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TO: Internal Operations Committee  
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FROM: From: Daniel Pellegrini, Chair  
Fish and Wildlife Committee  
By: Maureen Parkes, Planning Technician *Maureen Parkes*  
Staff to Fish and Wildlife Committee

DATE: April 6, 2015

SUBJECT: **Grant Funding Recommendations from the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee**

The Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee (FWC) requests Internal Operations Committee (IO) consideration of recommended grants from the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund (Fund). The FWC reviewed 15 grant applications and recommends 11 of these for full or partial funding. The FWC is requesting that the IO Committee consider these recommendations and make their own recommendation for consideration by the full Board of Supervisors (Board). This memo provides background on the grant program, explains the review process performed by the FWC and documents the FWC's recommendations on grant funding.

## **I. Background**

### **Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund**

The Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund was established in accordance with the California Fish and Game Code (Code) 13100 as a repository for fines collected for certain violations of the Code and other regulations related to fish and game. The most common fines are small (\$25-\$150) and are processed through the four Superior Courts in Contra Costa County. The fines typically stem from hunting or fishing violations (e.g. not possessing a valid license), illegal take and illegal dumping. Occasionally there are larger fines that result from larger violations, including failure to obtain appropriate permits for activities such as streambed alteration. A portion of the various fines are deposited into the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund. As of January 15, 2015, the Fund had an available balance of \$80,162.39.

## **FWC Grant Program**

The Board has charged the FWC with coordinating a process by which fine money could be appropriately “expended for the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife” [Fish and Game Code 13100]. Since 1996, the FWC has implemented a structured process for reviewing funding requests. The FWC developed a grant application packet (attached), which includes a cover letter to explain the grant process and funding priorities, an application to solicit relevant information about the project, and a copy of the expenditure criteria established by California law for the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund.

The FWC continued the third year of expanded outreach to schools with the intent to fund high value, low-cost public education projects related to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation. In October 2014, the application packet was sent to the Fish and Wildlife Committee mailing list, the Contra Costa Watershed Forum mailing list; and the Contra Costa County Office of Education, Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College and Los Medanos College for distribution to interested teachers and programs that would benefit from the grant program. A press release was distributed to local and regional media outlets regarding the availability of the grant application packet and CCTV publicized it on the CountyNet Bulletin Board which reaches 350,000+ homes in the County. It was also made available on the Committee’s website and to anyone who requested a copy.

## **FWC Grant Review Process in 2015**

A total of 15 applications requesting a total of \$114,447.66 were received during the application period, which ended January 5, 2015.

The Fish and Wildlife Committee discussed the funding of the applications at its January, February and March 2015 meetings. Some applicants came to FWC meetings to talk about their applications during public comment opportunities. The FWC acknowledged the hard work that went into all of the applications received and appreciates the commitment of applicants to improving the resources of the County.

## **II. Recommendation of Funding on Grants for 2015**

At the March 18, 2015 meeting, the FWC recommended funding for eleven (11) proposed projects. Projects recommended for funding total \$61,155.02 and are geographically located across the County. More details are provided on page six of the attached grant recommendations chart. Six (6) of the recommendations directly benefit public education of students. (see attached chart for more detailed information on all of the applications.) The specific FWC recommendations and the vote of the FWC on these recommendations are listed below. Members in attendance and voting on these items were: Susan Heckly (District II), Brett Morris (District IV), Daniel Pellegrini (District V), Rhonda Gehlke (At-large), Kathleen Jennings (At-large), Jeff Skinner (At-large) and Scott Stephan (At-large). Martha Berthelsen (District I) recused herself from all deliberations at the January and February meetings, citing connections to two of the applications and did not attend the March meeting.

All recommendations are for full funding of the project as proposed unless noted otherwise.  
FWC Recommendations:

- 1) Appropriate \$3,320.00 to SPAWNERS to 1) measure seven different parameters to investigate the health of creeks, and 2) analyze and summarize the data, and 3) to create

outreach materials in order to teach residents about the water quality monitoring results and to provide tips for improving the creeks' water quality and 4) purchase a new colorimeter. Partial funding is recommended and not to be used for payment to their fiscal sponsor.  
[7 ayes/0 noes]

- 2) Appropriate \$9,625.00 to Mt. View Sanitary District (MVSD) to support 25 additional Wetlands Field Trips in Contra Costa County, outside of the MVSD service area. The field trip is a 4-hour, hands-on, outdoor education program that provides instruction on pollution prevention and water quality, the value of wetland habitats for people and wildlife, and aquatic animal adaptations. [7 ayes/0 noes]
- 3) Appropriate \$1,645.00 to Mt. View Sanitary District for the purchase of a shed for storage and data collection for the ongoing Western Pond Turtle study in Moorhen Marsh. [7 ayes/0 noes]
- 4) Appropriate \$950.00 to Worth a Dam to fund a K.E.Y.S.T.O.N.E. (Kids Explore! - Youth Science Training on Natural Ecosystems) activity teaching children about beavers, which will promote the concept of species interdependence; and increases public awareness of working watersheds and beaver function within them. [7 ayes/0 noes]
- 5) Appropriate \$7,058.27 to the Lindsay Wildlife Museum for the purchase of a kitchen sterilizer. Partial funding is recommended due to limited grant funds this year, and awarded funds are to be used only on the kitchen sterilizer. [7 ayes/0 noes]
- 6) Appropriate \$975.00 to the Ruth Bancroft Garden to create and restore wildlife habitat with native vegetation; and to develop educational tools for children at Ruth Bancroft Garden. [7 ayes/0 noes]
- 7) Appropriate \$1,010.00 to Friends of Alhambra Creek to purchase native plants and gardening supplies for maintenance of public gardens on the Alhambra Native Plant Trail and to expand the John Muir National Historic Site Visitor Center garden and other new gardens. Partial funding is recommended and may not be used on rain barrels. [7 ayes/0 noes]
- 8) Appropriate \$8,500.00 to The Regents of the University of California to: 1) survey and monitor native bee populations across diverse natural and constructed landscapes in Brentwood, which will allow them to identify new host plants that could be used to sustain rare bee species found in natural areas, measure the diversity and abundance of local wild bee populations, identify bee-attractive plant types present in natural areas and measure impacts of fires and urban developments on local wild bee populations, and 2) create educational materials. Partial funding is recommended and may not be used for indirect or overhead costs. [7 ayes/0 noes]
- 9) Appropriate \$7,971.75 to the Golden Gate Audubon Society to partially support the purchase of the materials associated with their award-winning Eco-Richmond Program and its new initiative, Bird Friendly Schools including the purchase of native plants, nest box building materials, trash grabbers and observation equipment to be used by 275 3rd-5th grade children from four schools along the North Richmond Shoreline. [7 ayes/0 noes]

- 10) Appropriate \$10,100.00 to Earth Team to continue building on their after-school watershed internships, which includes: 1) watershed education and stewardship with an emphasis in raising public awareness of litter pollution and storm water issues, 2) environmental monitoring and scientific research at Pinole Creek. Partial funding is recommended and not to be used on staff mileage reimbursement. [7 ayes/0 noes]
- 11) Appropriate \$10,000.00 to East Bay Regional Parks Foundation for funds to serve 40 Contra Costa County low-income students (grades 4-6) and to subsidize five adult teachers and chaperones to attend their Campership Program, which encompasses both summer day camping and an outdoor, residential environmental education camp component. [7 ayes/0 noes]

Further, the FWC also recommended that within a year of grant funding approval, or within one month of project completion, whichever comes sooner, recipients must submit a final project report which includes invoices and receipts documenting how funds were spent and the results of the project. Details will be outlined in the grant award packet provided to all successful applicants. [7 ayes/0 noes]

Please contact Maureen Parkes at 925-674-7831 or Abigail Fateman at 925-674-7820 with any questions.

**Attachments:**

- Grant application packet for Fish and Wildlife Propagation Funds
- Chart summarizing the applications and recommendations

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# Contra Costa County



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October 14, 2014

Dear Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund Grant Applicants:

The Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee is pleased to announce that completed funding applications are now being accepted for consideration for the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund (Fund). All application materials and guidelines are attached. Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015 (a postmark of January 5, 2015, does not satisfy the submission deadline). Proposals may be emailed or mailed. Any applications that are received after the due date or without a signature will not be considered. The recommendations of the Fish and Wildlife Committee will be forwarded to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, which maintains final decision-making authority for expenditures from the Fund.

The Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund is entirely supported by fine revenues resulting from violations of the Fish and Game Code and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations in Contra Costa County (County). Projects awarded from the Fund must benefit the fish and wildlife resources of the County and must meet the requirements of Section 13103 of the Fish and Game Code (attached). All applications that satisfy the requirements listed in the funding application directions will be considered.

The Fish and Wildlife Committee strongly encourages applications related to:

- improving habitat,
- scientific research, and

In addition, as a continued, additional focus for 2015, the Fish and Wildlife Committee wishes to fund high value, low-cost public education projects related to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation. The Committee is interested in funding one or more small projects that will benefit the largest possible number of students (e.g. curriculum kits or other tools that have a high likelihood of making a significant impact on a broad audience.)

The Fish and Wildlife Committee generally does not recommend funding for operating costs and overhead, such as benefits or utilities. If an hourly rate is listed, costs need to be itemized separately (see grant guidelines for more details).

The Committee expects to recommend awards to several applicants. However, it is possible that a particularly excellent proposal will be recommended to receive a large portion of the total available funds. During the 2014 grant cycle a total of \$140,605.23 was awarded to 16 projects. The awards ranged from \$985 to \$40,000. Successful applicants may anticipate receiving notification of funding awards by the late spring or summer of 2015.

**The grant award funds will be disbursed on a cost reimbursement basis.\*** (See next page for exceptions.) Within a year of grant funding approval, or within one month of project completion, whichever comes sooner, recipients must submit a final project report which includes invoices and receipts documenting how funds were spent and the results of the project. Fish and Wildlife Propagation fund grants will be disbursed after receipt and approval of the final project report. Details will be outlined in the grant packet to all successful applicants.

**\*Exception For Non-Profit Organizations That Can Demonstrate Financial Hardship:** Private, non-profit entities that can demonstrate that providing Fish and Wildlife Propagation grant funding on a cost reimbursement basis will create a financial hardship and be detrimental to the operation of the program will be eligible to receive up to ½ of the grant amount after the grant is awarded. The remaining amount of the grant will be disbursed after the entity has submitted information including invoices and receipts documenting how the initial disbursement was spent. Within a year of initial notification of the grant funding award (i.e. spring or summer of 2016), or within one month of project completion, whichever comes sooner, the entity will be required to submit information including invoices and receipts documenting how the second disbursement was spent, and provide a final project report documenting the results of the project.

**\*Exception For Small Projects Under \$1,000:** Grant funding may be disbursed to private, non-profit entities prior to the beginning of the project if the award is under \$1,000 and the entity has provided documentation that the project could only be initiated with advance funding. Within a year of grant funding, or within one month of project completion, whichever comes sooner, recipients must submit a final project report which includes invoices and receipts documenting how funds were spent and the results of the project.

The Committee appreciates your interest in this opportunity to improve the fish and wildlife resources in Contra Costa County. Should you have any questions about the Fish and Wildlife Committee or this funding program, please contact Maureen Parkes at 925-674-7831 or [maureen.parkes@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:maureen.parkes@dcd.cccounty.us).

Sincerely,



**Maureen Parkes**  
**Fish and Wildlife Committee Staff**

# INSTRUCTIONS

## What Must Be Included in Your Proposal (not to exceed 3 pages):

- 1) Signed Application Cover Page (see attached)
- 2) Description of the project for which funding is requested. Please include an explanation of:
  - how this project will benefit the fish and wildlife of Contra Costa County
  - how this project meets the requirements of Section 13103 of the Fish & Game Code (attached) which defines the eligibility requirements for projects requesting funding from the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund. Indicate which letter(s) of the Section 13103 is/are satisfied.
    - If your proposal is eligible under Section 13103 (d), (h), (i), or (m), send a copy of your draft proposal a minimum of 30 days prior to the final deadline to the attention of Scott Wilson, Regional Manager, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, 7329 Silverado Trail, Napa, CA 94558, to request a letter of support. (This letter does not count toward your page limit)
- 3) Project schedule - The project must be completed within a year from the date you receive notification of funding (by Spring/Summer 2015).
- 4) Project budget (itemized). The Fish and Wildlife Committee generally does not recommend funding for operating costs and overhead. Examples for these may include benefits such as health insurance, and operation costs such as electricity to run an office. If an hourly rate is listed, overhead costs need to be itemized separately. The Committee generally gives preferences to funding material expenses (e.g. purchase of equipment).
- 5) Annual budget for the applying organization (not itemized).
- 6) Statement describing the applying organization, listing the Board of Directors and officers of the organization, and listing all affiliated organizations.
- 7) Statement describing the qualifications of the sponsoring organization and participating individuals for completing the project.
- 8) List of individuals responsible for performing project and of individuals responsible for overseeing project.
- 9) Statement describing the status of permit approvals necessary to perform project (if applicable).
- 10) Request for an exception to the grant funding cost reimbursement requirement due to financial hardship or an exception for a small project under \$1,000. (This request does not count toward your page limit and is only required if requesting an exception.)

## Format:

- Your proposal packet, including cover sheet and any attachments must not exceed four single-sided pages or two double-sided pages, 8.5 by 11 inches in size. Please use 11 point font or larger and ½ inch margins or larger on your pages. If you are including a letter from the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife to demonstrate eligibility under Section 13103 (d), (h), (i) or (m) of the Fish and Game Code, this will not be counted as part of your page limit. Otherwise, if you submit more than 3 pages plus required cover sheet, your proposal may be disqualified without review.
- Do not attach an additional cover letter, brochures, posters, publications, CDs, DVDs, large maps or yellow-sticky paper (e.g. Post-It™).
- Your complete application packet including signature must **arrive by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015 (Pacific Standard Time)** to be considered for funding. (Please note: A postmark of January 5, 2015 does not satisfy the submission deadline. If submitted after the deadline, your proposal will be disqualified).

## **Your complete application should be:**

Emailed: [maureen.parkes@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:maureen.parkes@dcd.cccounty.us)

or

Mailed: Contra Costa County Fish & Wildlife Committee  
c/o Contra Costa County Dept. of Conservation and Development  
30 Muir Road  
Martinez, CA 94553-4601  
Attn: Maureen Parkes

If you wish to hand deliver, contact Maureen by email or at 925-674-7831.

**Final Checklist Before You Submit Your Proposal:**

*Please note that your proposal will not be considered if you provide more materials than required below:*

- Signed Cover page (your proposal will be disqualified if it does not have your original signature on the cover page).
- 3 pages or less on your project description (any extra attachments such as a map and an organization budget will be counted as one of the three page limit.)
- Letter from the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife only if your project is under Section 13103 (d), (h), (i), or (m) of the Fish and Game Code. (This is not a part of the page limit listed above).
- Request for an exception to the grant funding cost reimbursement requirement due to financial hardship or an exception for a small project under \$1,000. (This is not a part of the page limit listed above and is only required if requesting an exception).

If you have questions regarding the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grant process, please contact Maureen Parkes: [maureen.parkes@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:maureen.parkes@dcd.cccounty.us) / (925) 674-7831.



**13103. 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) Costs 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.

**Contra Costa County  
2015 Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund  
Application Cover Page**

**Office Use Only:**

Project title:

Organization/Individual applying:

(Organization type: please check one – government, non-profit, for-profit, other (explain))

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Name and title of contact person:

One sentence summary of proposal:

Requested grant:

Proposal prepared by (name & title):

**Signature** (*Typing your name does not count as a signature. If this section is empty, your proposal will not be considered*):

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Signed on \_\_\_\_\_

## Grant Applications and Fish and Wildlife Committee Recommendations 2015

	Organization	Type of Org	Project Title	Type of Project	Location of the Project	Requested Funding Amount	Recommended Funding Amount	Staff Summary of the Request	FWC Rationale for Recommendation
<b>A</b>	SPAWNERS	non-profit	Monitoring Water Quality in the San Pablo Creek Watershed	(a) public education (e) habitat improvement	West County	<b>\$3,652.00</b>	<b>\$3,320.00</b>	A request for funding to: 1) measure seven different parameters to investigate the health of creeks, and 2) analyze and summarize the data, and 3) to create outreach materials in order to teach residents about the water quality monitoring results and to provide tips for improving the creeks' water quality. 4) purchase a new colorimeter	The project meets the requirements of Section 13103 (a) public education and (e) habitat improvement.  Partial funding is recommended and not to be used for payment to fiscal sponsor.
<b>B</b>	Mt. View Sanitary District	government	Wetlands Field Trip Program for Contra Costa County Schools	(a) public education	Countywide	<b>\$9,625.00</b>	<b>\$9,625.00</b>	A request for funding to support 25 additional Wetlands Field Trips in Contra Costa County, outside of the MVSD service area. The field trip is a 4-hour, hands-on, outdoor education program that provides instruction on pollution prevention and water quality, the value of wetland habitats for people and wildlife, and aquatic animal adaptations.	The project meets the requirements of Section 13103 (a) public education, fulfills educational goals of the Committee and increases outreach by providing funds to students outside of the MVSD service area to attend the field trips.
<b>C</b>	Mt. View Sanitary District	government	Equipment Shed for Ongoing Moorhen Marsh Western Pond Turtle Study	(i) scientific research	Central County	<b>\$1,645.00</b>	<b>\$1,645.00</b>	A request for funding to purchase a shed for storage and data collection for the ongoing Western Pond Turtle study in Moorhen Marsh.	The project meets the requirements of Section 13103 (i) scientific research. The shed will store equipment for the ongoing research on important wetland dependent species.

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<b>D</b>	Worth a Dam	non-profit	K.E.Y.S.T.O.N.E (Kids Explore! - Youth Science Training on Natural Ecosystems)	(a) public education	Central County	<b>\$950.00</b>	<b>\$950.00</b>	A request to fund a K.EY.S.T.O.N.E. (Kids Explore! - Youth Science Training on Natural Ecosystems) activity teaching children about beavers. The project promotes the concept of species interdependence; and increases public awareness of working watersheds and beaver function within them.	The project meets the requirements of Section 13103 (a) public education and fulfills educational goals of the Committee by providing funds to educate children with a fun activity that will deepen their awareness of species interdependence.
<b>E</b>	The Watershed Project	non-profit	Waste Matters to the Ocean Curriculum	(a) public education	West County	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	A request for funding to design and print curriculum materials for "Waste Matters To The Ocean", a comprehensive training and education program for grades 1 - 6 to help schools become zero-waste, which includes protocols for waste reduction, reuse, composting and recycling, as well as education about the effects of marine debris on wildlife.	Funding is not recommended due to the high cost per workbook and limited resources in the grant fund.
<b>F</b>	East Bay Regional Park District	government	Regional Parks Mobile Education Outreach	(a) public education	Countywide	<b>\$7,558.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	A request to fund an additional 520 hours of work time to their Interpretive Student Aide staff to provide the following in Contra Costa County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richmond Shoreline Festival</li> <li>• 24 Mobile Visitor Center school programs</li> <li>• 3 fishing derby presentations</li> <li>• 8 Mobile Fish Exhibit school presentations</li> <li>• 26 program prep days</li> <li>• 26 aquarium maintenance days</li> </ul>	Funding is not recommended due to concerns about paying employee salaries.

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<b>G</b>	Lindsay Wildlife Museum	non-profit	Investing in Wildlife Rehabilitation	(a) public education (b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.	Countywide	<b>\$20,083.91</b>	<b>\$7,058.27</b>	A request for funding to purchase: 1) a commercial dishwasher 2) surgical suite to provide safer, quicker procedures for all of their animal patients 3) veterinary resources - a subscription to The Birds of North America Cornell Ornithology online, renewed subscription to Veterinary Information Network and update some of the text books in their library.	The project meets the requirements of Section 13103 (b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.  Partial funding is recommended due to limited grant funds this year, and awarded funds are to be used on Kitchen Sterilizer (CMA Dishmachine 180UC).
<b>H</b>	Ruth Bancroft Garden	non-profit	Garden Wildlife Habitat Restoration	(a) public education (e) habitat improvement	Central County	<b>\$975.00</b>	<b>\$975.00</b>	A request for funding to create and restore wildlife habitat with native vegetation; and to develop educational tools for children at Ruth Bancroft Garden.	The project meets the requirements of Section 13103 (a) public education and (e) habitat improvement. The tool kits will give children an opportunity to learn more about the garden and native vegetation will increase the garden's wildlife habitat value.
<b>I</b>	Raptors are the Solution (RATS)	non-profit	Raptors Are The Solution: Faces of Rat Poison Public Outreach Campaign	(a) public education (m) Other expenditures for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating, and preserving fish and wildlife	Countywide	<b>\$11,715.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	A request for funding support to continue their Faces of Rat Poison campaign with public transit PSAs within Contra Costa County.	Funding is not recommended because in comparison to the other applications considered, it is not the most efficient use of funds due to the limited short time exposure and the high cost of the public service announcements.

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<b>J</b>	Friends of Alhambra Creek	other	Alhambra Native Plant Trail	(a) public education (e) habitat improvement	Central County	<b>\$1,350.00</b>	<b>\$1,010.00</b>	A request for funds to purchase native plants and gardening supplies for maintenance of public gardens on the Alhambra Native Plant Trail and to expand the John Muir National Historic Site Visitor Center garden and other new gardens.	The project meets the requirements of Section 13103 (a) public education and (e) habitat improvement.  Partial funding is recommended and may not be used on rain barrels because of their limited effectiveness in this region and comparison to the benefits of other proposals considered.
<b>K</b>	The Regents of the University of California	public university	Bees of Brentwood	(a) public education (e) habitat improvement (i) scientific research	East County	<b>\$10,710.00</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>	A request for funding to: 1) survey and monitor native bee populations across diverse natural and constructed landscapes in Brentwood, which will allow them to identify new host plants that could be used to sustain rare bee species found in natural areas, measure the diversity and abundance of local wild bee populations, identify bee-attractive plant types present in natural areas and measure impacts of fires and urban developments on local wild bee populations. 2) create educational materials	The project meets the requirements of Section 13103 (a) public education, (e) habitat improvement and (i) scientific improvement. The project will develop high quality native bee habitat in agricultural areas, survey and monitor native bee populations in adjacent urban and natural areas, and provide education, primarily for local schools.  Partial funding is recommended and not to be used for indirect or overhead costs.

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<b>L</b>	Golden Gate Audubon Society	non-profit	Eco-Richmond Program, Bird-Friendly Schools	(a) public education (e) habitat improvement	West County	<b>\$7,971.75</b>	<b>\$7,971.75</b>	A request for funds to partially support the purchase of the materials associated with their award-winning Eco-Richmond Program and its new initiative, <i>Bird Friendly Schools</i> including the purchase of native plants, nest box building materials, trash grabbers and observation equipment to be used by 275 3rd-5th grade children from four schools along the North Richmond Shoreline.	The project meets the requirements of Section 13103 (a) public education and (h) habitat improvement fulfilling the educational goals of the Committee by providing holistic lessons related to ecology and stewardship while improving the habitat.
<b>M</b>	Save Mount Diablo	non-profit	2015 Marsh Creek - Morgan Territory Habitat Restoration Project	(e) habitat improvement	East County	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	A request for funds to support the construction of a water system for conservation grazing, native habitat restoration, protection of Curry Creek by decommissioning a road that is too close to the creek, and mapping and tracking of invasive plant species.	Funding is not recommended due to the limited amount of grant funds this year and the benefits of this proposed project are limited compared to other proposals considered.
<b>N</b>	Earth Team	non-profit	Sustainable Youth Watershed Internships at the Environmental Science Academy, Pinole Valley High School	(a) public education (e) habitat improvement (i) scientific research	West County	<b>\$10,712.00</b>	<b>\$10,100.00</b>	A request for funds to continue building on their after-school watershed internships, which includes: 1) watershed education and stewardship with an emphasis in raising public awareness on litter pollution and storm water issues, 2) environmental monitoring and scientific research at Pinole Creek	The project meets the requirements of Section 13103 (a) public education, (e) habitat improvement and (i) scientific research. Fulfills the educational goals of the Committee, promotes watershed education and stewardship, with an emphasis in raising public awareness of litter pollution and storm water issues.  Partial funding is recommended and not to be used on staff mileage reimbursement.

Grant Applications and Fish and Wildlife Committee Recommendations 2015

	Organization	Type of Org	Project Title	Type of Project	Location of the Project	Requested Funding Amount	Recommended Funding Amount	Staff Summary of the Request	FWC Rationale for Recommendation
O	East Bay Regional Parks Foundation	non-profit	Contra Costa County Youth Environmental Education Camperships	(a) public education	To be determined - East, West or Central County	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	A request for funds to serve 40 Contra Costa County low-income grades 4-6 students and subsidies for five adult teachers and chaperones to attend their Campership Program, which encompasses both summer day camping and an outdoor, residential environmental education camp component.	The project meets the requirements of Section 13103 (a) public education and fulfills educational goals of the Committee by providing funds to provide low-income students with a fun environmental education summer outdoor camp program.
						\$114,447.66	\$61,155.02		
Total Available Funds (as of January 15, 2015)							\$80,162.39		

Subtotals by Region	Requested Funding Amount	Percentage of Total Amount Requested	Recommended Funding Amount	Percentage of total Amount Recommended for Approval
East	\$24,043.33	21.0%	\$11,833.33	19.35%
West	\$33,169.08	29.0%	\$24,725.08	40.43%
Central	\$8,253.34	7.2%	\$7,913.34	12.94%
Countywide	\$48,981.91	42.8%	\$16,683.27	27.28%
TOTAL	\$114,447.66	100.0%	\$61,155.02	100.00%