fiscal year:

We installed four guzzlers in the Angeles Forest in 2010. We were able to do the installation with the help from a Federal, "Answer the Call" grant of $11,000.

History of all grants received from the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission:

Our records show in the last 12 years we have received grants from the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission of $6600 in 2007, and $5500 in 2003.
Project Information

Statement of justification of need:

In dry years the addition of a guzzler will greatly increase the chance of survival for wildlife in the area of the guzzler installation.

Statement of purpose and goals:

To increase the ability for game to disperse with the addition of another water source. Also to provide water in drought years.

Action plan to meet objectives:

We will install a 880 gallon tank, with steel uprights and crossbeams, with enough strength to withstand snow conditions, and the occasional bear. The tank has a walk-in ramp for small game. We will also install a valve with piping leading to a stainless steel drinker box for big game.
Statement of how the objectives advance the propagation and protection of fish and wildlife:

A guzzler installation is used by all wildlife in the area, small and large game, game birds and animals, and endangered birds and animals as well.

Project budget and timetable:

A $3000 grant will pay for most of the material for a Nevada Style guzzler installation. Additional costs including, fuel, truck rental, equipment rental, etc, will be paid by San Gabriel Valley Quail Unlimited. And of coarse all labor for the installation will be provided by San Gabriel Valley Quail Unlimited.

The timetable for the installation will be completion by October 2012.

Sources of other support for project:

San Gabriel Valley Quail Unlimited will provide financial support to finish the project.
Current status of project:

We are locating possible sites now.

Cash flow analysis of the expenditure of project funds:

See the attached schedule, “prices for 1 guzzler”

Proposed method of evaluating results:

We will take photographs showing the progress of the guzzler installation.
Plans for funding on-going project (if applicable):

Not applicable

Progress reports (bi-yearly or upon completion, whichever occurs first):

We will give a presentation of the guzzler installation upon it's completion.

Please Attach the Following Supporting Documents:

• Description of Organizational Structure or Organizational Chart

• Copy of the Latest IRS Determination Letter of Tax Exempt Status under Section 501(c) (3)

• Most Recent Audited Financial Statement

• Most Recent IRS Form 990
§ 13103. Expenditures from fish and wildlife propagation fund; purposes

Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes:

(a) Public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.

(b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.

(c) Temporary treatment and care of wildlife confiscated by the department as evidence.

(d) Breeding, raising, purchasing, or releasing fish or wildlife which are to be released upon approval of the department pursuant to Sections 6400 and 6401 onto land or into waters of local, state or federal agencies or onto land or into waters open to the public.

(e) Improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, including, but not limited to, construction of fish screens, weirs, and ladders; drainage or other watershed improvements; gravel and rock removal or placement; construction of irrigation and water distribution systems; earthwork and grading fencing; planting trees and other vegetation management; and removal of barriers to the migration of fish and wildlife.

(f) Construction, maintenance, and operation of public hatchery facilities.

(g) Purchase and maintain materials, supplies, or equipment for either the department's ownership and use or the department's use in the normal performance of the department's responsibilities.

(h) Predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife following certification in writing by the department that the proposed actions will significantly benefit a particular wildlife species.
(i) Scientific fish and wildlife research conducted by institutions of higher learning, qualified researchers, or governmental agencies, if approved by the department.

(j) Reasonable administrative costs, excluding the costs of audits required by Section 13104, for secretarial service, travel, and postage by the county fish and wildlife commission when authorized by the county board of supervisors. For purposes of this subdivision, "reasonable cost" means an amount which does not exceed 3 percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period, or three thousand dollars ($3,000) annually, whichever is greater, excluding any funds carried over from a previous fiscal year.

(k) Contributions to a secret witness program for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of this code and regulations adopted pursuant to this code.

(l) Cost incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting civil and criminal actions for violations of this code, as approved by the department.

(m) Other expenditures, approved by the department, for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating, and preserving fish and wildlife.

(Amended by Stats.1990, c 764 (A.B. 4039), § 3; Stats.1991, c. 561 (A.B.722), § 2.)