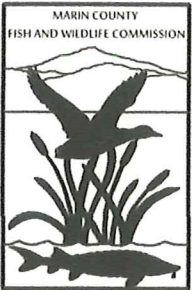


FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

July 16, 2024



Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
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SUBJECT:

Marin County Fish & Wildlife Commission project and funding recommendations for the enhancement of Marin fish and wildlife resources in FY 2024-25 and Related Budget Adjustments

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Dear Board Members,

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RECOMMENDATION:

1) Award \$33,486 to the recommended organizations indicated for programmatic support of projects from the Marin County Fish & Wildlife Commission (MCFWC) FY 2023-24 fund balance; and 2) Approve UCCE Marin FY 2024-25 budget adjustments as detailed in the Fiscal Impact Section below.

SUMMARY:

MCFWC annually reviews grant requests from local organizations to fund projects that promote restoration, sustainable use, management, and education pertaining to fish and wildlife resources in Marin County. The Commission then provides recommendations to your Board based on proposal merit and funding availability.

MCFWC respectfully requests Board approval of these recommended projects at the recommended funding amounts as indicated in the next section. These awards, if approved, will be implemented as contracts in FY 2024-25. This year, due to reduced state and local funding and other considerations, several grant requests were recommended for partial funding. The total funding request was \$57,740, and the total recommended for approval is \$33,486. Please note that recommended awards are for supplies and materials and not for staff time.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no increase in General Fund net county costs as a result of this action. The following are the 14 projects and their recommended funding amounts:

	Grant Applicant	Description	Request	Recommended
1.	Marin Link	Educational material to support hands on projects and workshops regarding Fish and Wildlife for Marin's Latino communities.	\$5,000	\$0

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2.	California White Shark Project	Charter boat fees to monitor and identify individual sharks and report on white shark population on Marin County coast.	\$5,000	\$3,000
3.	Dance Palace	Children's binoculars and other nature educational materials for youth summer camps.	\$1,000	\$1,000
4.	Chileno Valley Newt Brigade	Classroom posters, walkie-talkie phone pouches, flashlights, and safety vests.	\$4,049	\$4,049
5.	Marin Humane Society	Squeeze traps, catch poles and nets to humanely restrain domestic and wild animals for rescue and transportation.	\$2,147	\$1,000
6.	Golden State Salmon Association	Partial charter boat cost to provide underserved youths exposure to release of salmon smolts into their saltwater evolution. *Commissioner Stompe abstained from voting.	\$5,000	\$5,000
7.	River Otter Ecology Project	Camera equipment, tables, and printing of educational materials.	\$4,641	\$2,741
8.	Refugia Marin	Native plants, soil and plan signed next to Corte Madera town park.	\$4,850	\$1,900
9.	Audubon Canyon Ranch	Remote weather station kit, rain gauge sensor, cable, and tripod kit.	\$4,727	\$3,287
10.	Marin Audubon Society	Native plants for habitat enhancement at Bahia.	\$4,884	\$4,884

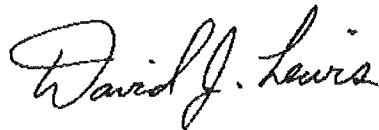
11.	Turtle Island Restoration Network	Hand tools, gloves, and buckets to support native plant installation.	\$5,000	\$1,500
12.	Marin Conservation League	Kids for Coho! Educational Project. Educational materials and learning handouts.	\$2,500	\$1,335
13.	Felidae Conservation Fund	Bay area puma project. Camera straps, lab work testing, and fecal testing kit.	\$5,000	\$1,790
14.	Wild Care	Supplies, equipment, and material to support Terwilliger nature program.	\$3,942	\$2,000
		Total	\$57,740	\$33,486

UCCE Marin will be awarded \$2,500 as requested for supplies and equipment related to materials and office copier use to support the editing and distribution of the MCFW newsletter, proposal request outreach, grant applications compiling, and editing and distribution of the monthly agenda and minutes.

Approval will increase UCCE Marin General Fund expenditure appropriations of \$2,500, fully offset by transfer revenue from the Fish and Wildlife Commission Fund (2810). In addition, increase Fish and Wildlife Commission Fund expenditure appropriations of \$2,500 to transfer to the General Fund, fully offset by a corresponding reduction to existing expenditure appropriations.

Commission Chair Ed Schulze is available and ready if you have any questions or require further information at (415) 897-8969.

Respectfully submitted,



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