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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

**FISH AND WILDLIFE PROPAGATION FUND GRANT AWARD AND REQUEST FOR
DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO AWARD FUTURE GRANTS AND EXECUTE
AGREEMENTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Recommendation to award Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grants to International Bird Rescue (IBR), Animal Tracks, Inc. (AT), and Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (FCMA) for calendar year 2025 and delegate authority to the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors (Executive Officer), or designee, to execute grant agreements. Recommendation to delegate authority to the Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to approve future Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grants and delegate authority to the Executive Officer, or designee, to execute future grant agreements as awarded by the Commission consistent with State law.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the following Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grants for calendar year 2025: \$8,000 to (IBR), \$8,000 to Animal Tracks, Inc. (AT), and \$7,000 to Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (FCMA) for the purpose of supporting education, conservation, and propagation of fish and wildlife in Los Angeles County (County).
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Officer, or designee, to execute, amend, modify, extend, and terminate for convenience grant agreements with IBR, AT, and FCM for the above amounts for the purpose of supporting education, conservation, and propagation of fish and wildlife in the County consistent with State law.

3. Delegate authority to the Commission to approve future Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grants not to exceed \$20,000.00 per grant with notification to the Board of yearly expenditures per fiscal year.
4. Delegate authority to the Executive Officer, or designee, to execute corresponding Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grant agreements, as approved by the Commission, in amounts not to exceed \$20,000 per grant, consistent with all requirements under California Fish and Game Code, and take all necessary actions to implement such grants including but not limited to, amending, extending, modifying, changing, and terminating for convenience said agreements.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Commission is an advisory body to your Board and the Fish and Wildlife Warden regarding the propagation and protection of fish and wildlife in the County and the State of California. Since 1952, the Commission has supported activities and projects that promote the best methods for the propagation and protection of fish and wildlife in the State of California and the County. The Commission administers and makes recommendations for the disbursement of funds received from fines for violations of the Fish and Wildlife Code within Los Angeles County in accordance with Section 13100 et seq. of the California Fish and Game Code. The Commission reviews and recommends funding for projects that support the protection, preservation, and enhancement of fish and wildlife and their habitats throughout the County.

The Commission recommends providing a grant of \$8,000 to IBR to support IBR's continued efforts in wildlife conservation and education by funding nutrition, medicine, and veterinary supplies for wild birds treated at the Los Angeles Wildlife Center, aligning with the goals of fish and wildlife propagation in the County.

The Commission recommends providing a grant of \$8,000 to AT to provide medical care and supplies for rescued and non-releasable animals, while continuing its educational outreach to schools and the public on wildlife conservation and responsible coexistence with native species.

The Commission recommends providing a grant of \$7,000 to FCMA to support FCMA's annual "Fishtival" event, which promotes marine education, conservation, and public engagement through interactive programs that reach thousands of residents and students across the County.

The Executive Officer is recommending that your Board delegate future authority to the Commission to approve future Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grants and to the Executive Officer, or designee, to execute the corresponding grant agreements. This delegation of authority will streamline the grant approval process by allowing the Commission to approve grants and the Executive Officer to execute grant agreements for

grants approved by the Commission, thereby reducing administrative delays and ensuring timely disbursement of funds.

This delegation of authority is limited to grants not exceeding \$20,000 each for a calendar year and the Commission will notify your Board of the grants each fiscal year.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended grant allocations align with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 2: Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, by supporting initiatives that prioritize environmental health oversight, community engagement, and wildlife conservation. Funding for AT supports the treatment and rehabilitation of exotic animals, preserving their health and well-being while enhancing the propagation, protection, and restoration of wildlife. The grant to the FCMA's Annual "Fishtival" event provides residents with opportunities to engage in environmental education and stewardship, further promoting the conservation of fish and wildlife. Additionally, funding for IBR advances the County's commitment to environmental justice, particularly in communities historically impacted by industrial contamination, and supports the "Our County" Sustainability Plan's 12 broad, aspirational, and cross-cutting goals—specifically North Star 2.D.iii: Natural Resources, which calls for supporting thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact to the General Fund. The approved expenditure will be charged to the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund, which has sufficient funds to cover the cost. The Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund is financed from a percentage of penalty assessments collected relating to Fish and Game Code violations in the County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 13100 et seq. of the California Fish and Game Code establishes guidelines for the expenditure of fines levied for fish and game code violations. Expenditures include enhancement of fish and game activities and protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife.

All grant agreements will be reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution. The Executive Officer will ensure compliance with all applicable County policies and procedures related to grant administration and contracting.

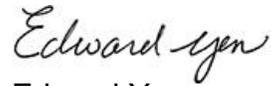
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

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

Honorable Board of Supervisors
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In addition, the recommended action will not impact current services but will enhance the County's ability to efficiently administer Fish and Wildlife Commission recommended grants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Yen".

Edward Yen
Executive Officer

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