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

Dear Supervisors:

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

SUBJECT

Recommending approval to award grant funds from the Fish and Game Commission to the Santa Clarita Valley Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation to develop water sources in the Angeles National Forest.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve the Fish and Game Propagation Fund Grant request in the amount of $6,300 to the 78Santa Clarita Valley Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation for two water development systems (guzzlers) to provide reliable water sources for wildlife along the Old Ridge Route from Castaic Lake north to Highway 138 in the Angeles National Forest.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Commission has determined that the grant request will promote conservation and the propagation of fish and wildlife thus benefiting the County of Los Angeles and the State of California.

At its meeting held on January 10, 2013, the Commission approved a grant request in the amount of $6,300 to the Santa Clarita Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation for two water development systems (guzzlers) to improve the habitat for wildlife.

The Santa Clarita Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation is working with the United States Forest

Service (USFS) to develop water sources along the Old Ridge Route from Castaic Lake north to Highway 138. Five sites have been approved and two water systems have been installed. The multi-year project is intended to improve the habitat for wildlife. The corridor along the Old Ridge Route has limited water sources and the goal of the Santa Clarita Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation is to provide reliable water sources to expand the range away from existing water available for wildlife. There are only several springs in the area and in dry years they do not function.

Additionally, by providing reliable sources of water, wildlife will benefit by producing more and healthier offspring. Wildlife will also be able to move from one source to another if the need arises due to fire, drought, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Since 1952, the Commission continues to support activities and projects that promote the best methods for the propagation and protection of fish and game in the State of California and Los Angeles County.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Providing funds for this improvement is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 & 3 (Operational Effectiveness & Integrated Services Delivery). In addition to enhancing the community's knowledge and understanding of conservation and the propagation of wildlife, the development of the water sources will improve wildlife and wildlife habitat by expanding the range available.

Strategic Asset Management Principles Compliance

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact to 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 et seq. 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 protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

N/A

CONTRACTING PROCESS

N/A

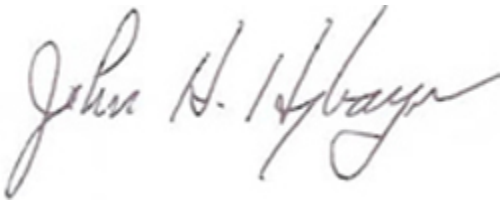
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

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.

CONCLUSION

N/A

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

GRANT APPLICATION TITLE PAGE

TITLE OF PROJECT/PROGRAM Water Developments

NAME OF ORGANIZATION Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation
[As it appears on (501) (c) (3) IRS Letter]

ADDRESS PO Box 802738

CITY Santa Clarita STATE Cal. ZIP CODE 91380

TELEPHONE NUMBER 661 253 4091 FAX NUMBER 661 253 4091

AMOUNT REQUESTED $6.300.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON Jeff Carley

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Craig Alderman

CONTACT PERSON John Nelson

TITLE Habitat chairman

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AUDITED TOTAL INCOME $63.16 AUDITED TOTAL EXPENSES $55.588

FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 01/01/201 AND ENDING 12/31/2012

SIGNATURE OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON

12/27/2012
DATE

Note to Applicant. Please complete this title page and attach all grant application materials prior to submission.

One Page Project Summary

We are working with the USFS to develop water sources along the Old Ridge Route from Castaic Lake north to Highway 138. We have five sites approved and two water systems already installed. The two guzzlers that were constructed in 2012 were funded by a grant from you. The purpose of our multi-year project is to provide reliable water sources for wildlife along the corridor from Castaic north. There are only several springs in the area and in dry years they do not function. Additional sources of water will enable wildlife to increase their range away from existing water.

Background on Applicant's Organization

Purpose and goals:

Our budget for the next two water systems is $6,300. This should be an accurate estimate since we just completed two similar guzzlers and prices should not have gone up in the mean time. Our time frame is to have the next two guzzlers completed by spring of 2013 depending on delivery time for our materials and weather conditions.

Brief summary of current activities:

The Santa Clarita Valley Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation recently completed two water systems in the Angeles National Forest and earlier this year worked with a private land owner to provide mitigation work specified by Ventura County. The mitigation required was building two guzzlers. The land owner provided the materials and SCVQUWF provided the expertise and volunteer labor.

Geographic area served:

The Santa Clarita Valley Quail and Upland Wildlife Foundation serves the areas of Northern Los Angeles, Ventura, and Kern Counties. With a MOU with USFS and the NRCS, the SCVQUWF can work on both public and private land for wildlife habitat restoration and improvement. Currently we are working with the Santa Clarita District of the Angeles National Forest.

Major sources and dollar amounts of corporate, foundation and government support during current and past fiscal year:

Our primary source of funds for the purpose of habitat projects is chapter fund raising activities member donations and grants.

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

The Santa Clarita Valley Quail and Upland Wildlife Foundation requested and received a grant from you to fund our first two of five planned guzzlers in the Angeles National Forest.

Project Information

Statement of justification of need:

Our multi-year project is intended to improve habitat for wildlife. The corridor along the Old Ridge Route has limited water sources and our goal is to provide reliable water sources to expand the range available for wildlife.

Statement of purpose and goals:

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Action plan to meet objectives:

Our volunteers are ready to continue our efforts to improve habitat for wildlife. We just finished our last project on December 8th. and looking forward to our next work party.

Statement of how the objectives advance the propagation and protection of fish and wildlife:

By providing reliable sources of water wildlife will benefit by producing more and healthier offspring, also, by providing alternate sources of water wildlife will be able to move from one source to another if the need arises due to fire, drought, or other unforeseen circumstance.

Project budget and timetable:

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Sources of other support for project:

We have no other sources of funds for these projects. We can provide the labor and we have already provided many hours working on the site selections and permit processing with the USFS.

Current status of project:

We have completed two of our proposed five unit project. The remaining sites are surveyed and ready to start construction. Our volunteers provided 283 hours of labor and drove 2622 miles to complete the first two units.

Cash flow analysis of the expenditure of project funds:

We need a commitment of funds to order the fiberglass tanks. The manufacturer of the tanks is in Redding California. The tanks have to be built and in order to save on the shipping charges we have to coordinate with other orders being delivered in Southern California. Lead time for delivery of the tanks is about six weeks. The other materials needed are available locally.

Proposed method of evaluating results:

We monitor the water systems in order to anticipate any needed maintainance and to observe utilization. We monitor use by observation of wildlife, tracks, or feces around the sites. We also have a trail camera that will be used to observe wildlife coming to water.

Plans for funding on-going project (if applicable):

After the construction of the guzzlers there should not be any further expenditures needed.

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

We have completed two of the proposed five guzzlers. We are providing you with pictures of the two completed units. When our multi-year project is completed we will provide the Commission with an annual report on the condition and use of the systems.

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

ATTACHMENT A

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME CODE

§ 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.)