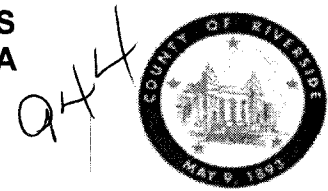




**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Regional Park & Open-Space District

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
1/26/10

**SUBJECT:** Allocation of Funds from Fish and Game Fund 25500 to California Waterfowl Association

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board approves and:

1. Authorizes the expenditure of \$2,475 from the Parks - Fish and Game Fund 25500 by the California Waterfowl Association to purchase seedlings to plant at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area in Riverside County;
2. Authorizes the expenditure of \$2,000 from the Parks - Fish and Game Fund 25500 by the California Waterfowl Association to host a youth hunter safety education program at Mystic Lake in Riverside County; and
3. Directs the Auditor-Controller's Office to make the budget adjustment shown on Schedule A.

Departmental Concurrence

763-Fish & Game Allocation of Funds to CA Waterfowl

Scott Bangle, General Manager

|                       |                               |          |                         |           |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| <b>FINANCIAL DATA</b> | Current F.Y. Total Cost:      | \$ 4,475 | In Current Year Budget: | No        |
|                       | Current F.Y. Net County Cost: | -0-      | Budget Adjustment:      | Yes       |
|                       | Annual Net County Cost:       | -0-      | For Fiscal Year:        | 2009-2010 |

|   |   |                                     |
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| <b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Fish and Game Fund No. 25500- Unreserved Fund Balance | <b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|   | <b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE

BY:   
Michael R. Shetter

**County Executive Office Signature**

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED  
ROBERT E. BYRD, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER  
BY 2/10/10  
SAMUEL WONG

Consent     Policy  
 Consent     Policy

Dept's Recomm.:  
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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**SUBJECT:** Allocation of Funds from Fish and Game Fund 25500 to California Waterfowl Association

The Park District submitted to the District Advisory Commission two funding proposals from the California Waterfowl Association. One was for \$2,000 to assist with the costs to host a youth hunter education camp at Mystic Lake in the San Jacinto Valley of western Riverside County. Their goal is to create safe, knowledgeable and ethical hunters who will become lifelong hunter conservationists. The other request is for \$2,475 to assist with the purchase of safflower seed for food plots to revive the Upland bird population that resides and migrates through the San Jacinto Wildlife Area.

The District Advisory Commission reviewed and approved the request to use Fish and Game fine monies for these two programs at its January 14, 2010 meeting and recommends approval by your Honorable Board. Excerpts of the meeting minutes and applications for funding presented at the District Advisory Commission showing those actions are attached.

**SCHEDULE A**

**Increase in Appropriations:**

|                     |                                   |         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 25500-931103 536200 | Contribution to Non-County Agency | \$4,475 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|

**Decrease Designated Fund Balance:**

|                     |                         |         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 25500-931103-320100 | Designated Fund Balance | \$4,475 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------|

- 6.2 Request for Trust Fund, Fish & Game, Monies – Action  
Job-Code 2010-01  
M/S/C Connerton, Cody

The Commissioners approved a \$2,475 request for use of fish and game funds from the California Waterfowl Association to purchase safflower seeds to plant at the San Jacinto Wildlife area to revive the local Upland bird population that reside and migrate through the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and will forward this recommendation to the Board of Supervisors/Directors.

- 6.3 Request for Trust Fund, Fish & Game, Monies – Action  
Job-Code 2010-02  
M/S/C Connerton, Smith

The Commissioners approved a \$2,000 request for use of fish and game funds from the California Waterfowl Association to host a hunter education camp for youth at Mystic Lake Duck Club in the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and will forward this recommendation to the Board of Supervisors/Directors.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
4600 Crestmore Road  
RIVERSIDE, CA 92509-6858

The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District, District Advisory Commission, will consider applications for funding at its regularly scheduled meetings. Applications may be considered subject to availability of funds. These funds are derived from fine monies for violations of the Fish and Game laws. The budget is mainly spent on projects involving research, habitat improvement and enhancement of fish and wildlife populations in Riverside County. Most of the funds are used for projects costing up to \$3,000. This allows for a broader use of funds to cover smaller projects for a wide range of fish and wildlife efforts.

Anyone working in an appropriate field or discipline is encouraged to apply. Please send your application to:

Scott Bangle, General Manager  
District Advisory Commission  
Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District  
4600 Crestmore Road  
Riverside, CA 92509-6858

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TO: Riverside County District Advisory Commission DATE: 12/1/09  
FROM: Greg Heydeman, California Waterfowl Association Biologist 916-275-8195  
(Name) (Telephone number)  
4630 Northgate Blvd. Suite 150 Sacramento, CA 95834  
(address) (city, state, zip code)

PROJECT TITLE San Jacinto Wildlife Area Upland Enhancement Project

**Brief project description and benefit to Riverside County:** San Jacinto Wildlife Area is an important area for both local wildlife and public hunters in southern California. In years past safflower seed needed for upland food plots was unable to be purchased by wildlife area staff. California Waterfowl Association is proposing a grant for 3300 lbs, at \$0.75 a pound, of safflower seed that will be planted on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The safflower food plots will help to revive the local upland bird population that reside and migrate through the wildlife area. Public hunters who visit the wildlife area will also benefit from the increased upland hunting opportunities that the food plots will provide. Taking into account the loss of habitat, and the change of farming practices in the region, the upland food plots at San Jacinto Wildlife Area will increase the amount of food that is available to the area's upland habitat dependent species.

Amount Requested: \$ 2475.00 Project Starting date: Nov. 2010 Project Finishing Dated: Dec. 2010

**Brief personal and professional background:** Greg Heydeman is the Southern California Regional Biologist for the California Waterfowl Association. He has designed, budgeted, and supervised construction for a \$650,000 wetland enhancement and restoration project at San Jacinto Wildlife during 2007. During 2008-09, Heydeman was also responsible for over 1.1million dollars of wetland enhancement work at Wister Wildlife Area in Imperial County, and the enhancement of three private duck clubs adjacent to SJWA. In total, over 4,500 acres of wetland, upland, and riparian habitat has been enhanced and restored under Heydeman's direction since 2007.

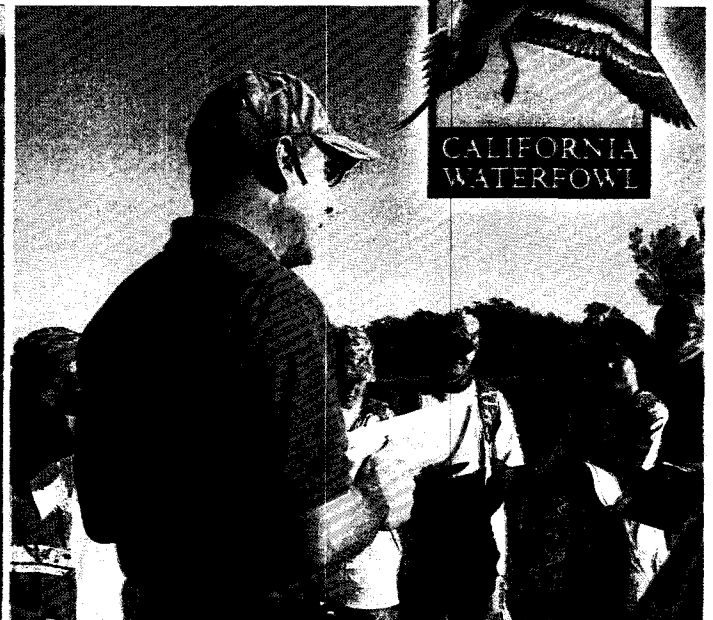
**OFFICE USE**  
Commission Action: approved Reviewed/Date: 1-14-10 Granted Date:



# Youth Waterfowl Hunter Camps



**Certified Trained Instruction**



**Hunter Education**



**Conservation**



**Exciting Outdoor Locations**

**Award-Winning  
Program!  
As seen on The  
Outdoor Channel**

## 2009 Schedule

- Mystic Lake (Riverside) – March 28-29
- Rancho Esquon (Butte) – May 15-17
- Turk Station (Fresno) – June 16-20
- Mandeville Island (San Joaquin) – July 17-19
- Mandeville Island Advanced Camp – July 24-26
- Conaway Ranch (Yolo) – July 31-Aug 2
- Black Point Club (Marin) – September 12-13
- Grizzly Ranch (Solano) – September 26-27
- Grizzly Ranch (Solano) – October 3-4
- Bird Haven Ranch (Butte) – November 20-22

**Visit  
[www.calwaterfowl.org](http://www.calwaterfowl.org)  
for more information.**

California Waterfowl is an award winning nonprofit, hunter-supported conservation organization with a mission to conserve the state's waterfowl, wetlands, and hunting heritage.

## Camper Information

Camper Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Male / Female (Circle One)  
Currently have hunters certification? Y / N (Circle One)

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|---|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mystic Lake (MYS) – March 28-29                | \$150               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rancho Esquon (ESQ) – May 15-17                | \$175               |
| Turk Station (Fresno) – June 16-20                                      | Call (559) 935-1902 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mandeville Island (MIC) – July 17-19           | \$175               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mandeville Island Adv. Camp (MIC) – July 24-26 | \$175               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conaway Ranch (CRC) – July 31-Aug 2            | \$175               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Point Club (BPC) – September 12-13       | \$150               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grizzly Ranch (GRM) – September 26-27          | \$100               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grizzly Ranch (GRM) – October 3-4              | \$100               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Haven Ranch (BHC) – November 20-22        | \$225               |

Charitable contribution deductions are limited to the excess of the contribution over the value of goods or services received. Value is equal to purchase price of camp.

## Parent/guardian Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Registration(s) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please make check payable to California Waterfowl or for credit card payment fill out below:*

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
California Waterfowl  
4630 Northgate Blvd. Suite 150  
Sacramento, CA 95834

### What is the goal of California Waterfowl Hunter Camps?

The goal is to prepare youths for a lifetime of outdoor experiences in a unique and exciting way. We do this by using great locations and experts in the field – staff and volunteers who enthusiastically share outdoor skills with the kids.

### What age is appropriate for these camps?

The camps are designed for youth ages 10-16, please call George Oberstadt at (916) 275-0961 if your child is not within that age range on the camp date.

### What safety precautions will be in place?

The camps will have shooting ranges in place with specific range safety rules defined. The kids will shoot in small groups (max 5-6) with adult safety volunteers controlling all safety aspects. Male and Female overnight chaperones are also fingerprinted.

### Will my child earn a CA DFG Hunter Education certificate?

Except for the advanced camp, all overnight camps teach the certified Hunter Education course, and campers take the certification test at camp. The camp-

ers are to review chapters 1, 2, 3, and 6 of the Hunter Education manual prior to camp. We will work quickly through the Hunter Education material so we can spend as much time as possible on shooting, archery, duck calling, and all of the many great activities that are part of the program.

### What do I need to bring?

All guns, eye and ear protection, ammo, and supporting materials will be provided for your child to use. You will receive a camper handbook that includes a list of required items to bring. Remember to be prepared for any changing weather conditions.

### Will my child benefit even if he/she already has the hunter education certificate?

Absolutely! You can never be “too safe,” and taking a refresher can be especially helpful for kids. We also teach the material in some unique ways with hands-on activities like egg-salvage, duck banding, shooting, and archery to support the learning process. Our philosophy is based on retaining 10% of what you hear, 20% of what you see and 60% of what you do. I also encourage kids with hunting licenses to attend an advanced camp or the California Waterfowl shooting or waterfowl hunting clinics.





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## California Waterfowl Camp Program Wins Prestigious Award

**California Waterfowl Youth Camp Coordinator George Oberstadt was recently recognized by the California Department of Fish and Game with the prestigious Director's Achievement Award for his work to develop youth hunter camps that make a difference in the lives of hundreds of youth each year in California.**

Department of Fish and Game Director Donald Koch recently awarded the Director's Achievement Award to George Oberstadt of California Waterfowl. Captain Roy Griffith, Administrator of California's Hunter Education program presented the award to Oberstadt at the association's recent Daddy Daughter Dinner. Cpt. Griffith said, "George has taken hunter education to a new level with the youth camps program. In addition to a state Hunter Education course youth in the program are given the opportunity to shoot rifles, shotguns, band waterfowl and even build wood duck boxes. The goal of hunter education is to develop safe conservation minded hunters who are ambassadors to the non-hunting community. George's camps are a huge step forward in helping us attain this goal".

Hunters provide significant funding for wildlife conservation. It is a constituency willing to pay and fight for wildlife's long-term survival. The goal of California Waterfowl's camps program is to recruit and retain young hunters so that critical conservation programs will continue to be funded in the future.

The association's statewide programs include hunter education camps, junior waterfowl hunts, shooting clinics and outdoor adventure days. In 2008, more than 45 events helped over 800 youths get actively involved in the great outdoors. "Kids going through California Waterfowl's programs are learning to be safe, responsible hunters and shooters in exciting outdoor locations all over the state. Even more importantly for the future, they are learning that in order for there to be wildlife, the next generation must remain committed to and get out and work to sustain wildlife populations in California," stated Oberstadt.

"George has done a fantastic job in creating a safe and fun learning environment for youths who are interested in hunting," said California Waterfowl President Bob McLandress. "We want to be sure that new hunters have a solid foundation of good safety habits and an understanding of their responsibility to serve as conservation stewards – and George has built a great team of volunteer experts and partners who model these values."

California Waterfowl's education program also reaches many thousands of youngsters each year who do not hunt but who want to learn about waterfowl and wetlands. The association's education and conservation efforts all work together to create and maintain healthy wildlife and habitats for the future.

California Waterfowl's Youth Camp Program is supported by the Bonderson Family Foundation, the Foothills Foundation, the Hofmann Foundation, Cabela's, The NRA Foundation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and National Wild Turkey Federation, and others. For more information about these and other exciting opportunities to get actively involved in the great outdoors, visit [www.calwaterfowl.org](http://www.calwaterfowl.org).

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## CAMP HUNT

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS TEACH HUNTING, SHOOTING, WILDLIFE SKILLS.

By Peter J. Lioy

WHEN A FRIEND mentioned he was going to a summer camp that had sessions in duck handling, decoy and calling techniques, and shooting instruction, Jeff Naska knew he had to go. The Woodland, California, 16-year-old had already been to two baseball camps and one football camp, but he's an avid hunter and the notion of a camp that focused on his passion was intriguing. That was three years ago. He had so much fun, Naska now attends the California Waterfowl Association's camp not as a camper, but as a junior counselor, helping ensure the other boys and girls have a good time.

Some summer camps teach kids how to dribble a soccer ball or craft

a leather belt, but those who attend camps like the CWA's sessions undergo intensive courses in firearms instruction, wildlife biology, natural history and hunting skills. These aren't your normal summer camps, but the boys and girls who attend them are just like Naska—normal kids who happen to love all things outdoors.

Despite gloomy predictions about youth participation in hunting, there's no shortage of camps that focus on hunting. Nor is there a shortage of kids who want to attend them. The N&W Whittington Center hosts camps for boys and girls at its facility in Raton, New Mexico. That Wildlife in Mississippi runs several youth

outdoor camps, including one over spring break and private ones like Texas' YU Ranch's hold summer camps with a heavy emphasis on safety, hunting observation and wildlife conservation. Both the South Carolina and Minnesota waterfowl associations hold youth camps, and many state wildlife agencies are either directly or indirectly involved in similar camps with a heavy emphasis on wildlife and trapping instruction. Wayne Arnesen, the N&W Whittington Center's acting executive director, said there is usually a waiting list for the center's two-week-long Adventure Camp sessions. "We offer 48 slots per week, and they fill up fast," he said.

The CWA's camps fill up fast also, and Camp Woodie, which takes place at the South Carolina Waterfowl Association's facility in central South Carolina, holds 10 five-day sessions throughout the summer. Over 500 boys and girls attend.

"Every one who goes to these camps

The Whittington Center's camp features different disciplines of shooting, with the average camper shooting about 1,700 rounds, from anything between a .22 to an AR-15 to a .30 caliber.



