



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Date: April 26, 2022

Subject: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALLOCATION OF FISH & WILDLIFE PROPAGATION FUNDING

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE recommendations from the Fish and Wildlife Committee (FWC) for the allocation of 2022 Fish and Wildlife Propagation funding for ten projects totaling \$50,325.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommendation will have no impact on the County General Fund. The FWC is proposing to allocate \$50,325 or about 35% of the \$145,874 propagation funds available as of January 12, 2022. Fish and wildlife propagation funds are restricted to costs for the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 13100, and are budgeted in the Fish and Game Fund (110200).

BACKGROUND:

On November 22, 2010, the IOC received a status report from Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) regarding the allocation of propagation funds by the Fish and Wildlife Committee (FWC). The IOC accepted the report along with the recommended modifications to improve the grant process in the future. The modifications included (1) updating the FWC Conflict of Interest Code, which was accomplished, and; (2) having the IOC conduct a preliminary review of annual FWC grant recommendations prior to Board of

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/26/2022** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 26, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Supervisors review, which has since been a standing referral to the IOC.

Attached is a memo describing the outreach and selection process and criteria, and transmitting the grant funding recommendations of the County's Fish & Wildlife Committee for full or partial funding of ten projects. The Fish & Wildlife Committee exercised care in limiting allocations to the direct costs of each project for activities that protect, conserve, propagate, and preserve fish and wildlife. The grant matrix attached to the transmittal shows each project in summary form, including the amount requested vs. the proposed allocation, the rationale for the FWC's decision, and any limitations on the use of the funds.

The recommendations would allocate only 35% of the current fund balance in an effort to conserve a balance for future years. As shown on the next page, annual receipts have declined during the last three fiscal years.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

2010-11	\$66,969.25
2011-12	\$29,576.67
2012-13	\$187,437.10
2013-14	\$50,705.88
2014-15	\$11,694.40
2015-16	\$210,606.85
2016-17	\$92,965.83
2017-18	\$14,187.33
2018-19	\$207,918.55
2019-20	\$45,173.84
2020-21	\$6,994.39
2021-22 YTD	\$3,408.00

The IOC, at its regular meeting on April 11, 2022, considered the FWC recommendations. A member of the public commented at the IOC meeting that a Bay Area city was grappling with a geese overpopulation problem and wondered if Contra Costa County had such a problem that could be addressed with these funds. IOC Vice Chair Andersen identified that the city in question is Santa Clara. She noted that geese have sometimes been a problem in some south Contra Costa communities and that a program called "Goosebusters" has served to successfully relocate geese within fish and game guidelines. Staff clarified that such an activity would likely fall under the permitted uses of restricted fish and game funds, should such application for them be made.

The IOC recommends approval of the FWC recommendations for funding.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments Fish & Wildlife Propagation Fund Allocation Recommendations