

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has completed its first annual cycle to award grant funds from the Big Game Management Account. CDFW released a "call for proposals" in early November, 2013 for big-game habitat and research projects, with a proposal deadline of December 9, 2013. A total of 15 proposals were received by the deadline; 8 of the proposals were habitat related and 7 were research related. Two teams (each consisting of three CDFW staff members) were created and assigned to review the proposals based on the criteria provided in the Public Solicitation Notice. Based on the overall rank of the proposal and approval by the Big Game Advisory Committee, CDFW is pleased to announce the following grant awards:

Organization <sup>1</sup>	Proposal Title	Amount
SCBS	State Land Leases for Wildlife Habitat Improvement	\$43,000
MCBA	HAZMAT/infrastructure removal on trespass marijuana grow sites	\$78,250
RMEF	Fogg Gulch Conservation Easement	\$200,000
SCBS	New Water Manipulation Projects and Maintenance of Existing Projects in the Mojave Desert Region	\$61,000
UC-Davis	Enhancement of native plant browse and cover habitat through rangeland water harvesting, BLM Bear Creek Ranch Unit	\$143,571
CDA	Rush Fire Habitat Restoration Project	\$100,000
CDA	Wild Pig Reduction/Management for the Benefit of Habitat for Deer, Elk and other wildlife.	\$40,590
IWS	Assessing Pronghorn Distribution, Movements and Habitat Use in Northeastern California	\$299,876
SNBSF	Bighorn Sheep Genetics Investigations in California: A proposal for Laboratory Costs	\$11,200

<sup>1</sup> - Organization Key:

SCBS - Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep

MCBA - Mendocino County Blacktail Association

RMEF - Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

CDA - California Deer Association

IWS - Institute for Wildlife Studies

SNBSF - Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Foundation