



Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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News Release

Tulare County Fish and Wildlife Commission projects are approved

August 1, 2017: The Tulare County Board of Supervisors has approved the funding requests of their Fish and Wildlife Commission. These monies, which are derived from Fish and Wildlife fines and forfeitures imposed by the court system, are to be expended solely for projects related to the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife during the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Such projects may include:

- ✓ Public education relating to the scientific principles of conservation
- ✓ Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife
- ✓ Breeding, raising, or purchasing fish or wildlife to be released into public areas
- ✓ Improvement of fish and wildlife habitat
- ✓ Predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife
- ✓ Scientific fish and wildlife research

The attached document will outline the important work done by local, non-profit entities working for the good of Tulare County residents and equally as important, the fish and wildlife in this area.

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Attachment A

Tulare County Fish and Wildlife Commission Approved Projects FY 2017/2018

Applicant: (listed in order received)	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
1. <u>Kaweah Flyfishers</u> – George Pilling This allocation will offset the costs of this Trout in the classroom project. The Kaweah Flyfishers partner with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to expose students to activities where they take on the role of stewards of local watersheds in Tulare county. 1535 S. Grant St., Visalia, CA 93278, 559-901-6676	\$5,000	\$2,500
2. <u>River Ridge Institute</u> – Gary Adest This allocation goes toward the direct overhead costs of this Trout in the Classroom project. Last year these classes exposed 450 Tulare County elementary students’ watersheds and the conservation of river and land habitats of the Tule River. 37675 Balch Park Road, Springville, CA 93265, 559-539-0207	\$1,000	\$1,000
3. <u>California Department of Fish and Wildlife</u> –Lt. Doug Barnhart This allocation will go towards the cost of a slip rental at the Kaweah Marina. It provides easy access for wardens to engage in their enforcement activities rather than waiting in line at the busy launch access points when they could be interacting with the public. 1234 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710, 559-243-4005	\$679.50	\$679.50
4. <u>SCICON Raptor Center</u> – Tracy Delperdang This allocation will go towards expenses for the upkeep of the SCICON Raptor Center as well as foodstuff and medications. Raptor shows will educate students and the public about the critical importance of these birds and their protection within the ecosystem.	\$500	\$500
5. <u>Wild Ones Wildlife Rehabilitation</u> – Tracy Delperdang This allocation will go towards expenses that include caging materials, foodstuffs, medications, veterinary care, and training costs to care for and rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife; including mammals, reptiles, and birds as well as educational outreach. 45400 Blue Ridge Drive, Springville, CA 93265, 559-284-2798	\$500	\$500
6. <u>Critter Creek Wildlife Station</u> – Louise Culver This allocation will go towards screening on the fawn runs. This screening will prevent deer from injuring themselves on the chain link fencing while still allowing air circulation. 36710 Sand Creek Rd., Squaw Valley, CA 93675, 559-338-2415	\$1,000	\$1000
7. <u>Southern Tulare County Sportsman’s Association</u> - This allocation will go toward the expenses of providing feed for the Jr. Pheasant Hunt and Rolling for Ringnecks, as well as a public release program, pin maintenance, and upgrades. 1028 North Highland Dr., Porterville, CA 93258, 559560-6011 pheasants for the general public near Success Lake, Porterville. 877 N. 2 nd St., Porterville, CA 93257, 559-359-5432	\$5,000	\$2,500
