



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.

763-Fish & Game Allocation of Funds to CA Waterfowl

Scott Bangle, General Manager

FINANCIAL DATA	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

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BY:
Michael R. Shetler

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT BOARD

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
 Nays: None
 Absent: Tavaglione
 Date: February 23, 2010
 xc: District, E.O., Auditor

Kecia Harper-Ihem
 Clerk of the Board
 By:
 Deputy

REVISED

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

13.1

ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Departmental Concurrence

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED BY
 ROBERT E. BYRD, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
 BY:
 SAMUEL WONG 2/19/10

Consent Policy
 Consent Policy

Dep't Recomm.
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

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
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Decrease Designated Fund Balance:

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

Item 6.2
Job Code 2010-1

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

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: _____

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Denied/Dated: _____

Referred/Dated: _____

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Please complete the following form and return it to the District Advisory Commission. Your request will then be placed on the District Advisory Commission agenda for recommendation to the Board of Directors for either acceptance or rejection of the project.

TO: Riverside County District Advisory Commission DATE: 12/8/2009

FROM: George Oberstadt, California Waterfowl cell - 916-275-0961, office 916-648-1406 x 142
(Name) (Telephone number)

4630 Northgate Blvd, Suite 150 Sacramento, CA 95834
(address) (city, state, zip code)

PROJECT TITLE California Waterfowl Hunter Camp @ Mystic Lake Duck Club (next to San Jacinto Wildlife Area)

Brief project description and benefit to Riverside County

California Waterfowl will host a hunter education camp at Mystic Lake Duck Club in partnership with San Jacinto Wildlife Area. We will host 30 youths (age 10-16) of varying experience levels to recruit and retain young hunters. This camp is a fun, hands-on, educational experience that helps to enable new hunters by giving them the skills, information and motivation to become lifelong hunter conservationists. This area is an exciting outdoor location that showcases waterfowl conservation and the important role that hunting plays in wildlife conservation. Activities include California Hunter Education certification, shotgun, rifle and archery shooting, fishing as well as conservation activities like tree planting and wood duck box construction and maintenance. The goal is to create safe, knowledgeable and ethical hunters that will become lifelong hunter conservationists in Riverside county. These lifelong hunter conservationists will continue to fund wildlife management programs and understand the importance and benefits of wildlife stewardship. Total budget for this project is approximately \$8500. Registration fees of \$150 will cover \$4500 of the project cost.

Amount Requested: \$ 2000 Project Starting date: 3/20/2010 Project Finishing Dated:
3/22/2010

Brief personal and professional background: Youth Camp Coordinator teaching conservation, hunter safety and outdoor recreational skills. BS Computer Science/Math, 20 years business experience as computer programmer and manager, 5 years teaching (middle school), Hunter Education instructor, Department of Fish and Game Director's Achievement Award 2008.

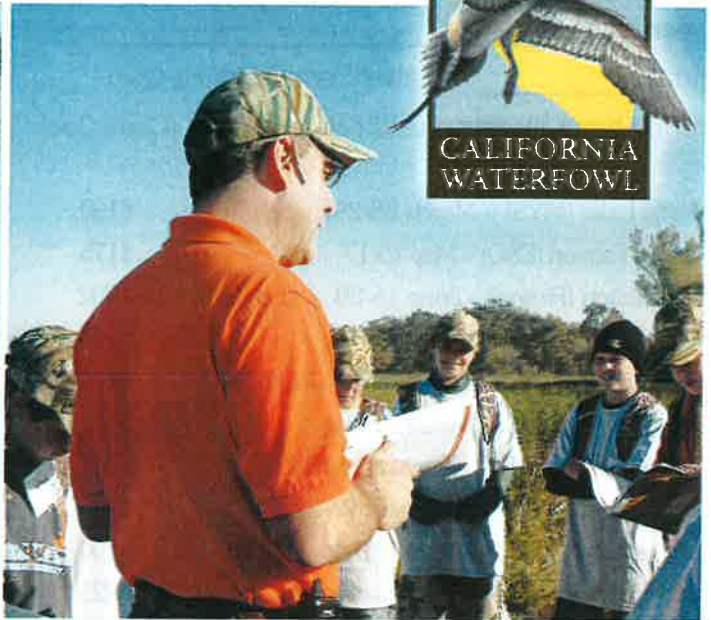
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Commission Action: approved Reviewed/Date: 1-14-10 Granted Date: _____
Denied/Dated: _____ Referred/Dated: _____

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
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.



Contact: Sarah Swenty
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3/1/08

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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.

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CAMP HUNT

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS TEACH HUNTING, SHOOTING, WILDLIFE SKILLS.

By David Hart

WHEN A FRIEND mentioned he was going to a summer camp that had sessions in duck banding, decoy and calling techniques, and shooting instruction, Jeff Naulke 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, Naulke 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 CWAs 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 Naulke—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 NRE's Whittington Center hosts camps for boys and girls at its facility in Raton, New Mexico. Vets Wildlife in Mississippi runs several youth

concentration camps, including one over spring break and private ranches like Texas' YO Ranch hold summer camps with a heavy emphasis on safety, hunting, shooting 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 hunting instruction. Wayne Arnsperger, the NRE's Whittington Center's acting executive director, said there is usually a waiting list for the center's two-week, long Adventure Camps sessions. "We offer 48 slots per week, and they fill up fast," he said.

The CWAs camps fill up fast, too, and Camp Woodho, which takes place at the South Carolina Waterfowl Association's facility in central South Carolina, holds 10 five-day sessions throughout the summer. Of or 500 boys and girls attend.

"Everyone 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.





Instead of a cursory course that focuses on safety or archery, South Carolina's CWA camps, as well as others, focus on intense firearms maintenance, safety and marksmanship. After training, the students are able to hang out or participate in a handful of other fun activities.

is really interested in what they are teaching us. There is a very high level of enthusiasm, and everyone has a great time," said Naake.

George Overstadt, youth camp coordinator for the CWA, said although he's pleased to have lots of kids attend, his ultimate goal is to attract boys and girls who might not come from a strong hunting background. In order to achieve that goal, he asks CWA members and their children to recommend kids who may not hunt but might have an interest in it otherwise. Naake and his father, Mark, plan on inviting some of Jeff's non-hunting friends next summer.

"A lot of the kids who participate already hunt, but some don't. I think we are having some level of success with that now, but I expect we will draw more kids who don't already hunt as the word gets out," said Overstadt.

Instead of a cursory course in rifle or archery, campers undergo intense, firearms safety, maintenance and marksmanship instruction at virtually all these camps. Naake helped band wood ducks and learned how banding provides important data to biologists. He was also taught how to properly use a duck call and arrange decoys under various hunting conditions. Other

campers teach such things as aquatic ecology with hands-on, feet-wet courses, while others teach wildlife tracking and hunting skills. In between, the boys and girls get to goof off, play games and just hang out like they would at any other summer camp. Armacost said campers shoot nearly 170,000 rounds of ammunition on the various ranges over two week-long sessions at the Whittington Center's camp. That works out to more than 1,700 shots per student.

"They shoot everything from flat-ack muzzleloaders and in-lines to .22 rifles, single-action revolvers, over and under and semi-automatic shotguns, AR-15s, even .50 calibers," he said. "The ARs and the .50 calibers are the most popular guns, but a lot of kids really like the single-action revolvers. They are also pretty excited about trying the three-and-a-half-yard rifle range."

Virtually all of the youth hunting camps take place in the summer when most hunting seasons are closed, so instructors and counselors have to rely on simulated hunts with paper, clay or steel targets designed to duplicate realistic situations. At the Whittington Center, kids are sworn on safety, ethics and marksmanship in a walk-through hunting course. However, a few camps are held on private ranches in Texas that have a variety of exotic game species that campers actually hunt. Most are guided management hunts where boys and girls have the opportunity to take exotic does, but the YO Ranch also offers a



Many of the youth camps start with instruction but culminate in an actual hunt. Surprisingly, many of the campers do not come from a strong hunting background, but they certainly leave with a hands-on experience and enthusiasm.

trophy silver-leaf hunt. It costs considerably more than the basic camp (more than \$2,000), but it's popular nonetheless. The CWA also offers weekend-long camps in November that include shooting, calling and decoy techniques as well as an actual hunt, and advanced campers at Camp Woodie are invited back in the fall for a day-long guided duck hunt.

"Many of our camps that include an actual hunt are held on private duck club properties, so the chance of success is quite high," said Overstadt.

The daily activities are detailed and intense, but counselors make them fun. Armacost said many of the Whittington Center's camp instructors are retired military, so they have strong leadership

skills as well as a firm grasp on firearms and teaching. He added that the campers respond well to the instructors and counselors and often go home with a renewed sense of responsibility.

Camp Information

- [Whittington Center](http://www.whittingtoncenter.com) (www.whittingtoncenter.com)
- [Waterfowl](http://www.waterfowl.org) (www.waterfowl.org)
- [YO Ranch](http://www.yoranchadventure.com) (www.yoranchadventure.com)

"I had one parent call me and ask what I did to her son while he was at camp. I was afraid she was angry at something I didn't know about, but she was pleased that her son said 'we' and 'my' and cleaned his room and helped with the chores after he got home," said Armacost.

Instructors at the waterfowl camps include professional biologists, game wardens and expert hunters, but most are just volunteers who love working with kids and passing on their knowledge. Many of the counselors at Minnesota's Woodie Camp are undergraduate wildlife students from some of the top universities, and they play an integral role in helping the boys and girls understand the lessons they are being taught. All of the staff at these hunting and conservation camps are really no different than staff members at any other specialty or general summer camp. Instead of a passion for baseball or soccer, they love to hunt and shoot. ■