

Attachment A  
Tulare County Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Requested Project Funding  
FY 2024/2025

Applicant: (not listed in any order)	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
1. <u>Critter Creek Wildlife Station</u> – Louise Culver This allocation will go towards the repairs for Barn Owl flight, Quad enclosures, and opossum pre-release enclosure that are needed for USDA certification and continued operations. 36710 Sand Creek Rd., Squaw Valley, CA 93675 (559-338-2415)	\$3,000	<b>\$1,500</b>
2. <u>SCICON Raptor Center</u> – Diane Shew This allocation will go towards expenses for the upkeep of the SCICON Raptor Center as well as foodstuff and medications. Raptor shows will educate students and the public about the critical importance of these birds and their protection within the ecosystem. PO Box 339 41569 Bear Creek Road, Springville, CA 93265 (559-539-2642)	\$500	<b>\$250</b>
3. <u>Wild Ones Wildlife Rehabilitation</u> – Jim Crew This allocation will go towards expenses that include caging materials, foodstuffs, medications, veterinary care, and training costs to care for and rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife, including mammals, reptiles, and birds as well as educational outreach. 19252 Campbell Creek Drive, Springville CA 93265 (559-539-2310)	\$500	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

### Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ Tulare County Clerk  
Room 105, Courthouse  
221 South Mooney Blvd.  
Visalia, CA 93291

Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency  
5961 S. Mooney Blvd.  
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000  
Attn: [gmills@tularecounty.ca.gov](mailto:gmills@tularecounty.ca.gov) and [jwillis@tularecounty.ca.gov](mailto:jwillis@tularecounty.ca.gov)

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AT TULARE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Applicant(s): Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer  
4437 S Laspina Street Ste A  
Tulare Ca 93274 559-684-3350

Project Title: Fish & Wildlife Projects FY2024/2025  
Project Location - Specific: Various locations within Tulare County, CA  
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: N/A  
Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** . The Tulare County Board of Supervisors, on July 30, 2024, approved a disbursement by the Tulare County Fish and Wildlife Commission that will be included in the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Program budget request for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The funding will include various projects consistent with Fish and Game Code Section 13103, Fish and Game Project. Section 13103 stipulates that may be expended solely for projects related to the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife such as temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife; breeding, raising, or purchasing fish or wildlife to be released onto public areas; improvement of fish and wildlife habitat; and predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife. As such, the funds will result in a public benefit by providing the services noted above.

#### Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Section 15307 Class 7 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources**
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This action is consistent with CEQA Guidelines [California Administrative Code, Title 14, Division 6] Section 15307 Class 7 because this Project consists of actions taken by a regulatory agency as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. . Thus, Section 15307 Class 7 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Tulare County Resource Management Agency

**Project Planner/Representative:** Tom Tucker, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer **Telephone:** (559) 684-3371

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Gary A. Mills

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: \_\_\_\_\_

# Tulare County Fish and Wildlife Commission

3:30 June 12, 2024

Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, CA

## Minutes

### Commission Members:

Present: Richard Jones, District 1; Jeff Nelson, District 2; Fred Naylor, District3; Kevin Day, District 4.

Absent: Jim Crew, District 5

### Quorum Present? Yes

**Others Present:** Tom Tucker, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, Tulare County; Christopher Greer Assistant Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, Tulare County

### Others Present:

Representatives of Critter Creek Louise Culver and Dan Turner

### Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 3:30 by Richard Jones.

### Public Comment: none

**Minutes:** Motion made by Jeff Nelson and seconded by Kevin Day to approve minutes from May 8,2023.

### Old Business: none

### New Business:

#### 1. Report for Lieutenant Doug Barnhart, California Department of Fish and Wildlife given by Christopher Greer.

A new officer has been added and a new canine unit with a dog capable of detecting firearms, drugs, animals etc. There is a vacant position in Kings County. The ongoing misdemeanor diversion program continues to limit fines collected.

#### 2. Tom Tucker, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer Tulare County deferred to Christopher Greer.

Mr. Greer reported there is \$2356.34 available for distributions. Including \$84.76 from Friends of Tulare County.

Tom Tucker informed the board that Tulare County Board of Supervisors be recommended the current board of directors be renewed for 2025. This was moved by Richard Jones and seconded by Jeff Nelson. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. Requests for Project Funding (see attachment A to the Agenda)

4. **Louise Culver, Critter Creek Wildlife Station** – Ms. Culver requested \$3,000 to go toward repairs of enclosures. Also, discussed collecting and storage of culled chicks from poultry ranches and providing them for Scicon.

**Diane Shew, Scicon Raptor Center** – requested \$500 to assist in the upkeep of the Scicon Raptor Center as well as medical and supportive feeding supplies.

**James Crew, Wild Ones Wildlife Rehabilitation** – requested \$500 to go toward expenses that include caging materials, foodstuff, medications, veterinary care, and training costs to care for orphaned wildlife.

### **DISCUSSION OF THE COMMISSION:**

The Commission retired to Executive Session to discuss how to best apportion the funds available. The Commission agreed to distribute \$2000.00

Rich Jones asked if there were any other requests for funds. There were no further request or questions

Jeff Nelson moved to approve the following distribution as presented by Richard Jones, seconded by Fred Naylor and approved unanimously.

**Funds Available DFW \$ 2,356.34**

**Including Funds available through Friends of Tulare Co \$84.70**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Proposed Amount</b>	<b>Amount Distributed</b>
Critter Creek	\$3,000	\$1,500
Scicon	\$500	\$250
WOWR	\$500	\$250
<b>Total disbursed 2024/25</b>		<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Carried forward to 2025</b>		<b>DFW \$356.34</b>
		<b>FOTC \$84.76</b>
<b>Total carried forward</b>		<b>\$441.10</b>

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Naylor, Secretary

District 3 Commission Member