

Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission

<u>Members</u>	<u>AGENDA</u>	<u>Staff Representatives</u>
Charles Burton, <i>Chair</i> Kimberly Richard, <i>Vice Chair</i> Megan Dameron Leslie Lew Greg Matsumoto Alex Pader Ina Pisani Xuexin (Allen) Xie	SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING Monday, June 2, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Napa County Library 580 Coombs Street, Napa Community Meeting Room	Dana Morrison, <i>Supervising Planner Secretary to the WCC</i> Pam Arifian – <i>Planner III</i> Conservation Division, PBES Daniel Zador – <i>Planner II</i> Conservation Division, PBES Laura Anderson – <i>Deputy County Counsel</i>

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1. **Call to Order** (*Chair*)

2. **Roll Call** (*Staff*)

3. **Public Comment** (*Chair*)

In this time period, anyone may comment to the Commission regarding any subject over which the Commission has jurisdiction, or request consideration to place an item on a future Agenda. No comments will be allowed involving any subject matter that is scheduled for discussion as part of this Agenda. Individuals will be limited to a three-minute presentation. No action will be taken by the Commission as a result of any item presented at this time.

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All comments will be heard in the order received.

The above-identified measures meet all legal requirements for participation and public comment, including those imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act and Executive Order N-08-21.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting of April 7, 2025 (*Chair*)

5. **Commission Member Updates** (*Staff*)

- Welcome Commissioner Leslie Lew

6. **WCC 2024-2025 Grant Award Recipient Monitoring Reports** (*Commission*)

- a) Commissioners report on monitoring projects.

7. **Grant Application Requirements and Selection Criteria Discussion** (*Commission & Staff*)

a) Solano County Grant Evaluation Model (*Chair Burton*)

Action Item: Discussion of Solano County Grant Evaluation as a model for Napa County WCC Grant Selection Process and possible direction to Staff on refining the grant selection criteria document and/or process.

8. **Future Agenda Items** (*Staff & Commission*)

9. **Next Meeting Date: August 25, 2025 Grant Award Meeting in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 1195 3rd Street, 3rd Floor.**

10. **Adjournment**

Item 4: Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2025

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Charles Burton, <i>Chair</i> Michael Sipiora, <i>Vice Chair</i> Megan Dameron Greg Matsumoto Alex Pader Ina Pisani Kimberly Richard Xuexin (Allen) Xie	SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING Monday, April 7, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Napa County Administration Building 1195 3rd Street, Napa 2nd Floor Large Conference Room	Dana Morrison, <i>Supervising Planner</i> <i>Secretary to the WCC</i> Pam Arifian – <i>Planner III</i> Conservation Division, PBES Daniel Zador – <i>Planner II</i> Conservation Division, PBES Laura Anderson – <i>Deputy County</i> <i>Counsel</i>

- 1. Call to Order (Chair)**
Commenced at 2:00 pm.
- 2. Roll Call (Staff)**
All present except Commissioner Dameron (excused); Commissioner Pader arrived 2:05 pm
- 3. Public Comment (Chair) - None**
- 4. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of December 9, 2024 (Chair)**
Commissioner Richard moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Matsumoto seconded; motion passed 6-0
- 5. Commission Member Updates (Staff)**
Staff announced reappointments for Commissioners Pisani and Pader, as well as the resignation of Commissioner Sipiora.
- 6. Adopt 2025 Meeting Calendar (Commission)**
Commissioner Pisani moved to adopt the 2025 Meeting Calendar; Commissioner Richard seconded; motion passed 7-0.
- 7. Election of 2025 Chair and Vice Chair (Commission)**
Commissioner Pader moved to nominate Commissioner Burton as Chair; Commissioner Sipiora seconded; motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Pader moved to nominate Commissioner Richard as Vice-Chair; Commissioner Matsumoto seconded; motion passed 7-0.
- 8. Future Agenda Items (Staff & Commission)**
 - Potential Special Meeting to continue Grant Application/Selection Criteria discussion
Commissioners agreed to send in draft proposals for edits to the current Grant Application document by May 19th for discussion at the next scheduled meeting (June 2). If no draft proposals are received by May 19th, the item will be continued to a subsequent meeting.
 - Commission Member Progress Reports on 2024-2025 Grant Award Projects
Commissioners will be prepared to report on progress for 2024-2025 grant award recipients.

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9. **Next Meeting Date: June 2, 2025**

10. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Richard moved to adjourn; Commissioner Pader seconded; motion passed 7-0. Adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Item 6: WCC 2024-2025 Grant Award Recipient
Monitoring Reports



**Grant Report to Napa County Wildlife Conservation
Commission: *Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife
Interactions in Napa County: 2024-2025*
05/22/25**

Summary

In summer 2024, International Bird Rescue was recommended for a \$4,127 grant from the Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission, which the County approved on 9/5/24. The goal of this project is to address known, ongoing Human-Wildlife Conflicts (negative human-wildlife interactions) in Napa County. The grant's purpose is to offset nutrition, medicine, rehabilitation, and veterinary medical supply costs for birds admitted from within Napa County to our San Francisco Bay-Delta Wildlife Center in Fairfield. We are pleased to share this Final Report on our activities with you.

Project Overview

With Napa County support, we addressed known, on-going Human-Wildlife Conflicts (negative human-wildlife interactions) in Napa County, and addressed numerous elements of California's Fish and Wildlife Code (especially in section 13103), as described in our original application.

Our San Francisco Bay-Delta Wildlife Center functions as a "referral hospital," treating the most challenging cases that are beyond the capacity or skills of other regional wildlife centers and clinics, and releasing them back into the wild once they are successfully rehabilitated. Unlike traditional veterinary clinics, our patients come to us with no funding, no insurance, and no one responsible for paying the bill. Birds injured by human impact (as the majority of our cases are) require special skills, food, and nutrition in order to be rehabilitated successfully and returned to the environment. Only with philanthropic support from concerned citizens, foundations, corporations, and municipal agencies are we able to meet the demand for our services.

County-specific Details

In our most recent reporting year (FY24: 10/1/23-9/30/24), our San Francisco Bay-Delta Wildlife Center admitted 1,871 individual, wild, native patients, and our Los Angeles Wildlife Center admitted another 1,205 patients, for a total of 3,076 patients representing over 86 different species. The average length of care for all patients was 19.67 days

During this same time period, we rescued and rehabilitated 58 wild, native birds from Napa County (nearly double the amount of the prior year), representing 13 different species: California Brown Pelican, California Gull, Canada Goose, Common Merganser, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Green Heron, Kildeer, Lesser Snow Goose, Mallard, Red-necked Phalarope, Sora, and Western Grebe. Rescue locations included Napa, Calistoga, Yountville, and St. Helena. Common causes of injury included removed from hazardous area, hit by car, and orphaned. The average length of care for these Napa County patients was 6 days, and 59% left our care alive (a significantly higher

success rate than national wildlife rehabilitation averages). American Canyon is a common release location.

Between 10/1/24 and 5/15/25, the period during which Napa County grant funds were used, we rescued and rehabilitated 16 wild, native birds from Napa County, representing 7 different species: California Brown Pelican, California Gull, Canada Goose, Common Goldeneye, Greater White-fronted Goose, Mallard, and Red-billed Gull.

Rescue locations included Napa, Rutherford, and American Canyon. Causes of injury included starvation (as we're seeing in Brown Pelicans currently), orphaned, disease (Bird Flu), and unknown trauma. The average length of care for these Napa County patients was 8 days, and 50% left our care alive (still higher than national wildlife rehabilitation averages).

Our work is ongoing and year-round, and we expect additional Napa County intakes throughout the remainder of the spring and summer.

Program Methodology

We were able to efficiently and effectively rescue and rehabilitate so many wild birds because of our well-established response protocols, developed through years of direct, hands-on experience:

1. **Rescue:** Volunteers, citizens, and other rescue agencies transport injured and abandoned birds to our Wildlife Centers.
2. **Triage:** Birds first undergo a triage assessment by our professional veterinary staff where vital signs are taken, the bird's weight and measurements are recorded, and blood work is often done. A medical treatment plan and a nutrition plan are created specific to each bird.
3. **Medical Intervention:** Typically initiated after the first 24-48 hours in care, so that the initial trauma of capture can abate (remaining mindful that these are wild animals), and we can be assured that the animal has the strength to endure the stress of a medical procedure such as washing or surgery.
4. **Recovery:** Treated birds move to a recovery area, just as a patient would be at a human hospital. Here, their progress is closely monitored until they are ready to move to a rehabilitation area.
5. **Rehabilitation:** Birds heal their wounds and gain strength in our predator-proof aviary enclosures.
6. **Release:** When birds have healed and matured to be capable of survival on their own, they are released back into the wild at species-appropriate locations.

Other Organizational Activity:

Please see the attached **Impact Report: Recent Crises and Responses** for more information, including images and more detail about how we are dealing with the current deadly threat facing wild birds: *Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza*, also known as Bird Flu, and the current 2025 Pelican Starvation Crisis (just reported on by KQED: <https://www.kqed.org/science/1996948/californias-pelicans-are-once-again-starving-this-year-its-the-babies>)

Financial Report

As described in our original application, and as shown below and in the attached receipts and invoices, Commission funds were to be used to pay for material costs of necessary, expendable, animal nutrition (food), medicine, and basic veterinary medical supplies for birds admitted from within Napa County to our San Francisco Bay-Delta Wildlife Center. No Commission funds were used for personnel, insurance, or capital expenses.

#	Date	Account	Vendor Name	Invoiced Amount	Grant Supported
1	10/18/24	Animal Food	McRobert's Sales Co.	\$8,954.58	\$4,127.00
			TOTALS	\$8,954.58	\$4,127.00

Contact:

International Bird Rescue
4369 Cordelia Rd.
Fairfield, CA 94534

Phil Kohlmetz, Grants Coordinator
E: grants@birdrescue.org
P: 707-704-0350 or 707-207-0380



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Sales Invoice
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 Date : October 18, 2024

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 KELLY NESBITT
 4369 CORDELIA ROAD
 FAIRFIELD, CA 94534

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 KELLY BEFFA
 4369 CORDELIA ROAD
 FAIRFIELD, CA 94534

Purch.Order No.	Customer No.	Salesperson	Payment Terms	Freight Company	Req. Ship Date
	01815	CELESTE BONNER	N30	CHALLENGER	October 18, 2024

Cases	Case Size	Description	Lot #	UOM	Qty	Unit Price	Total Price
60	3X10 LB	NIGHT SMELT	26868	LB	1800.00	2.75	4,950.00
42	1X16 KG	IQF PACIFIC HERRING 5-8	23561	LB	1481.49	1.80	2,666.68

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1. Bird Flu: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (aka HPAI)

International Bird Rescue is in our third consecutive year of responding to **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza** Eurasian strain H5N1 2.3.4.4.b, **also known as HPAI and Bird Flu**. What was hoped to be a temporary or seasonal event is now a permanent, deadly threat facing North America's wild birds.

This strain had been spreading around the globe for over a decade, but is different from other avian influenza strains that have long plagued the poultry industry. It can be carried from place to place on human shoes and clothing, even on vehicle tires. Crowded conditions at breeding areas and other areas where wild birds congregate are spots where they are at high risk of this disease spreading and causing mass mortality. The first detection of the strain in California was in July 2022. This HPAI virus strain is not yet considered to be a high risk to humans, but it is *highly-contagious* among birds, *nearly always fatal*, and is mutating to infect other animals.

HPAI requires us to quarantine and assess every arriving patient, adding significant time and cost.

We have added protocols to protect our current clinic patients, to protect our staff, and to reduce the likelihood of infected birds entering our facilities, including:

- Screening of all new patients
- Staff wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when screening incoming patients for HPAI symptoms
- Laboratory testing as needed
- Reorganizing interior spaces to minimize cross-contamination

As a result of our extraordinary efforts, to date we have been successful in keeping HPAI out of our clinics.

To learn more about our extraordinary efforts to keep our patients and our personnel safe, read our Blog entries:

[Not All Heroes Wear Capes – Suiing Up To Protect From Bird Flu](#)

[Mallard Ducklings Present Unique Bird Flu Challenges](#)

If you find a bird in need, please call our free **Bird HelpLine** for assistance, or consult with a wildlife rehabilitation center in your area. **Bird HelpLine:** 866.SOS.BIRD (866-767-2473)

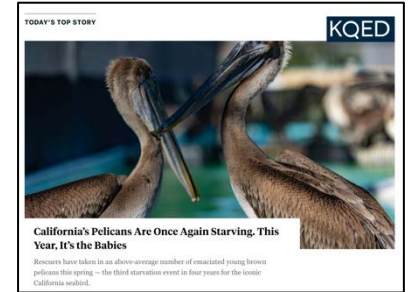


Wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect against Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, Bird Rescue staff examine a Brown Pelican patient in a special quarantine area.



2. California Brown Pelican Crises: 2025, 2024, and 2022

In three of the last 4 years, van-loads of California Brown Pelicans arrive daily from other regional wildlife centers in both Northern and Southern CA. Most patients are starving, weak, anemic, can't maintain their body temperature, and are severely emaciated (i.e., *half* their normal body weight). 2022 intakes totaled 390 patients, 2024 intakes totaled 413 patients, and 2025 intakes to-date total 221 patients and rising: <https://www.kqed.org/science/1996948/californias-pelicans-are-once-again-starving-this-year-its-the-babies>



In all three incidents, we observe symptoms of starvation which point to a food issue. We continue to work with researchers in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife to determine root causes. Whatever the ultimate cause, the birds are failing to find enough to eat and taking extra risks when foraging, resulting in significant fishing hook, line, and net entanglements. One 2024 pelican even “crashed” onto the field of a San Francisco Giants Major League Baseball game.



In 2025, pelican patients are also presenting with complications from domoic acid and saxitoxin poisoning from harmful algae blooms. Notable 2024 patient statistics include: 69 with fractures, 100 with fishing gear injuries, 68 with wounds of unknown origin, 15 oil-contaminated, 1 gunshot, 80 surgical procedures (14 of which were pouch lacerations) on 65 different patients.

Brown Pelicans have been impacted by large-scale perils in the past and they were added to the endangered species list in 1970 due to exposure to DDT that caused their breeding numbers to plummet. It wasn't until 2009 that they were removed from the list. Since 2009, we have attached special blue leg bands to all released Brown Pelicans to help citizen-scientists track them in the wild as part of our *Blue Banded Pelican Program*.



All released birds are banded with Federal metal bands for the Federal Bird Banding Lab, as well as blue bands for our *Blue Banded Pelican* citizen science research program. We encourage the public to report all banded bird sightings on our website, which we share with the Federal Bird Banding Lab.



Top: Bird Rescue Wildlife Rehabilitation Technician Claire Koykka works with volunteer Daphna Wohl to examine one of the 400+ Brown Pelicans in care during the 2024 crisis.

Bottom: Although most pelicans arrive starving and sick, many arrive with wing fractures and fish hook-inflicted wounds. Dr. Rebecca Duerr works tirelessly to aid these injuries.

Thanks to extraordinary efforts, over 250 patients were released back to the wild at species-appropriate locations. Over 80 resightings have been confirmed, including patient 3H9 in Newport, OR. Patient data from our specialized RaptorMed software shows that the average length of stay for 2024 patients was over 36 days: a 3x increase from historical averages, due to the severity of the crisis. Notable media included: KQED Radio, ABC7-TV SF, NBC-TV, USA Today, and KPIX5-TV SF: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mIHkISgv5M>

3. Double-crested Cormorant Rescue 2025

In March 2025, we admitted over 60 Double-crested Cormorant eggs and chicks to our Los Angeles Wildlife Center that were rescued from a failing tree in Marina del Rey by the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors. Prominent news coverage included: KTLA-5 LA, ABC News, KFI AM640, LAist, Santa Monica Daily Press, Yahoo News, and LA Times, among many others. [Watch video of the rescue and the rehabilitation here: https://vimeo.com/1068004206](https://vimeo.com/1068004206)



Bird Rescue staff must wear a special costume and use a puppet to hand-feed cormorant chicks every hour, to prevent habituation and to keep these patients ready for eventual release back to the wild.

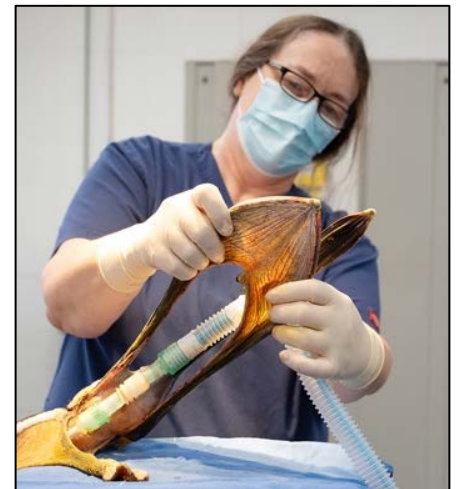
4. New Study Shows Plastic Pollution Leaves Seabirds with Brain Damage Similar to Alzheimer's

A 2025 study published in the reputable journal [Science Advances](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/mar/12/plastic-pollution-leaves-seabirds-chicks-with-brain-damage-similar-to-alzheimers-study-aoe) adds to the growing evidence of the devastating impact of plastic pollution on marine wildlife. Many of the patients we admit for care at International Bird Rescue have ingested plastic waste. The new study details that in addition to starvation (as the undigestible plastic displaces other nutrition), plastic pollution contributes to “patterns of proteins [found through blood tests] that were very similar to those in people that have Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease. It's almost equivalent to a small child having Alzheimer's,” said Alix de Jersey, the PhD candidate who led the study, which you can read here: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/mar/12/plastic-pollution-leaves-seabirds-chicks-with-brain-damage-similar-to-alzheimers-study-aoe> .

5. Victim of Human Cruelty, Blue the Pelican Provided Life-Saving Treatment, and Released

On Sunday March 10, 2024, a crew member on the sport fishing boat *Truline* identified a California Brown Pelican in distress. Acting quickly, they captured the bird and delivered it to our LA Wildlife Center. The bird was unable to feed itself due to a massively slashed pouch, and was nicknamed “Blue” for its temporary ID band. Blue's injuries included straight cuts parallel to the jaw, running all the way back to the neck, and cutting into the feathered skin of the neck itself on both sides. The wounds were scabbed and about 4-7 days old. At the scabbed feathered skin wound margins, both sides showed linear cuts reminiscent of a knife, machete, or other sharp object.

Our Director of Research and Veterinary Science Dr. Rebecca Duerr rushed Blue into surgery. More than 400 stitches were required to repair Blue's pouch. Although the initial surgery was successful, a second surgery (requiring more than 100 additional stitches) was required a few weeks later to complete the repair.



Dr. Rebecca Duerr examines “Blue” the California Brown Pelican patient. The tube in the pelican's mouth area carries oxygen and anesthesia during the surgery.

Blue received her permanent Blue Band 2E8 (as part of our ongoing citizen science *Blue Banded Pelican Program*) and was released back to the wild ([as shown in this video](#)) on April 25, 2024. Media covering our response to this human cruelty event included [FOX11LA](#), [NBC4LA-TV](#), [KFI640AM Radio](#), [CBS-KCAL-TV](#), and the [Sacramento Bee](#), among others.

6. Oilapalooza Conference in Bakersfield, CA in October 2024

Five members of our team attended [Oilapalooza](#), the Oiled Wildlife Care Network's biennial 2-day spill response conference, in Bakersfield, CA, taking part in a valuable opportunity to both teach and learn.

Bird Rescue is one of the founding members of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, an organization that was established in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife – Office of Spill Prevention and Response. The network was formed as a reaction to the devastating [1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill](#) in Prince William Sound, Alaska and the [1990 American Trader spill](#) in Huntington Beach, CA.



L to R: Finn Watson, Wildlife Rehabilitation Technician; Kelly Beffa, San Francisco Bay-Delta Wildlife Center Manager; Dr. Rebecca Duerr, Director of Research and Veterinary Science; Lisbeth Montenegro, Wildlife Rehabilitation Technician; and Jennifer Martines, Wildlife Rehabilitation Technician.

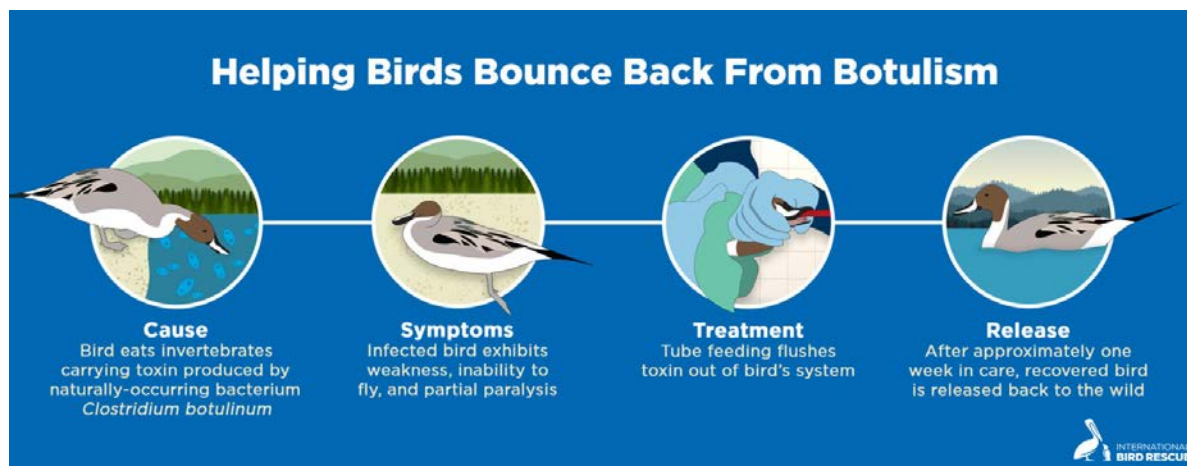
Our team participated in two panels. Dr. Rebecca Duerr, Director of Research and Veterinary Science, discussed protocols for managing Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza AKA bird flu, sharing critical insights to help protect both birds and responders. Lisbeth Montenegro, Wildlife Rehabilitation Technician, moderated a panel focused on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) in wildlife rehabilitation. Jennifer Martines, Wildlife Rehabilitation Technician, contributed as a panelist, highlighting the importance of inclusive practices in our field.

7. Providing Expert Support at Tulare Lake Avian Botulism Event

In mid-2023, a botulism outbreak unfolded in California's Central Valley. Because of extraordinary winter runoff from the Sierra, typically dormant Tulare Lake grew to the size of Lake Tahoe. It swallowed up working farms, and made for an attractive stop for millions of migrating birds. Sadly, the warm, stagnant water and ample decaying organic matter were perfect conditions for the naturally-occurring bacteria *Clostridium botulinum*. With our expert supportive care matched to the severity of symptoms, many birds (including ducks, grebes, stilts, and ibis) recovered quickly and were released within two weeks. Public support keeps us ready to deploy to emergency events like this.



Rehabilitation Technician Emily Werdal (left) and Wildlife Center Manager Kylie Clatterbuck tube-feed a Black-necked Stilt rescued from the Tulare Lake Avian Botulism Event.



8. Long Beach Harbor Seabird Rescue

As reported by the LA Times, in May 2021, a major nesting site for both near-threatened Elegant Terns and Least Terns at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve in Southern California was disturbed by human impact: a crashed drone. Thousands of terns abandoned an estimated 2,000 eggs. There is evidence that the Bolsa Chica Elegant Terns fled to other nesting sites, including two barges located in busy Long Beach Harbor, approximately 500 feet offshore and not accessible by land.

Beginning in July, young terns were spotted falling off of the barges, and dead tern chicks were washing ashore. Our partners at Los Cerritos Wetlands



Nesting Elegant Terns on barge located in Long Beach Harbor.

Stewards and El Dorado Nature Center were first on the scene and immediately contacted us. With our expertise and the hands-on knowledge that comes from working with waterbirds on a daily basis, we immediately activated our response teams. Just a year earlier in 2020, we published an important scientific paper on a rescue-and-rehabilitation effort that led to a notable success: the post-release survival and breeding of a group of Caspian Terns.

As the crisis unfolded, it became clear that *thousands* of young birds were at risk. The chicks, still without flight feathers and unable to get back up onto the barge, would have drowned without rescue. Our staff were on the water each day for weeks, performing search and collection, and transporting chicks to our Los Angeles Wildlife Center for care.



Some of the young Elegant Terns in care at our Los Angeles Wildlife Center.

At our Los Angeles Wildlife Center, each young bird was evaluated, dried, and warmed to stabilize its condition. Tern chicks require hand feeding, and can easily habituate and become accustomed to human interaction. This is unsafe for wild animals, so we took extra precautions to cover our faces and bodies during feeding so these birds would remain wild.

The total number of birds affected, as well as the time frame of the crisis, far exceeded our initial expectations, using more human and financial resources than originally anticipated. Another challenge was that 638 of the near-threatened Elegant Tern chicks required rescue more than once. We adapted by designing and installing special “haul-outs:” small custom-built platforms that floated at water-level so that baby birds who fell off of the barges could safely get back out of the water.

Two key outcomes of our crisis response effort were:

- Rescue of 3,108 near-threatened Elegant Terns (exceeding our early estimate by nearly seven-fold).
- Successful return of 3,003 Elegant Tern chicks back to the wild: a release rate of 96.6%!



NAPA WILDLIFE RESCUE

Napa Wildlife Rescue 2024 Annual Report

Our Mission:

Napa Wildlife Rescue supports and advocates for Wildlife through Rehabilitation, Education, Collaboration and Community Engagement in order to promote sustainable and healthy ecosystems in Napa County for present and future generations.

Napa Wildlife Rescue is the only nonprofit organization in Napa County that is permitted to rescue wildlife, provide medical and husbandry care, and release them back to their wild homes when they are ready.

Our Patients - NWR has helped nearly 15,000 animals since 2013!

In 2024, we had 1,427 animal patients representing 130 different species. This is a significant increase over 2023 when we had 1,163 animal patients representing 120 different species. 70% of the 2024 patients were avian and represented 90 different species. 30% of the patients were mammals and represented 31 species. 81% of the animals we cared for were found in Napa County and 19% came from other North Bay counties.

We had a large variety of bat species as patients this year, which was really fun and educational to see. Species included the Big Brown Bat, California Myotis, Hoary Bat, Little Brown Myotis, Mexican Free-tailed Bat, and Pallid Bat.

We are often sadly reminded of how hard it is for animals to survive their first year. Last summer we cared for three fledgling Bald Eagles that came in with injuries too severe for rehabilitation - one had an extreme case of avian pox, one was electrocuted on a power line which left it blind, and one had multiple leg fractures, possibly from a miscalculation in hunting or landing. The rescues by staff and volunteers are very intense and we leave a piece of our hearts with every animal that doesn't survive.



No, that's not a house cat - look closely and you can see the large ears, large paws and camouflage coloring characteristic of a bobcat. The cat was rescued on December 13 at a winery near Yountville, sitting on the crush pad and too weak to put up much of a fight. She was emaciated and had external and internal parasites. She's young, but not a kitten. Perhaps something happened to her mother before she had the skills to fully hunt for herself causing her to slowly decline. Her prognosis upon admittance was grim, but her weight doubled after getting a carefully monitored diet and treatment for parasites. She was put into a large outdoor enclosure with space to practice hunting and quickly made it clear how fierce she was. On release day,

two months after she was found, she was taken back to her rescue location at the winery. She left her crate, slowly assessed her surroundings and then bounded off, disappearing into the underbrush. Our job is to give her a second chance and she took it!



Our Veterinarians

Dr. Ed and Linnaea were able to perform more surgeries in 2024 than ever before thanks to the acquisition of more medical equipment and expanding skill sets.

Dr. Kim introduced us to laser therapy and helped us with several opossums that had massive wounds, a hawk with a foot injury, a Barn Owl with a wound on the wing, and a Great Horned Owl with a soft tissue shoulder injury. The photo shows her doing acupuncture on an opossum.

Avian Influenza

While "bird flu" has been in the news much more lately, we've been on the front lines of this epidemic in birds for the past several years. Our role in this is two-fold. We accept and evaluate sick birds for the virus, using appropriate personal protective equipment and quarantine protocols as needed. We send deceased birds whose symptoms were suspicious prior to death to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. This disease surveillance is so they can better assess the scope and prevalence of the disease, as well as characteristics of affected birds. We also communicate with other centers to learn what they are finding so that we can all be watching for the spread of the disease to new species.



22 Interns!

Our 2024 Intern program was very successful - we had 22 students help over the summer! Most of the students came from UC Davis and many of them were pursuing the pre-vet track. Some of them were able to gain experience that helped them to get permanent positions with other wildlife rescue centers. The intern in the first photo is giving subcutaneous fluids to a baby opossum. The second photo is an intern helping to exam a very late season baby Barn Owl.





Juniper

Meet Juniper and Blossom!

The 2024 Education program visited 46 classrooms with presentations to over 1,000 students. Terra, our Education Coordinator, makes three visits to each classroom. The first two lessons are about wildlife and ecology, and the third visit is with an Animal Ambassador. Blossom the opossum visited with her handlers Janice and Theresa, and Maddie the Red-tailed Hawk visited with her handler Carol.

Odin, our on-site Ambassador Raven, got a grand new aviary thanks to contractor Nick Dewald. A generous donation of money, raised by the students of Unidos Middle School, allowed us to refurbish Odin's old aviary and it is now the home of Juniper, a Red-shouldered Hawk whom Terra is training to be an Animal Ambassador. Juniper is not fully flighted due to an injury she incurred as a fledgling.



Blossom

BOMP

Our Barn Owl Box Maintenance Program constructed and installed 23 nesting boxes and serviced 273 boxes in 2024. Emily and Alex go out during the fall to clean boxes, taking out nesting material from earlier in the year. If the box is full of debris it will not only be unhealthy but may lack enough space for the babies to develop properly as they grow. In the springtime they revisit the boxes to see if nests have been established and baby owls have hatched.

What's new on the clinic grounds? Minimizing our footprint!

Thanks to some very generous anonymous donors we were able to install solar panels to offset our electrical consumption at the clinic. It's nice to know we have reduced our carbon footprint and our PG&E bills!

Our efforts for recycling earned us an award, the JD Fullner Leadership Recycling Award from the City of Napa, Napa County and Napa Recycling. Our recycling and composting diverts a lot of debris from the landfill, as do our efforts to reuse materials for all of our projects.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteer gardeners!

Much to our delight we've watched the number of songbirds, insect, and reptile visitors to the property increase as our native plant garden has matured. This Gopher Snake helps keep the rodents in check.

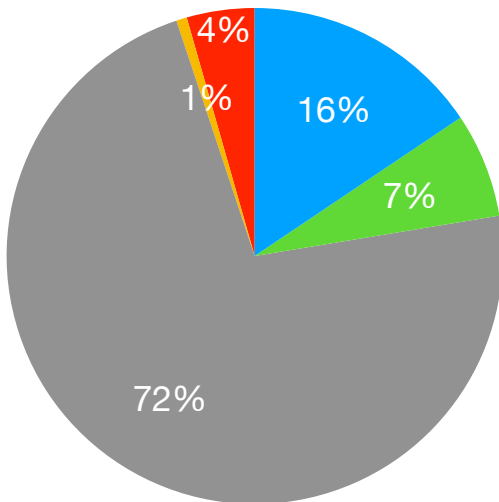


Napa Wildlife Rescue is fiscally sound.

In 2024 we raised \$499,000 and had expenses of \$461,000. We have a healthy reserve fund for property improvements and unforeseen expenses. We fully own two pieces of property: Julia's Refuge, the 2-acre clinic property in Carneros and the Shafer Sanctuary, 5 acres near Yountville for pre-release conditioning of certain species of animals

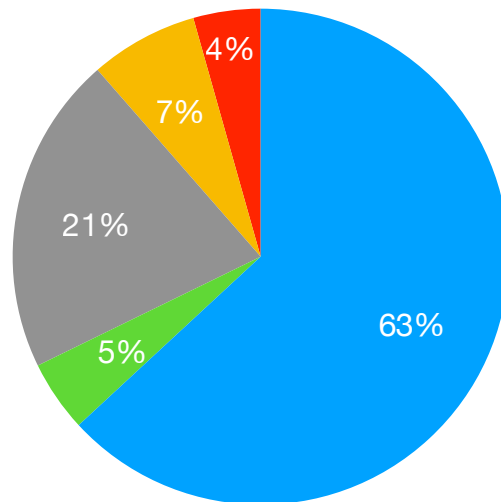
Income \$499,000.

- Grants & Foundations
- BOMP
- Private Donations including CanDo Give!Guide
- Special Event
- Interest



Expenses \$461,000

- Animal Care
- Education Programs
- Insurance, Office & Fundraising Expenses
- Property Expenses including utilities
- BOMP Expenses



Meet the Staff & Board of Directors

Staff wages are the largest part of our budget. Two generous gifts enabled us to give employee raises and create a new position that will guide our future growth.

We have five permanent full-time positions, two permanent part-time positions, and seasonal employees. We have 135 volunteers, including interns, involved in various tasks.

Staff:

- Linnaea Furlong** / Wildlife Clinic Manager
- Emily Scott**/ BOMP Coordinator & Lead Animal Care
- Terra Standish**/ Education Coordinator & Lead Animal Care
- Sara Walhovd Gonsalves** / Animal Care Technician
- Alex Kay**/ Animal Care Assistant
- Maria Gomez** / Animal Care Assistant

Board of Directors:

- Carol Poole** / President
- Tom Clark**/ Vice-President
- Linda Howard**/ Treasurer
- John Comisky**
- Breanna Martinico**
- Jessica Schlarbaum**
- Vivian Wehner**

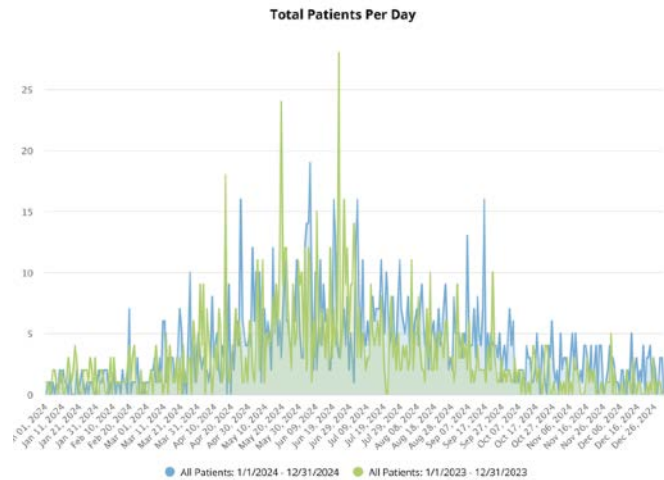
Mail: Napa Wildlife Rescue, P.O. Box 2571, Napa CA 94558
Wildlife Clinic Location: 4001 Middle Ave., Napa, CA 94559
HAWKLINE: (707) 224-4295 (Hawk)
Administration: (707) 685-5411
www.napawildliferescue.org



March 2025

I think some friends are getting tired of hearing my excuse for not joining an activity because it is “baby season”. What is that they ask? The chart below shows it graphically - baby season, the time of intense animal care that starts in the spring and ends in the fall, is like summiting a mountain pass. We start at a manageable pace, keep climbing as the trail gets steeper and reach the top just before all our energy is gone.

Baby animals arrive at the clinic gradually in spring - hummingbirds first, then owls, squirrels and opossums, and then everyone else all at once! Our staff is wonderful and well-organized but every year it feels like there are a few weeks of exhaustion; every patient has its own needs and unique medical problems and we wonder if there is ever enough time and space to care for them all?!



Daily patient intake Jan. -Dec., 2023 & 2024

Then we are over the summit, the pace becomes manageable and the trail slowly descends to the end of the season with the last of the fledglings grown and released. Only then we start another uphill - in the fall we go right into the holidays and our biggest fundraising efforts. The Education team visits schools, the BOMP team cleans and checks Barn Owl boxes. Clinic improvements, repairs and cleaning, the construction of new animal enclosures, and storm cleanup happen in-between rain showers. Then the garden freesias bloom and it is quickly time to call for volunteers, hold training sessions, and gear up for another season. We are definitely in step with nature!

As our government is becoming more of a lean and mean machine, I’m finding myself thinking about where I want my money to be spent. I’ve come to the conclusion that it is more important than ever to give to the non-profits who do the work I believe in. If you worry about accountability, become involved and see first hand what they are doing. Implement change, not chaos. I hope you feel the same, I hope to see you on the trail this year!

Thank you for taking this journey with us,
Carol Poole, President

Napa Wildlife Rescue Donors 2024

\$10,000 and above

Anonymous; Anasuya & Ravi Dubey; The David and Jane Gotelli Family Fund; Kermit Kubitz; The William & Inez Mabie Family Foundation; The May Foundation Trust; Morgan Morgan; Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission; The Richard Reed Foundation; Julia Winiarski.

\$5,000 to \$9,999

CA Department of Fish & Wildlife; Alice & Richard Anderson; Michael Borck & Kathleen Brannan; Jeanine & Bernerd Brown; Circle R Ranch; Kimberly Cook; Kelvin Davis; Joseph & Bernard Davison; Carol Poole; Doug & Annette Shafer; Syar Foundation; Frederika Zipp;

\$1,000 to \$4,999

Benevity Impact Fund; Susan Burchill; Community Projects, Inc.; Clark Sustainable Systems; John Comisky; Jerry Cormack; Kelvin Davis; Randall & Loree Dunn; Bob Fiddaman; Stephen Ferrini & Doretta Morlacci; Jim & Stephanie Gamble; T.S. & K.D. Glide Foundation Trust; Harrington Family Fund; Violet Hover & Sandy Fagan; Phillip Lamoreaux; Gregory & Jackie McGrath; Chris Miller & Catherine McNamee; Melissa Moravec & Kurt Reaume; Elizabeth Munk; John Oesleby; Penelope Ann Pawl; PayPal Giving Fund; Gail Penrod; Sudie Pollock; Samuel Poole; Zachary Rasmuson; Cheri Ruise; Scott & Joann Ortega Snowden; Dianne & Bob Snyder; Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery; Janice Beglau-Taylor; Leslie Carson Vaughn; Vivian Wehner; Susan Wenner; Eve-Anne Wilkes;

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And many more! It is too difficult to list all the donors, but we are so appreciative of all of our supporters. We know people give according to their means and every dollar and every hour of volunteer work improves our organization and helps further our mission to help wildlife! It is heart-warming to know you have faith in our work.

Thank you for making 2024 a successful year!

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Item 7: Grant Application Requirements and Selection
Criteria Discussion

**GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
NAPA COUNTY WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

ELIGIBILITY: All applications for Wildlife Conservation Commission grant funding must demonstrate eligibility as follows:

1. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm on the last day of the grant cycle as posted. Applications received after this deadline will not be accepted.
2. Project must be located within Napa County.
3. Project must be accomplished within the fiscal year the award is granted.
 - o Exception only for applications for land acquisition, which may be submitted as multi-year funding requests.
4. Only one application for funding may be submitted per organization; however, the application may request funding for several projects.
5. For environmental education proposals submitted by or on behalf of schools:
 - o No more than one (1) proposal per classroom;
 - o Proposals for funding on behalf of schools shall be submitted directly by the district on behalf of individual schools with a maximum of one (1) proposal from each instructional level (i.e., one from the elementary school level, one from junior high, and one from the high school level).
6. Applications must meet the requirements for use of State Fish and Wildlife fine monies (§13103 (see attached)). Administrative costs shall be identified in the Expenditure Detail and **shall not be included** for reimbursement unless otherwise deemed necessary and approved by the Commission.
7. All applications **must** comply with the following Grant Application Format.

GRANT APPLICATION FORMAT:

I. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION

1. Type of organization or business
2. Purpose for which organization was formed
3. Tax exempt status
4. Date formed as Non-profit
5. Membership: restrictions, number of members, fees, etc.
6. Names of Board of Directors; contact person (include phone number, email address, mailing address)

II. NEEDS ASSESSMENT/Problem Statement

1. Clear statement of problem
2. Specific objective & specific dollar amount requested
3. Anticipated results, with time-line

4. Detailed description of methods planned to achieve objective
5. Clear statement of benefit relative to the goals of the Commission
 - a. Identify the approved expenditure item(s) the project complies with from CDFG Code §13103 (attached) and which WCC priorities as listed in Selection Criteria Priorities, below.
6. Describe how you intend to determine if the proposed activity is successful

III. ATTACHMENTS

1. Expenditure detail (sample templates can be provided upon request)
2. List of other funding sources (i.e. matching funds)
3. Completion/progress report of projects completed over past 5 years with the use of Fish & Game Fine Monies.
4. For environmental education proposals: At least one (1) letter of support from a school board member, principal, teacher, etc.,
5. For land acquisition proposals or capital improvement projects, include discussion on any public access component.

GRANT AWARD INFORMATION

The Commission will consider grant applications at a public meeting following the close of the grant cycle. **Representation at the Commission grant award meeting is not required but is strongly recommended in order to answer any questions from the Commission.**

Please be aware that all proposals granted by the Commission will be required to enter into a Grant Agreement with Napa County, requiring proof of Liability Insurance.

Please be advised that, for projects that fall within the categories of the CDFG Code §13103 requiring approval from the Department (i.e. items (d), (h), (i), (l), and (m)), the County will need to forward the application to CDFW for review and approval. As such, it is recommended that applicants submitting for projects subject to these categories consult with CDFW ahead of submittal.

The fiscal year term for Napa County is from July 1 to June 30. In order for reimbursements to occur before June 30, receipts/invoices are generally due no later than May 31. Upon approval of a grant, the Commission may request that a project update report be provided to the Commission Secretary (email or hard copy is acceptable).

SELECTION CRITERIA PRIORITIES:

- 1. Eligible proposals which directly benefit wildlife and/or their habitat, and can meet one or more of the purposes listed in §13103 (see attached) will be given a higher priority over projects which do not have a direct benefit.**
- 2. Eligible proposals that are educational in nature and directed toward school age children will be given higher priority if it can be demonstrated that the proposal meets state educational curriculum standards and can easily be integrated into the classroom.**

- 3. Eligible proposals submitted by or on behalf of schools will be given higher priority if the funding would enhance wildlife and would provide long-term educational value over one-time events (i.e., acquisition of books vs. one-time field trip).**
- 4. Proposals which use Commission funding as a match for other funding sources will receive priority consideration.**

Amended on 12/9/2024

California Fish and Game Code

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.



Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund (FWPF) Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Application Materials

Your grant application will be used to evaluate funding requests made to the Solano County Park and Recreation Commission in conformance with Section 13100 et seq. of the California Fish and Game Code. Fish and Game Code Section 13100 et seq. regulates the expenditures of funds collected from fines and forfeitures in Solano County (see list, Appendix A), for the protection, conservation, propagation and preservation of fish and wildlife, under the direction of the County Board of Supervisors.

Maximum grant request is \$2,500.00. No matching funds are required. Eligible entities that may receive award of grant funds include units of government, including special districts organized under federal, state or local laws, accredited educational institutions and private non-profit organizations with current 501(c)(3) status. Applications will be scored using the criteria in Appendix B. Grantees will be required to sign a grant agreement with Solano County, and to incur project expenses and apply for reimbursement from Solano County. Recipients will be required to demonstrate that their proposal meets the requirements of any and all regulatory agencies and that the cost for any CEQA or permit costs related to the proposal shall be borne by the applicant from sources other than grant award monies. Please fill out one application per project. One un-bound original of the application must be received by **close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, October 7, 2024** at the address shown below. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

EACH PROJECT APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THESE 5 ITEMS OR IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

1. **COMPLETED AND SIGNED "GRANT APPLICATION FORM" (SEE BELOW)**
2. **RESPONSES TO THE 4 "PROJECT QUESTIONS" (SEE BELOW) – 2 page maximum response.**
3. **COMPLETED AND SIGNED "PROPOSED PROJECT BUDGET" FORM (SEE BELOW)**
4. **A ONE-PAGE DETAILED PROJECT BUDGET (SEE "INSTRUCTIONS" BELOW)**
5. **A ONE-PAGE PROJECT SITE MAP ON 8-1/2" X 11" SIZE PAPER**

Submit one, un-bound original of the full application, by close of business **(5:00 p.m.) Monday, October 7, 2024** to the following address (faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted):

**Solano County Parks and Recreation Division
c/o Chris Drake, Parks Services Manager
675 Texas Street, Suite 5500, Fairfield, CA 94533
(Office is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm)**

EVALUATION PROCESS

Applicants may make an optional, brief project presentation (approximately 5 min.) to the Parks and Recreation Commission at the meeting of Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 10:00AM. Applications will be evaluated and ranked using the criteria on the scoring sheet in Appendix B. The evaluation committee will consist of one subject matter expert in fish and wildlife issues and two Commissioners. This committee will present its results, and the Commission will make a recommendation regarding the award of grant funds, at the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission on Thursday, November 14, 2024 Commission meetings begin at 10:00AM, at the Solano County Administration Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, first floor Room 1600 (in the lobby). The Commission's award recommendations are subject to approval by the Solano County Board of Supervisors (tentatively scheduled for December 2024).

For additional information or assistance, contact: Chris Drake, Parks Services Manager at (707) 784-6765.



GRANT APPLICATION FORM

TYPE OF PROJECT - (Fill in <u>Project Type</u> and <u>Letter of Applicable Code Subsection</u> , using list in Appendix A).	
This is a _____ project, eligible under Fish and Game Code Section 13103-_____.	
GRANT APPLICANT (Organization, address, zip code)	Grant Request Amount (maximum \$2,500): \$ _____ Plus Other (non-grant) funds to be used: \$ _____ Equals TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$ <u>0.00</u>
PROJECT NAME and ADDRESS (or NEAREST CITY)	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER (APN), <u>OR</u> PROPERTY NAME WITH ACREAGE (if multiple sites, list on separate sheet)
GRANT APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:	
Name (typed or printed) and Title	Email Address Phone
PERSON WITH DAY-TO-DAY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROJECT:	
Name (typed or printed) and Title	Email Address Phone
GRANT SCOPE: (Brief description of items of work to be completed with grant funds.)	
LAND TENURE: Land tenure is: _____ acres (total), including: <i>(fill in appropriate blanks below)</i>	
_____ # Acres owned in fee simple by applicant, or co-owned by applicant.	
_____ # Acres available under lease until year _____ from _____ <i>(landowner name)</i>	
_____ Project site(s) will be utilized by specific agreement with, and full knowledge of land owner(s)*	
* (If multiple sites, list all confirmed or prospective sites for your program on a separate sheet and identify by parcel number, or by providing parcel acreage with property name.)	

I CERTIFY THAT:

- I am authorized on behalf of the above-named Grant Applicant to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, this application and any agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, necessary for project completion; and
- Information contained in this project application form, including assertions of land tenure and all required attachments, is accurate; and
- All necessary CEQA and other environmental compliance requirements, and all applicable state, federal and local regulatory permits (e.g., building/grading permits if applicable), have been met/obtained for the project, or will be met/obtained (with non-grant funds) prior to initiating the project; and
- I have read and understand the important information and assurances in the application materials.

SIGNED _____	DATE _____
Grant Applicant's Authorized Representative	



PROJECT QUESTIONS

Instructions: Respond to the 4 questions here or attach written response. 2-page maximum

- 1. Provide a description of the project, who will be involved, and what you plan to achieve.**

- 2. Describe how this project furthers the propagation and conservation of fish and wildlife.**

- 3. Please provide objective, measurable goals the Project will seek to achieve, and identify the measurement criteria your organization will use to evaluate success.**

- 4. If the proposed project is for the one-time expenditure of funds please explain how the benefits from the project will be sustained and funded over a multi-year period of time.**

California Fish & Game Code 13103 (a)-(m)

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(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.

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(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.

* Formerly California Department of Fish and Game

Evaluation Scoring Sheet for Applications for Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund Grants

Applicant and Project Name:		
EVALUATION CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS	SCORE
CLARITY OF PROPOSAL	50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposal clearly identifies how the project meets the intent of the applicable sections of the California Fish and Game Code Section 13103. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant demonstrates the ability to undertake and complete the work effort, including identifying and obtaining any necessary permits from regulatory authorities (with separate funding). <input type="checkbox"/> Approach for accomplishing Proposed Project is reasonable and incorporates demonstrated best practices and industry standards, where applicable.		
SUSTAINABILITY	20	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant demonstrates that the results of the project will be sustained over time. <input type="checkbox"/> The project utilizes materials and implementation approaches that provide benefits beyond the immediate project.		
GOALS AND EVALUATION	20	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Proposal clearly establishes measurable goals/objectives. <input type="checkbox"/> The evaluation criteria measures both the completion of the project (e.g., goal reached or proposed quantities were provided), as well as criteria and time frame to evaluate the success of the project against the stated goals/objectives.		
PROJECT FINANCING	10	
<input type="checkbox"/> Project budget is of sufficient detail to enable evaluator to determine whether Applicant can realistically carry out the proposal. <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeted expenditures are within the industry norm for similar activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Post-project funding has been identified to sustain the project.		
TOTAL	100	