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In Response Reply To:
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Charlton H. Bonham, Director
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Dear Mr. Bonham:

We are pleased to advise you that \$2,832,041 of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Endangered Species Act (ESA) Traditional Section 6 funds are available to your agency pursuant to our Cooperative Agreement. The Cooperative Agreement has been renewed for the current year. Thank you for the information your staff provided for the renewal.

Using both the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) project ranking information, our Service Field Office Section 6 representatives worked closely with their CDFW counterparts to collectively recommend their highest priority projects given the known funding allocation. We hope that you are as pleased with this collaborative approach as we are.

The following is a list of the projects approved for FY 2017 CDFW Traditional Section 6 grants:

- Back to the wild: evaluating how a captive colony of Amargosa voles (*Microtus californicus*) and colony releases into the field promote species recovery.....\$286,434
- How extreme weather events, introduced species, and disease interact to affect California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) and California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) populations.....\$241,339
- Paiute cutthroat trout restoration project, Phase III.\$429,616
- Standardized monitoring and status surveys for priority plant species – Phase 2 ..\$238,476
- A study of critical uncertainties that influence the population and breeding success of the endangered California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*)\$348,232
- Protecting western snowy plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*) roosting and nesting sites, surveying nest status, and monitoring population health in coastal southern California\$182,602
- A comprehensive collaborative project to recover 14 listed plant species on the Channel Islands\$371,825

Reintroduction of Ben Lomond wallflower (*Erysimum teretifolium*) at the Bonny Doon Ecological Reserve: Experimental examination of habitat and genetic treatments developed to establish persisting populations\$267,809

Western snowy plover (*Charadrius nivosus nivosus*) recovery at Eden Landing Ecological Reserve, Hayward, San Francisco Bay Area, California\$69,668

Linking genetic dietary analyses and population viability approaches to develop a scientific basis for marbled murrelet recover in California\$110,231

Seed banking and conservation actions for threatened and endangered California plant species\$189,200

Developing species specific management actions and conservation strategies for three federally listed plant species in the Amargosa River Basin, Inyo County, California: *Grindelia fraxiniratensis* (Ash Meadows gumplant), *Nitrophila mohavensis* (Amargosa niterwort), and *Zeltnera namophila* (spring-loving centaury)..\$96,609

TOTAL\$2,832,041

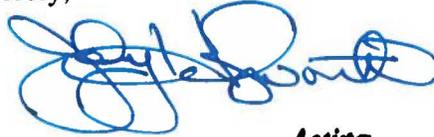
Please prepare an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form (SF) 424) for each individual grant. Please send an electronic copy of the signed SF 424 along with the grant narrative, budget form and budget justification, and other supporting by electronic mail to R8FA_Grants@fws.gov and to karen_jensen@fws.gov. Information regarding the grant process, as well as required forms can be found in the 2017 Notice of Funding Opportunity for this grant program (pages 10-15)

https://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/pdf/FY17_CESCF-NOFO_FINAL.pdf

We may contact your staff to help with the required environmental review and compliance associated with these projects. Completion of the grant and compliance documentation will allow the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) Program to obligate funds to your agency for costs related to these projects.

If you have any questions or need assistance in preparing the appropriate documents, please contact Karen Jensen, Traditional Section 6 Grants Coordinator, at (916) 414-6557. We look forward to another productive year of endangered species conservation efforts in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charlton H. Bonham".

Regional Director

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