

May 27, 2025

Honorable Scott D. Wiener, Chair
Joint Legislative Budget Committee
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

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Assembly Budget Committee

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Senate Appropriations Committee

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Section 28.00—Department of Fish and Wildlife, Federal Expenditure Authority

Pursuant to the provisions of section 28.00, Budget Act 2024, the following report is respectfully submitted.

The Department of Finance has received the attached Section 28.00 application from the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the purpose of increasing federal expenditure authority by \$23,151,000 to reflect awarded competitive grants in the current fiscal year. Awarded grants include pass-through dollars to other entities, as well as funding for the Department to implement existing ecosystem restoration projects.

The CDFW received official notification of the availability of additional, unanticipated funds on April 18, 2025 and notified Finance within 45 days of this date.

This request meets the following criteria, as required in subdivision (b) of Section 28.00:

- The funds will be expended for projects awarded from the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program, Sport Fish Restoration Act Grant Program and the Pittman-Robertson Act Grant Program, which is consistent with state law.
- The funds are made available to the state under conditions permitting their use only for the specified purpose, and the additional expenditure proposed would apply to this specified funding purpose.
- Acceptance of the additional funding does not impose on the state any requirement to commit or expend new state funds for any program or purpose.
- The need exists to expend the additional funding during the current fiscal year because without additional federal authority, the CDFW will not be able to fully utilize the federal grants received in this current fiscal year.

Finance concurs with the necessity of this change to the approved budget and respectfully requests an expedited review and waiver of the 30-day waiting requirement in order to approve the section 28.00 application to meet the CDFW operational needs and allow these funds to be encumbered prior to the end of the fiscal year.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Andrew Hull, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 324-0043.

JOE STEPHENSHAW

Director

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Chief Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: Honorable Steve Bennett, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4
Honorable Benjamin Allen, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2
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BUDGET REVISION

STD. 26 (Rev. 1/2023)

SEE SAM SECTION 6500, ET SEQ. FOR INSTRUCTIONS

DEPARTMENT NAME	FUND	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Department of Fish and Wildlife	0890	BR-1
		FISCAL YEAR
		2024-25

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS AVAILABLE	INCREASE (+) OR DECREASE (-)	
		REVISION REQUESTED	REVISION APPROVED (DEPT. OF FINANCE USE ONLY)
APPROPRIATION (List adjustments in detail):			
Item 3600-101-0890, Budget Act of 2024	20,000,000.00		
Item 3600-101-0890, Budget Revision 1		4,347,000.00	
Item 3600-001-0890, Budget Act of 2024	75,252,000.00		
Item 3600-001-0890, Budget Revision 1		18,804,000.00	
TOTAL (Must equal the NET APPROPRIATION TOTAL below)	95,252,000.00	23,151,000.00	0.00

UNSCHEDULED APPROPRIATIONS:

LIST OF PROGRAMS, CATEGORIES OR PROJECTS
IN SCHEDULED APPROPRIATION:

3600-001, 2590 Biodiversity Conservation Program	17,266,000.00	7,689,000.00	
3600-001, 2595 Hunting, Fishing, and Public Use Program	26,461,000.00	3,916,000.00	
3600-101, 2595 Hunting, Fishing, and Public Use Program	20,000,000.00	4,347,000.00	
3600-001, 2600 Management of Department Lands and Facilities	22,842,000.00	7,199,000.00	
3600-001, 2605 Enforcement	5,121,000.00	0.00	
3600-001, 2610 Communications, Education and Outreach	3,414,000.00	0.00	
3600-001, 2615 Spill Prevention and Response	148,000.00	0.00	
NET APPROPRIATION TOTAL	95,252,000.00	23,151,000.00	0.00

PURPOSE OF REVISION (List in detail, including workload, fiscal history on capital outlay, and cross-reference supporting and related documents.)

Pursuant to Section 28.00 of the Budget Act of 2024, this budget revision will augment the Department of Fish and Wildlife's federal authority for Fiscal Year 2024-25. The requested authority will allow the Department to meet its authority needs for FY 2024-25 which includes remaining multi-year portions of prior year obligations in FY 2024-25 grant obligations.

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REQUESTED BY		RECOMMENDED BY (Department)		APPROVED BY (Dept. of Finance)	
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TITLE	DATE	TITLE	DATE	TITLE	DATE
Budget Officer	5/22/2025	Deputy Director, Fiscal	5/22/2025	PPBA	5/22/25

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SECTION 28.00 APPLICATION
DF-90

Department of Finance
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DEPARTMENT California Department of Fish and Wildlife	ITEM NO./ FISCAL YEAR 2024-25	NOTIFICATION LETTER TO LEGISLATURE: <input type="checkbox"/> 30-DAY NOTICE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REQUEST WAIVER OF 30-DAY NOTICE
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PROGRAM TITLE PER GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:
2590 Biodiversity Conservation

FUNDING (SPECIFY FUND)	CURRENTLY BUDGETED	REQUESTED CHANGE (+) OR (-)	TOTAL
Federal Trust Fund	17,266	7,689	24,955

(Check appropriate boxes)

- ☒ The funds will be expended for a purpose that is consistent with state law (explain use of funds in Part A below).
- ☐ The funds are made available to the state under conditions permitting their use only for a specified purpose, and the additional expenditure proposed under this section would apply to that specified funding purpose (as supported by explanation for the purpose of the funds).
- ☒ Acceptance of additional funding does not impose on the state any requirement to commit or expend new state funds for any program or purpose.
- ☒ The need exists to expend the additional funding during the current fiscal year (explain in Part B below).
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- ☒ One-time expenditure.
- ☐ Ongoing commitment from this source (if checked, explain under Program Proposal).
- ☐ Matching funds required (if checked, explain under Program Proposal).
- ☐ Expenditure either supplements or supplants an existing state-funded program (if checked, explain under Program Proposal).

PART A: For what purpose will the funds be expended?

The Federal Trust Fund, Biodiversity Program, supports several of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) federal grants awarded by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Many of CDFW's federal grants are pass-throughs to other entities. The solicitations for the FY 2024-25 payable grants were completed and awarded, consistent with the federal grant awards CDFW received from the USFWS.

PART B: Explain the need to expend the funds in the current fiscal year, including the consequence of waiting until budget year to expend the funds:

Without additional federal authority, CDFW will be unable to expend the funds associated with staff costs and payable grants that were awarded through the FY 2024-25 solicitation processes. Waiting until FY 2025-26, CDFW would not be able to pay grantees or perform any project related work associated with the FY 2024-25 grants until additional authority is received in FY 2025-26.

PROGRAM PROPOSAL (Attach additional information as necessary)

TITLE: 2590 BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION	STATUTORY AUTHORITY: (state, federal, as appropriate) Federal
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DESCRIPTION:
CDFW requests a one-time increase in federal authority in the amount of \$7,689,000 for projects awarded from the Sport Fish Restoration Act Grant Program from the USFWS.

JUSTIFICATION:
Without additional federal authority, CDFW will not be able to fully utilize the federal grants CDFW applied for and received in FY 2024-25. Absent sufficient federal expenditure authority to cover grant obligations CDFW would not be able to pay staff, contractors, and/or grantees or would have to delay performing work associated with grants that exceed CDFW’s current federal expenditure authority.

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PROGRAM TITLE PER GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:
2595 Hunting, Fishing & Public

FUNDING (SPECIFY FUND)	CURRENTLY BUDGETED	REQUESTED CHANGE (+) OR (-)	TOTAL
Federal Trust Fund	26,461	3,917	30,378

(Check appropriate boxes)

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PART A: For what purpose will the funds be expended?

The Federal Trust Fund, Hunting, Fishing, and Public Use Program, supports several of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) federal grants awarded by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Many of CDFW's federal grants are pass-throughs to other entities. The solicitations for the FY 2024-25 payable grants were completed and awarded, consistent with the federal grant awards CDFW received from the USFWS.

PART B: Explain the need to expend the funds in the current fiscal year, including the consequence of waiting until budget year to expend the funds:

Without additional federal authority, CDFW will be unable to expend the funds associated with staff costs and payable grants that were awarded through the FY 2024-25 solicitation processes. Waiting until FY 2025-26, CDFW would not be able to pay grantees or perform any project related work associated with the FY 2024-25 grants until additional authority is received in FY 2025-26.

PROGRAM PROPOSAL (Attach additional information as necessary)

TITLE: 2595 HUNTING, FISHING, AND PUBLIC USE	STATUTORY AUTHORITY: (state, federal, as appropriate) Federal
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DESCRIPTION:
The CDFW requests a one-time increase in federal authority in the amount of \$3,917,000 for projects awarded from the Pittman-Robertson Act Grant Program from USFWS.

JUSTIFICATION:
Without additional federal authority, CDFW will not be able to fully utilize the federal grants CDFW applied for and received in FY 2024-25. Absent sufficient federal expenditure authority to cover grant obligations CDFW would not be able to pay staff, contractors, and/or grantees or would have to delay performing work associated with grants that exceed CDFW’s current federal expenditure authority.

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PROGRAM TITLE PER GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:

2595 Hunting, Fishing & Public

FUNDING (SPECIFY FUND)	CURRENTLY BUDGETED	REQUESTED CHANGE (+) OR (-)	TOTAL
Federal Trust Fund	20,000	4,347	24,347

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PART A: For what purpose will the funds be expended?

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), through its Fisheries Restoration Grant Program, in order to implement salmonid restoration strategies, which focus on large-scale, process-based restoration projects that self-sustain natural ecosystem functions and processes.

PART B: Explain the need to expend the funds in the current fiscal year, including the consequence of waiting until budget year to expend the funds:

The funds need to be expended this fiscal year because the United States Department of Commerce (USDOC) has approved a grant to the CDFW in the current year. CDFW receives these grants from USDOC annually, and if we do not expend in the current year, this will cause budget year to go over.

PROGRAM PROPOSAL (Attach additional information as necessary)

TITLE: 2595 HUNTING, FISHING, & PUBLIC USE	STATUTORY AUTHORITY: (state, federal, as appropriate) Federal
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DESCRIPTION:
CDFW requests a one-time increase in reimbursement authority in the amount of \$4,347,000 for recovery and restoration of salmonid species and their habitat, which includes restoring anadromous fish habitat in order to ensure the survival and protection of salmon and steelhead trout in California’s anadromous watersheds.

JUSTIFICATION:
The requested additional reimbursement authority is needed to continue California’s recovery efforts to remove limiting factors to Federal Endangered Species Act listed salmonids. This includes two of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Species in the Spotlight: Central California Coast coho salmon, Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, and salmonids that contribute to the prey base for southern resident killer whales. Without the funds, this limits the ability of fish to survive and successfully reproduce in coastal and inland streams that historically produced large populations of salmon and steelhead. If this request is denied, CDFW would not be able to issue out these grants to do this work that is vital to meeting CDFW’s mission.

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PROGRAM TITLE PER GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:

2600 Mgmt of Dept Lands & Fac

FUNDING (SPECIFY FUND)	CURRENTLY BUDGETED	REQUESTED CHANGE (+) OR (-)	TOTAL
Federal Trust Fund	22,842	7,199	30,041

(Check appropriate boxes)

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PART A: For what purpose will the funds be expended?

The Federal Trust Fund, Management of Department Lands and Facilities Program, supports several of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) federal grants awarded by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Many of CDFW's federal grants are pass-throughs to other entities. The solicitations for the FY 2024-25 payable grants were completed and awarded, consistent with the federal grant awards CDFW received from the USFWS.

PART B: Explain the need to expend the funds in the current fiscal year, including the consequence of waiting until budget year to expend the funds:

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PROGRAM PROPOSAL (Attach additional information as necessary)

TITLE: 2600 MGMT OF DEPT LANDS & FACILTIES	STATUTORY AUTHORITY: (state, federal, as appropriate) Federal
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DESCRIPTION:
The CDFW requests a one-time increase in federal authority in the amount of \$7,199,000 for projects awarded from the Pittman-Robertson Act Grant Program from USFWS.

JUSTIFICATION:
Without additional federal authority, CDFW will not be able to fully utilize the federal grants CDFW applied for and received in FY 2024-25. Absent sufficient federal expenditure authority to cover grant obligations CDFW would not be able to pay staff, contractors, and/or grantees or would have to delay performing work associated with grants that exceed CDFW’s current federal expenditure authority.

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