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WATSONVILLE SLOUGH ECOLOGICAL RESERVE, EXPANSION 6  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
PROJECT ID: 2024048

Dear Board Members:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), through the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), is involved in a land acquisition program focused on the long-range protection and enhancement of habitat for fish and wildlife. The CDFW identifies sites considered for acquisition in response to public interest, legislative mandate and departmental goals.

I am writing to advise you that the WCB will consider the allocation of a grant to The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County to assist in its acquisition of 111± acres of land for the preservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat located in Santa Cruz County and identified as Assessor's Parcel Nos. 046-351-07, 046-351-11, and 046-351-12. The proposal is scheduled to be presented at the May 22, 2025, board meeting. An electronic copy of the preliminary agenda is available for your review at [www.wcb.ca.gov](http://www.wcb.ca.gov) under News and Announcements. A more complete description of each proposal will be contained in the final meeting Agenda, which will be available at [www.wcb.ca.gov](http://www.wcb.ca.gov) ten days prior to the Board meeting.

If you have any questions about this proposal or need additional information, please feel free to contact us at (916) 445-8448.

Sincerely,

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