



Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: July 30, 2024 - REVISED

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: Consideration of projects recommended by the County Fish and Wildlife Commission

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve \$2,000 for projects upon adoption of the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Program (Fund 011) budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.
2. Authorize the approved funding allocations as follows: Critter Creek Wildlife Station, \$1,500; SCICON Raptor Center, \$250; Wild Ones Wildlife Rehabilitation, \$250.
3. Find that the projects described in this agenda item and the attachments hereto are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines as actions taken by regulatory agencies for protection of natural resources pursuant to Class 7, 14 CCR § 15307.
4. Authorize the Environmental Assessment Officer or designee, to file the Notice of Exemption with the Clerk-Recorder and the State Office of Planning and Research.

SUMMARY:

The Agricultural Commissioner assists the Fish and Wildlife Commission with budget requests and prepares the annual report of the proposed projects to be funded by the Fish and Wildlife Project Fund. The Tulare County Board of Supervisors review the recommended projects prior to the adoption of the budget, and either approve, or disprove the projects the Fish and Wildlife Commission has submitted. Early approval allows for the continuation of ongoing projects without interruption.

As specified in the Fish and Game Code Section 13103, Fish and Wildlife Project Fund may be expended solely for projects related to the protection, conservation, propagation,

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and preservation of fish and wildlife. Such projects may include temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife; breeding, raising, or purchasing fish or wildlife to be released into public areas; improvement of fish and wildlife habitat; predator control actions for the benefit of fish and wildlife. Funds for these projects (\$2,000) are included in the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Program budget request for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

The projects are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15307 because the proposed activities are intended to protect natural resources and the environment. Attachment A describes the proposed activities which include youth education, wildlife rehabilitation, and the rearing of wildlife.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The source of revenue is the Fish and Wildlife Fund (011), which is derived from Fish and Wildlife fines and forfeitures imposed by the court system. No Net County Cost.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality-of-Life Initiative to promote public health and welfare educational opportunities, natural resource management and continued improvement of environmental quality. This request to approve projects recommended by our local Fish and Wildlife Commission will ensure timely continuance of a long-standing program of providing greater recreational and cultural opportunities by promoting protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



/s/Christopher P. Greer
Assistant Agricultural Commissioner/
Sealer of Weights & Measures

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Attachment A – Exhibit of Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Fish and Wildlife Projects
Attachment B – Notice of Exemption, California Environmental Quality Act
Attachment C – Secretary's minutes of meeting