

## STAFF SUMMARY FOR JUNE 12-13, 2019

**9. DUCK STAMP PROPOSALS (CONSENT)****Today's Item**Information Action 

Approve proposed projects for the Duck Stamp Dedicated Account funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)****Background**

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code sections 3702-3705, FGC must approve any projects for Duck Stamp Account expenditures; funds deposited in the account shall be used for projects or endowments to protect, preserve, restore, enhance, and develop migratory waterfowl breeding and wintering habitat, evaluate habitat projects, and conduct waterfowl resource assessments and other waterfowl related research.

DFW annually requests and reviews proposals for projects that meet the statutory goals of this dedicated account, which are reviewed by the Duck Stamp Advisory Committee and then submitted to FGC as a list of recommended projects. Exhibit 1 contains a summary of the proposed projects for consideration and approval for funding with Duck Stamp Dedicated Account funds in FY 2019-20.

For FY 2019-20, spending authority for expenditures from this fund is \$1,869,000. A total of 15 projects are proposed, in addition to the mandatory allocation to Canada for the purposes of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 3704.

**Significant Public Comments (N/A)****Recommendation**

**FGC staff:** Under a motion to adopt the consent calendar, approve DFW's recommendations.

**DFW:** Approve the projects identified in Exhibit 1 for funding from the Duck Stamp Dedicated Account in FY 2019-20.

**Exhibits**

1. [DFW memo and summary of recommended 2019-20 duck stamp proposed projects, received May 28, 2019](#)

**Motion/Direction**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 3-9 on the consent calendar.

## Memorandum

**Date:** May 28, 2019

**To:** Melissa Miller-Henson  
Acting Executive Director  
Fish and Game Commission

**From:** Charlton H. Bonham  
Director

**Subject: Agenda Item for the June 11, 2019, Fish and Game Commission Meeting  
Duck Stamp Proposals for Fiscal Year 2019-20**

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code § 3702-3705, the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) submits the attached summary of proposed projects to the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) for consideration and approval for funding with the Duck Stamp Dedicated Account funds for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20. These projects were reviewed by the Department and the Duck Stamp Advisory Committee.

The Account's estimated beginning balance will be \$4,619,841 on July 1, 2019, with estimated revenue of \$1,431,821 from the sale of duck stamps during FY 2018-19. The Department proposes to spend revenues to accomplish the goals established for the Duck Stamp Dedicated Account as authorized.

For FY 2019-20, spending authority for expenditures from this fund are \$1,869,000. After deducting the required administrative overhead costs (limited to 6% per §3701 or \$81,042), the mandated amount portioned to Canada (\$2.25 per stamp/validation per §3704 or \$142,002) a total of \$1,645,955 is available for new and ongoing projects.

The Department reviewed 20 project proposals totaling over \$2.5 million dollars. The attached list of recommended projects includes ongoing projects (approved in past years) recommended for continued authorization. The proposals also include two capital outlay projects originally approved for FY 2017-18, now listed for FY 2019-20 after Department of Finance approval. The new and ongoing projects in California total \$1,645,955. This figure includes contingency funding to allow for emergencies or project costs that differ slightly from the original estimates.

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As always, the Department appreciates the Commission's consideration of our proposal and requests its approval for funding of the noted projects totaling \$1,869,000.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Kari Lewis, Chief, Wildlife Branch, at (916) 445-3789.

Attachment

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**Summary of Department Recommendations  
For FY 2019-20 California Duck Stamp  
(project costs rounded to nearest dollar)**

**Canada Habitat Project**

**Wetland and Upland Conservation – Alberta/Saskatchewan, Canada.....\$142,002**

Establish a conservation easement and or restore wetlands associated with key breeding uplands in Alberta for pintail. Specific project parameters are still in development with the landowner. This project will also be matched by North America Wetland Conservation Act dollars.

**Capital Outlay Projects – California**

**Shasta Valley Wildlife Area – Trout Lake..... \$229,000**

Originally approved for 2017-18 FY. Enhance 120 wetland and 165 upland acres by building a new lift pump station to supply water to the wildlife area.

**Gray Lodge Wildlife Area – Field 75..... \$140,000**

Originally approved for 2017-18 FY. Enhance 40 wetland and 23 upland acres by building a new levee, installing water structures, and earthwork

**Ongoing Projects - California**

**Duck Banding (pintail and mallards) – California Waterfowl Association..... \$63,600**

This is a cooperative project to maintain sufficient banded samples of pintail and mallards to assess harvest and survival rates, as well as inputs for the Western Mallard Model.

**CA VCF Portion of Breeding Population Survey..... \$45,000**

This project will continue the survey to estimate visibility correction factors for the California waterfowl breeding population survey.

**Tule Greater White-fronted Goose Population Study..... \$7,000**

This project will continue ongoing population estimation, habitat use, and distribution by purchasing and marking birds with radio transmitters.

**Department of Fish and Wildlife – Internal Expenditures ..... \$100,000**

This funding provides the match for the Pittman Robertson Act funding for the Waterfowl Program in the Wildlife Branch.

**Department of Fish and Wildlife – Duck Stamp Administration ..... \$2,000**

This funding provides for the delivery of physical stamps to purchasers, as required under Fish and Game Code, and other administrative charges related to ALDS.

**Department of Fish and Wildlife – Contingency Fund..... \$84,333**

This funding provides the ability to cover for emergencies (drought related or otherwise) and or cost overruns on new and existing projects. The Fish and Game Commission approved the expenditure of \$50,000 to contribute to an easement in conjunction with the Intermountain West Joint Venture, located in northeastern California that protects staging habitat for waterfowl from FY 2018-19. However; funds had to be diverted to cover costs of printing and distributing regulation booklets. The Department intends to contribute to the easement this fiscal year.

**New Projects – California**

**Pintail Harvest Strategy Analysis and Review ..... \$150,000**

Contract with experienced waterfowl statistician to review and analyze revised pintail harvest strategy (in development) to ensure regulations allow for hunting opportunity commensurate with population status.

**Butte Valley Wildlife Area – Unit 1..... \$121,081**

Enhance 81 wetland acres by refurbishing levees, replacing water structures and earthwork.

**Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area – Llano Seco Field 313 .....\$146,187**

Enhance 73 wetland and 5 upland acres by refurbishing levees, replacing water structures and earthwork.

**Delevan National Wildlife Refuge – Tract 43 ..... \$161,543**

Enhance 221 wetland and 29 upland acres by refurbishing levees, replacing water structures and earthwork.

**Grizzly Island Wildlife Area – Grizzly Ditch ..... \$192,272**

Enhance 900 wetland acres by replacing water structures and pipe.

**Mendota Wildlife Area – Pump 7 ..... \$102,527**

Enhance 401 wetland acres by upgrading a pump.

**Merced Wildlife Area – Water Conveyance ..... \$101,412**

Enhance 475 wetland acres by replacing water structures, earthwork, and islands.