



Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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News Release

Tulare County Fish and Wildlife Commission to Hold Public Meeting in Tulare

May 9, 2022: The Tulare County Fish and Wildlife Commission, which consists of five members appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, will hold its annual meeting to hear requests for funding from the County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund. 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 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. The County Board of Supervisors must approve all projects.

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 meeting is at 3:30 P.M. on Monday, May 9, 2022, at the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's office, Tulare, California, and is open to the public. Public session will be at 3:30 P.M and in-person.

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Attachment A
 Tulare County Fish and Wildlife Commission
 Requested Project Funding
 FY 2021/2022

Applicant: (not listed in any order)	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
1. <u>River Ridge Institute</u> – Gary Adest Request was withdrawn	\$0	\$0
This allocation goes toward the direct overhead costs of this Trout in the Classroom project. Last year these classes exposed 500 Tulare County elementary students to watersheds and the conservation of river and land habitats of the Tule River. P.O. Box 879, Springville, CA 93265 Balch Park Road, Springville, CA 93265, 559-539-0207		
2. <u>Kaweah Flyfishers</u> – George Pilling	\$0	\$0
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		
3. <u>Sequoia Riverlands Trust</u> – Bud Darwin	\$0	\$0
This allocation will go towards program and transportation costs of this Trout in the Classroom program. The object of the project is to recruit and train local high school students so they can facilitate the program of teaching K-8 students. 427 S. Garden St., Visalia, CA 93277, 559-738-0211		
4. <u>Critter Creek Wildlife Station</u> – Louise Culver	\$1,500	\$1,075
This allocation will go towards the purchase of large and medium rats to feed large raptors kept at Critter Creek permanently. 36710 Sand Creek Rd., Squaw Valley, CA 93675, 559-338-2415		
5. <u>SCICON Raptor Center</u> – Tracy Delperdang	\$500	\$500
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. P.O. Box 339, Springville, CA 93265, 559-539-4006, 45400 Blue Ridge Drive, Springville, CA 93265		
6. <u>Wild Ones Wildlife Rehabilitation</u> – Tracy Delperdang	\$500	\$500
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		
7. <u>California Department of Fish and Wildlife</u> –Lt. Doug Barnhart	\$375	\$375
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		
