



# ***Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission***

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**PART 1: PROJECT TITLE**

<b>Project Title: Red Rock Trail Restoration</b>
<b>Amount Requesting: \$18,181</b>

**PART 2: GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>Organization:</b>		
Los Padres Forest Association		
<b>Contact Person:</b>		
Addison Jerlow, Program Manager		
<b>Address</b>		
PO Box 1282		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>
Goleta	CA	93116
<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b>Email (most communications will be by email)</b>
858 610 2778		addison@lpforest.org

**PART 3: PROJECT**

**DESCRIPTION**

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protocols in structuring proposals (Attachment B), which can then be used to evaluate whether the project was successful. If the project is for educational purposes (FG Code 13103 a.), attach a curriculum and examples of any teaching aids to be used.

The goal of this project is to restore 28W06 Gibraltar Trail / 5N18.4 Red Rock (known as the Red Rock Trail) in the Santa Ynez Recreation Area of the Los Padres National Forest which will improve and protect riparian wildlife along 3 miles of the Santa Ynez River between the Red Rock Day Use Area and Gibraltar Dam. This trail has been largely defunct since large storms in January 2023 caused a 170ft rockslide at mile 0.4 above the first Red Rock Pool and washed out all the river crossings on the trail. Those who take the trail to reach the upper pools to either hike, bike, fish or hunt, often travel off trail through the riverbed since the trail is not obvious, causing more damage to the sensitive riparian corridor than travel on the trail would. LPFA has surveyed the length of the trail and determined a 3-part plan to restore the trail. The result of this work will improve fish and wildlife habitat by mitigating human disruption in the Santa Ynez River, as well as decreasing erosion and sedimentation of the river caused by the current trail.

First, the LPFA professional Trail Crew will restore the rockslide with hand tools and a mini excavator. This will involve rolling/dropping unstable rocks, removing slide material, rebuilding tread, and improving drainage. This work will include installing adequate drainage to mitigate further erosion and sedimentation caused by the slide. We expect this to begin in Fall 2026 and take 2 weeks of work. Second, LPFA staff will lead 5 volunteer projects each with 20 volunteers to define the trail in the riverbed, as well as mark the trail at each of the 7 river crossings. This will involve rolling rocks, restoring tread at each crossing, improving drainage, brushing the trail corridor, and marking each crossing with signage provided by the Santa Barbara Ranger District. These projects will be spread out over Spring 2027. Lastly, the LPFA professional Trail Crew will return for one more week to brush the length of the trail with power tools, focusing on two sections where trail users opt to stay in the riverbed instead of taking the trail due to how overgrown it is. This will occur in early Summer 2027. The project will be completed within 12 months, barring any catastrophic weather events (flooding, fire) that would close off road access to the trail and delay the project start date. To mitigate impacts on wildlife and trail users, heavy work will occur in the dry months of September-December. If we have a dry winter, work could commence as early as July 2026. If more than 3 total weeks of Trail Crew work is required, LPFA is prepared to cover additional time to ensure the project is completed.

#### **PART 4: BENEFITS TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WILDLIFE**

**Please describe how this project would directly or indirectly benefit Santa Barbara County's wildlife.**

This section of the Santa Ynez River is home to several sensitive, threatened and endangered species including southern California Steelhead, California Red-legged Frog (CRLF), southwestern pond turtle, and two striped garter snake. Though the steelhead are landlocked due to Bradbury Dam, they are still genetic steelhead. Several bird species, including Great Blue Heron, Snow Egret, Great Egret and Kingfisher also rely on this crucial

riparian area. All these species thrive in the sensitive riparian and wetland environments that this river corridor provides. This project will provide direct and indirect benefits to these species, as well as other aquatic wildlife, by reducing the area of negative human impact on their populations.

With a passable trail corridor, trail users are less likely to travel off trail in the riverbed, thereby impacting a smaller area of sensitive habitat. With defined river crossings and signage, trail users are likely to spend less time in the riverbed disturbing habit. With a restored trail through the rockslide above the first pool, swimmers and anglers are more likely to spread out along the 3-mile trail to the upper pools than congregate at the first pool, helping to decrease overuse impacts at the first pool. Having the trail accessible to anglers beyond the first pool will also help reduce predatory fish (sunfish, catfish) further upriver that prey on sensitive species (CRLF, steelhead). Restoring the tread at the rockslide with adequate drainage will also benefit the aquatic life in the river by decreasing erosion that is causing sedimentation of the waterway below the trail. Having an accessible, functioning, and sustainable Red Rock Trail will be beneficial to both the sensitive wildlife and trail users on this section of the Santa Ynez River.

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<p align="right"><b>Project Start Date</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>September 1, 2026</b></p>
<p><b>Milestone: LPFA Trail Crew restores the rockslide at mile 0.4 above the first Red Rock Pool, providing access up-river for future trail projects</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>December 31, 2026</b></p>
<p><b>Milestone: LPFA volunteers complete work on each of the 7 river crossings to delineate the trail, as well as establish the correct route through the riverbed to keep trail users on trail</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>May 31, 2027</b></p>
<p><b>Milestone: LPFA Trail Crew will brush two very overgrown sections of trail, completing reestablishment of the Red Rock Trail corridor.</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>June 30, 2027</b></p>
<p><b>Milestone:</b></p>	

<b>Anticipated Completion Date</b>	<b>June 30, 2027</b>

**PART 6: BUDGET**

Please use the form below to list the summary of your budget and other funding sources. Please describe below how all budgetary items have a direct nexus to at least one of the purposes listed in FG Code 13103 (Attachment A). Attach a detailed list of the individual costs of items such as salaries, travel, equipment, supplies, and other tangible items. Receipts must be supplied for all expenditures. The Fish and Wildlife Commission traditionally does not fund administrative costs, such as overhead and administrative travel. Applicants should note that it takes about 3 months for funds to be available for a project after a proposal has been recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Commission for funding.

<b>\$ Amount Requested from the Fish and Wildlife Commission</b>	<b>\$18,181</b>
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**Budget Breakdown:**

Item Description	Per Unit Cost	Quantity	Total
<b>1. Personnel – LPFA Trail Crew (3) and Volunteer Crew Lead (1) - Will perform trail restoration including drainage improvement, earthwork, and vegetation management</b>	<b>\$13,917</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$13,917</b>
<b>2. Mileage Reimbursement – For Trail Crew and Volunteer Crew Lead to perform trail restoration including drainage improvement, earthwork, and vegetation management</b>	<b>\$1,179</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$1,179</b>
<b>3. Per Diem - For Trail Crew and Volunteer Crew Lead to perform trail restoration including drainage improvement, earthwork, and vegetation management</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>\$1,350</b>
<b>4. Excavator Operating Fee – For Trail Crew to clear landslide, improve drainage and perform earthwork</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>5. Fuels/Liquids – For tools to perform trail restoration including drainage improvement, earthwork, and vegetation management</b>	<b>\$535</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$535</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>18,181</b>

Please add additional lines as needed

**Other Funding Sources**

<b>In-kind or Other Funding Sources:</b>	
<b>1. LPFA volunteer hours for 5, 8 hour projects with 20 volunteers on each, at the federal volunteer rate of \$34.79/hr.</b>	<b>\$27,832</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total Cost of Project</b>	<b>\$47,831.10</b>

Please add additional lines as needed

**PART 7: QUALIFICATIONS (optional)**

Please describe the personnel who will be working on this project and their background and pertinent qualifications. Name	Background/Qualifications
Los Padres Forest Association	Professional and volunteer crews have been maintaining and restoring trails for nearly 20 years in the Los Padres Forest, as well as working side-by-side with LPNF staff, volunteer groups, and partner organizations to follow necessary procedures and accomplish a variety of trail building and restoration projects.

Please add additional lines as needed

**PART 8: PROJECT PARTNERS (optional)**

The Commission strongly encourages prospective grantees to seek partnerships in completing projects. Please list any organizations, groups, or agencies that have agreed to participate in your project. Give a brief description of each organization’s role in your project. Include any monetary contribution to the project, if any. Please attach a letter of support from each organization. If this is not possible, please include a name and

phone number of a person from each organization who can be contacted to verify participation.

<b>Participating Organization</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Monetary Contributions</b>	<b>Letter of Support Attached</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
1. Los Padres National Forest, Santa Barbara Ranger District	Land Manager	\$	Yes	Daryl Hodges	626-701-4140
2.		\$			
3.		\$			

Please add additional lines as needed

**PART 9: MANDATORY REPORTING**

A final report demonstrating how the objective of the grant was achieved is due 60 days from the completion of all projects. On longer term, more complex projects, once those projects are initiated, a progress report is required every 90 days until the project is completed unless the SBCF&WC decides due to the nature of the project, progress reports are not needed.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Actual Date Submitted (Do not write here)</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	<b>January 31, 2027</b>	
<b>Progress Report</b>		
<b>Final Report to SBCFWC</b>	<b>September 30, 2027</b>	

**NOTE: Receipts for expenditures to date must be submitted with each progress report as applicable.**

**PART 10: LETTERS OF SUPPORT (Optional)**

**Please attach any letters of support for your project to your grant application.**

**PART 11: AGREEMENT**

If awarded funds from the Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission, I agree to:

- Complete the project as indicated and provide all reports and products as indicated in this application; including any amendments requested by the SBCFWC.
- Spend funds as outlined in this application and/or as voted upon by the SBCFWC. Any request to change how funds are spent must be approved by Santa Barbara County prior to the actual expenditure.

I understand that failure to do so may void this contract with the SBCFWC. Failure to provide such reports and products or use of funds other than voted upon, may result in the loss of granted funds and exclusion from future grant opportunities.

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Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Title

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

*Please Return Grant Applications to:*  
**Santa Barbara County Planning and Development**  
**Attn. Fish and Wildlife Commission**  
**123 E. Anapamu St.**  
**Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

## **Attachment A**

### **FISH AND GAME CODE**

### **SECTION 13100-13104**

#### **13100**

- (a) The amounts paid to and retained in the county treasury pursuant to Sections 12009 and 13003 shall be deposited in a county fish and wildlife propagation fund and expended for the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife, under the direction of the board of supervisors, pursuant to this chapter.
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#### **13101**

- (a) The board of supervisors of any county may enter into a written agreement with the board of supervisors of one or more counties for the expenditure of any funds deposited in its fish and wildlife propagation fund pursuant to Section 13100 for any purpose authorized by Section 13103 in either, or any, of the counties for the joint benefit of both, or all, of the counties as the judgment of the boards of supervisors may direct. The purchase of real property necessary for that purpose is lawful and title thereto shall be taken in the joint names of each county which contributes funds therefor. The property may be deeded to the state upon the express condition that it shall be employed for the purposes of this chapter within the counties.
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#### **13102**

Expenditures from the fish and game propagation fund of any county shall be subject to the provisions of Division 3 (commencing with Section 29000) of Title 3 of the Government Code.

#### **13103**

Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes:

- (a) Public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.
- (b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.
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- (e) Improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, including, but not limited to, construction of fish screens, weirs, and ladders; drainage or other watershed improvements; gravel and rock removal or placement;

construction of irrigation and water distribution systems; earthwork and grading; fencing; planting trees and other vegetation management; and removal of barriers to the migration of fish and wildlife.

- (f) Construction, maintenance, and operation of public hatchery facilities.
- (g) Purchase and maintain materials, supplies, or equipment for either the department's ownership and use or the department's use in the normal performance of the department's responsibilities.
- (h) Predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife following certification in writing by the department that the proposed actions will significantly benefit a particular wildlife species.
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**13104**

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## **Attachment B**

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Here's a breakdown of each element:

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<p><b>Project Title:</b> Ethically and Effectively Resolving Human/Wildlife Interaction Issues in Santa Barbara County Through Temporary Emergency Treatment and Care of Injured and Orphaned Wildlife</p>
<p><b>Amount Requesting:</b> \$ 18,330</p>

**PART 2: GENERAL INFORMATION**

<p><b>Organization:</b> International Bird Rescue</p>		
<p><b>Contact Person:</b> Phil Kohlmetz, Grants Coordinator</p>		
<p><b>Address</b> 3601 S. Gaffey Street, Box 3</p>		
<p><b>City</b> San Pedro</p>	<p><b>State</b> CA</p>	<p><b>Zip</b> 90731</p>
<p><b>Phone</b> 707-704-0350</p>	<p><b>Fax</b> N/A</p>	<p><b>Email (most communications will be by email)</b> grants@birdrescue.org</p>

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The project is a direct expression of 13103(b): "Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife." The animals we return to the wild are then able to propagate future generations. When we work with Animal Control Officers and Game Wardens, we also address element 13103(c): "Temporary treatment and care of wildlife confiscated by the department as evidence." Rigorous scientific research done by our qualified researchers address element 13103(i), including "Variation In Distribution And Fate Of Brown Pelicans Injured And Rehabilitated In California Based On Band Sightings"; "Prevalence, Incidence, and Characterization of Dermal Lesions In Diving Birds Undergoing Rehabilitation"; and our ongoing citizen-science Blue-banded Pelican Project.

This project is highly relevant: experts around the world agree that aquatic birds are in a global crisis of survival, which is exacerbated by the now-ongoing, deadly Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza virus (aka "Bird Flu"). Santa Barbara County is especially important to dozens of species of aquatic birds because of its central location on the Pacific Flyway. Immediate human impact here has concentrated, long-term effects on global populations. Most of the threats to marine wildlife are human-induced, including oil and chemical spills, plastics/garbage/pollution, fishing (hook and line entanglements), and habitat loss.

The SMART Goal for Southern California Avian Rehabilitation and Research program, which ethically and effectively resolves human/wildlife interaction issues in Santa Barbara County through the temporary emergency treatment and care of injured and orphaned wildlife is to:

- Rescue and admit ~1,250 native wild aquatic birds annually (~80 from Santa Barbara County)(specific, measurable, attainable, time-bound)
- Use our world-class veterinary care facilities and protocols to rehabilitate patients (average days-in-care for all patients last year was 22 days; average days-in-care last year for Santa Barbara County patients was 30 days)(specific, measurable, attainable, time-bound)
- Return rehabilitated birds back to the wild at species-appropriate locations, which gives them second-chances at a normal life, including propagating future generations (our research indicates that birds that are successfully rehabilitated and returned to the natural environment live lives that are as long and productive as their counterparts)(relevant)
- Band all released patients with Federal Bands (and in some cases, additional unique ID bands), so that they can be tracked in the wild by other scientists, volunteers, and enthusiasts, and in case a treated bird returns to us for further care. We are one of the few organizations that possess the federal permit to band birds. The scientific community (including the Federal Bird Banding Lab) benefits since we place ID bands on all birds upon their release back in the wild in order to increase the knowledge and data available on rehabilitated birds. (relevant)

## PART 4: BENEFITS TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WILDLIFE

Please describe how this project would directly or indirectly benefit Santa Barbara County's wildlife.

The Avian Rehabilitation and Research program at our Los Angeles Wildlife Center (in San Pedro) serves all of Southern California, from Santa Barbara County to the US/Mexico border. It resolves negative human-wildlife interactions by providing direct, immediate, effective, and ethical responses that save the lives of individual animals harmed by human impact.

The primary objective of the program is to rescue and rehabilitate ~80 (4-year average) aquatic birds annually from Santa Barbara County. As a "referral hospital," we treat the most challenging cases that are beyond the capacity or skills of other regional wildlife centers and clinics (who themselves are grappling with HPAI), and receive hundreds of birds transferred to us from other local rescues and centers, including from Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network. We also receive animals rescued by the general public. Our Wildlife Center in San Pedro admits ~1,250 local, native aquatic birds annually, and releases them back to the wild once successfully rehabilitated. The most common species we receive from Santa Barbara County include Western Grebes, Common Murres, Black-Crowned Night-Herons, Mallards, Brown Pelicans, Pacific Loons, and Western Gulls. Occasionally, we receive federally-endangered Western Snowy Plovers. The most common ailments include: petroleum oiled, fishing line and hook entanglements, trauma (wing/leg/body fractures), and orphaned.

Our secondary objective is to secure sufficient financial support from stakeholders to keep our work sustainable. This grant will partially offset the cost of service we provide to the people and wildlife of Santa Barbara County. It represents a modest portion of total annual cost for serving Santa Barbara County wildlife, acknowledges inflation and our increased costs to address HPAI (such as PPE and quarantine screening measures), matches funding from many other County Fish and Game Commissions throughout the State, and would be matched ~2:1 by other donors.

International Bird Rescue conducts ongoing research and citizen science projects. We maintain a banded bird re-sighting database and collaborate with the Federal Bird Banding Lab to demonstrate and evaluate the reach and survival impact of our wildlife rehabilitation work, over time. Other examples that confirm our work are featured in published research: [Medical History And Post-Release Survival Of Rehabilitated California Brown Pelicans \*Pelecanus Occidentalis Californicus\*, 2009–2019](#), and include:

- Brown Pelican C57, the **first blue-banded pelican to achieve 5,000 days back in the wild** (over 13 years) after leaving our care on December 16, 2009!
- Brown Pelican E17, first treated in LA in 2010 for an astounding 259 days, sighted in 2017 in a breeding colony in Mexico 7 years after its care, and again in September 2018 near San Francisco.
- Brown Pelican M38, first treated in 2011 and sighted seven years later in 2018 in a breeding colony with 2 chicks on Santa Barbara Island by California Institute of Environmental Studies scientists.
- Brown Pelican H4, who sports an additional electronic band and has been spotted 54 times from 11 MOTUS sensor stations ranging from Marin to Monterey to **Santa Cruz Island in Santa Barbara County**.

Other examples of the benefit of our work to Santa Barbara County wildlife include:

**Santa Barbara Independent:** <https://www.independent.com/2024/10/30/western-burrowing-owl-rescued-after-being-stranded-at-sea/>

**International Bird Rescue Blog and Social Media:** <https://www.birdrescue.org/tracking-the-journey-of-rehabilitated-pelicans-with-electric-bands/>

**National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association:** New Board Member is a Former Volunteer for *BOTH* International Bird Rescue *AND* Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network: <https://www.nwrawildlife.org/page/WallisReid>

**KQED:** <https://www.kqed.org/science/1996948/californias-pelicans-are-once-again-starving-this-year-its-the-babies>

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<p><b>Milestone:</b> Not applicable, our work is daily and ongoing, and funding provided by this grant (should it be favorably awarded) can be expended within one year. We do use a 6-step methodology to achieve the best, consistent results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Rescue:</b> Volunteers and citizens transport injured animals annually to one of our two California wildlife rehabilitation hospitals.</li> <li>2. <b>Triage:</b> Birds first undergo a triage assessment by our professional veterinary staff where vital signs are taken, the bird's weight and measurements are recorded, and blood work is often done. A medical treatment plan and a nutrition plan are created specific to each patient.</li> <li>3. <b>Medical Intervention:</b> Typically initiated after the first 24-48 hours in care, so that the initial trauma of capture can abate (remaining mindful that these are wild animals and not pets), and we can be assured that the animal has the strength to endure a medical procedure or surgery.</li> <li>4. <b>Recovery:</b> Treated birds move to a recovery area, just as a patient would be at a human hospital. Here, their progress is closely monitored until they are ready to move to a rehabilitation area.</li> <li>5. <b>Rehabilitation:</b> Birds heal their wounds and gain strength in our predator-proof aviary enclosures.</li> <li>6. <b>Release:</b> When birds have healed and matured to be capable of survival on their own, they are released back into the wild at species-appropriate locations.</li> </ol>	
<p align="right"><b>Anticipated Completion Date</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>9/30/26</b></p>

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Please use the form below to list the summary of your budget and other funding sources. Please describe below how all budgetary items have a direct nexus to at least one of the purposes listed in FG Code 13103 (Attachment A). Attach a detailed list of the individual costs of items such as salaries, travel, equipment, supplies, and other tangible items. Receipts must be supplied for all expenditures. The Fish and Wildlife Commission traditionally does not fund administrative costs, such as overhead and administrative travel. Applicants should note that it takes about 3 months for funds to be available for a project after a proposal has been recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Commission for funding.

<b>\$ Amount Requested from the Fish and Wildlife Commission</b>	<b>\$18,331</b>
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**Budget Breakdown:**

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Per Unit Cost</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Based on most recent patient care and financial data...	\$		\$
2. Average cost to rehabilitate 1 bird for 1 day at our LA Wildlife Center...	\$24.44		\$
3. Average number of days Santa Barbara birds are in care...	\$	30	\$
4. Number of Santa Barbara birds supported by SBCFWC grant...	\$	25	\$18,330
5. Number of Santa Barbara birds supported by other donors/funding...	\$	55	\$40,325
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$58,655</b>

Please add additional lines as needed

**Other Funding Sources**

<b>In-kind or Other Funding Sources:</b>	
1. Santa Barbara Fish and Wildlife Commission	\$18,330
2. State of CA Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) Individual Oiled Bird Fund	\$10,000
3. Other local Southern California donors (individuals, corporations, and foundations)	\$30,325
<b>Total Cost of Project</b>	<b>\$58,655</b>

Please add additional lines as needed

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<p><b>Name</b></p>	<p><b>Background/Qualifications</b></p> <p><b>Please describe the personnel who will be working on this project and their background and pertinent qualifications.</b></p>
<p><b>Julie Skoglund, Senior Director of Operations and Programs</b></p>	<p>Julie joined IBR in 2003. With a BS degree in Biology, Julie has worked on multiple spills including the Ventura Oiled Bird Incidents, Point Mugu Oiled Bird Incident, Santa Cruz Mystery Spill, Cosco Busan, and the 2010 Deepwater Horizon incident in the Gulf of Mexico. She oversees the operation of both the San Francisco Bay / Delta and the Los Angeles Wildlife Rehabilitation Centers. She is the Treasurer of Pacific Seabird Group, and Secretary for the CalTip Rewards Commission, which encourages the public to provide factual information leading to the arrest of poachers and polluters.</p>
<p><b>Dr. Rebecca Duerr, Director of Research and Veterinary Science</b></p>	<p>Dr. Duerr completed her DVM, MPVM, and PhD degrees at UC Davis, focusing on the care of oiled Common Murres and on the nutritional energetics and physiology of Common Murres and Western Grebes. She co-edited Hand-Rearing Birds (second edition), co-wrote the wild orphans section of Merck Veterinary Manual, and continues to raise the bar of wildlife rehabilitation through innovation at the intersection of clinical wildlife medicine and marine science. Dr. Duerr serves on the Board of Directors of the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Association and is a frequent lecturer on avian physiology and pediatrics.</p>
<p><b>Kylie Clatterbuck, Los Angeles Wildlife Center Manager</b></p>	<p>Kylie has been with International Bird Rescue since 2008 after graduating from California State University Long Beach with a BS degree in Marine Biology. She started as a Rehabilitation Technician and worked as Volunteer Coordinator before earning the position of Center Manager in 2016. Kylie has responded to multiple spills and crisis events over the years including the 2010 Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico and <b>the 2015 Refugio Oil Spill in Santa Barbara</b>. While balancing life with two children, she is also responsible for managing daily clinic operations, animal care, and facility maintenance for the extensive care of our patients at International Bird Rescue.</p>

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Progress Report	None proposed	
Progress Report		
Final Report to SBCFWC	No later than 11/20/26 (~6-8 weeks after the end of our fiscal year and the end of this proposed grant period of 9/30/26)	

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Phil Kohlmetz  
Print Name

  
Signature

Grants Coordinator  
Title

10/16/25  
Date

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# Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission

## Grant Application

As determined by the Fish and Game Code of the State of California, all fines monies derived from code violations shall be equally divided between the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the county in which the violation occurred. The Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission (SBCFWC) is charged with recommending expenditures of fine revenues to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. State law requires that grants of such monies must be utilized for the protection, conservation, propagation, preservation, or education as they pertain to fish and wildlife.

Non-profit organizations with an IRS 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status or purpose consistent with the definition of 501 (c) (3) status are eligible to apply.

A proposed project or program must clearly qualify for funding under section 13103 of the California Fish and Game Code - (Please Refer to Attachment A). Projects funded under this Section must be expended for the protection, conservation, propagation, preservation, or education pertaining to fish and wildlife within or outside the County. These grants are awarded annually and current grantees must renew their applications. Grant funds are limited and awards are typically less than \$20,000 (or more based on exceptional positive impact).

### Grant Process

- Each year the SBCFWC will request grant proposals. Announcement of the grant period will be made during a noticed meeting of the SBCFWC and posted on the Santa Barbara County Planning and Development website at <https://www.countyofsb.org/160/Planning-Development>, and noticed with a press release.
- **Proposals requesting funds from the Fish and Wildlife Commission must be submitted no later than three (3) weeks prior to the next scheduled Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting.**
- All members of the Fish and Wildlife Commission receive copies of grant applications prior to the Commission's review at a noticed meeting of the SBCFWC.
- The SBCFWC will discuss each grant application and the benefits the program or project has for protection, conservation, propagation, preservation, or education as they pertain to fish and wildlife. Attendance at the meeting by the grant applicant is strongly encouraged to allow for questions from the SBCFWC

members.

- The SBCFWC will select grants that will be recommended to the County Board of Supervisors for approval of funding. A report to the County Board of Supervisors will be prepared with each recommended grant attached.
- Successful grant applicants will be contacted following County Board of Supervisors approval.

**Please complete each section of this application. Incomplete applications may be rejected.**

**PART 1: PROJECT TITLE**

<b>Project Title: Goleta Kelp Reef Improvement Project - Monitoring Program</b>
<b>Amount Requesting: \$32,000 (thirty two thousand)</b>

**PART 2: GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>Organization: Fish Reef Project</b>		
<b>Contact Person: Chris Goldblatt</b>		
<b>Address 315 Meig Rd Ste A 289</b>		
<b>City Santa Barbara</b>	<b>State CA</b>	<b>Zip 93109</b>
<b>Phone 310-488-6100</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b><a href="mailto:chris@fishreef.org">chris@fishreef.org</a> Email (most</b>
<b>communications will be by email)</b>		

**PART 3: PROJECT**

**DESCRIPTION**

**Note: Please state how the program or project complies with FG Code 13103 (Attachment A) and which provisions apply. Applicants should use SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound)**

protocols in structuring proposals (Attachment B), which can then be used to evaluate whether the project was successful. If the project is for educational purposes (FG Code 13103 a.), attach a curriculum and examples of any teaching aids to be used.

This application deals with the defrayment of costs incurred by the Fish Reef Project for monitoring the effectiveness of artificial reefs (Sea Caves) in establishing giant kelp reef communities in Goleta Bay. The overall project involved the deployment of 16 one-ton Sea Cave reef units in Goleta Bay in March 2024. Each unit was placed in 37 feet of water 1,000 feet offshore in the center of Goleta Bay. The Sea Caves are a pilot project focused on establishing historic kelp beds that were formerly the heart of Goleta Bay's kelp forest habitat and fisheries. Because the overall project's purpose was to examine the feasibility of Sea Caves in establishing and improving kelp habitat in this area, it has a direct nexus with CDFG Code 13103 (e), "Improvement of fish and wildlife habitat". As a consequence, part of the funding for the deployment of the sea caves came from the County of Santa Barbara's Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund, as recommended by the County's Fish and Wildlife Commission and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

This project is full permitted by regulatory agencies, including the California Coastal Commission (CCC). As part of the conditions of approval of the Fish Reef Project's CCC permit, the Coastal Commission required that the effectiveness of the Sea Caves for establishing natural kelp reef communities be monitored. In response, the Fish Reef Project conducted field work, analyzed data, and prepared four reports (August and November 2024, May and August 2025) that examined the feasibility and effectiveness of Sea Caves in establishing kelp reef communities. Those monitoring reports are being submitted with this application. Because the monitoring program associated with the Sea Caves Project was not funded, we are requesting \$32,000 from the County of Santa Barbara's Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund to defray the costs associated with this monitoring program. Consultation with CDFW indicates that the monitoring component of the Sea Caves project has a direct nexus with CDFG 13103 (i), "Scientific fish and wildlife research conducted by institutions of higher learning, qualified researchers, or governmental agencies, if approved by the department" and so qualifies for consideration for funding from the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund.

**PART 4: BENEFITS TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WILDLIFE**

**Please describe how this project would directly or indirectly benefit Santa Barbara County's wildlife.**

The historic soft-bottom kelp forests from El Capitan to Carpinteria have largely vanished. The causes are manifold, however, it has been shown thus far that Sea Cave reefs hold promise as a viable solution. The complex and stable habitat provided by the Sea Caves allows giant kelp colonization, establishment, and growth. After kelp begin to thrive, they become the center of feeding, breeding, foraging and sheltering for a number of Santa Barbara County fish and invertebrate species. The monitoring component of this project allowed us to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of Sea Caves in providing substrata for kelp colonization with subsequent effects on fish and invertebrate communities. The results to date indicate that Sea Caves allow the establishment and growth of kelp in soft-bottom habitats, thereby providing habitat for a variety of important fish and invertebrate species. Although fish and invertebrate communities on and around the Sea Caves may be in an early successional stage, the results indicate that succession to natural fish and invertebrate communities is likely.

Because as much as 99% of our seabed is covered by empty mud and sand, adequate hard habitat is a limiting factor for the overall abundance of many commercially and recreationally important fish and invertebrate species. When appropriate habitat is added, our results suggest that the empty seafloor is transformed to a thriving and teeming oasis full of a great variety of marine life. The state does not have a viable reef building arm and thus the Fish Reef Project and Sea Caves fill this badly needed void. California is the only seaside state in the union without an active state-managed reef improvement or restoration program; hence, it is critical that the commission recommend that this grant be funded to ensure that the Fish Reef Project can complete the Goleta Bay pilot project and move into phase two, which would establish 65 acres of kelp forest in Goleta Bay.

**PART 5: TIMELINE.** For large, multi-year projects, the SBCF&WC may ask for this section to be filled out. For smaller yearly projects or where an item or items are being purchased one time or the project is one event, this section does not apply.

Please provide an outline of your project including the milestones and anticipated achievement dates.

<b>Project Milestones</b> Provide description of milestones Add additional lines if needed	<b>Date</b>
<b>Project Start Date</b>	
<b>Milestone: All 9 State and Federal permits to deploy the pilot</b>	March 2024

<b>Milestone: Deploy all 16 Sea Caves in Goleta bay</b>	March 2024
<b>Milestone: Kelp reported grown to the surface on the majority of Sea Caves</b>	August 2024
<b>Milestone: Turn in 4 completed CCC monitoring reports annually</b>	On going
<b>Anticipated Completion Date</b>	March 2028

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<b>\$ Amount Requested from the Fish and Wildlife Commission</b>	<b>\$ 32000</b>
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**Budget Breakdown:**

Item Description	Per Unit Cost	Quantity	Total
<b>1. Monitoring field study and report</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	4	<b>\$32,000</b>
<b>3. related equipment and staff time</b>			<b>48000</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b>
			<b>80,000</b>

Please add additional lines as needed

**Other Funding Sources**

<b>In-kind or Other Funding Sources:</b>	
<b>1.Santa Barbara Foundation</b>	\$15,000
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Peter Carlson	UCSB Staff researcher operating in an independent capacity
Dr Ryan Jenkinson	Global reef research and NatGEO lead researcher
Andy Taylor	UCSB marine biology graduate

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2.Sea Center (Sterns)	Exhibit display	\$0		Marla Daily	805-448-7788
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Print Name



Signature

CEO

Title

November 3, 2025

Date

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# ***Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission***

## **Grant Application**

As determined by the Fish and Game Code of the State of California, all fines monies derived from code violations shall be equally divided between the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the county in which the violation occurred. The Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission (SBCFWC) is charged with recommending expenditures of fine revenues to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. State law requires that grants of such monies must be utilized for the protection, conservation, propagation, preservation, or education as they pertain to fish and wildlife.

Non-profit organizations with an IRS 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status or purpose consistent with the definition of 501 (c) (3) status are eligible to apply.

A proposed project or program must clearly qualify for funding under section 13103 of the California Fish and Game Code - (Please Refer to Attachment A). Projects funded under this Section must be expended for the protection, conservation, propagation, preservation, or education pertaining to fish and wildlife within or outside the County. These grants are awarded annually and current grantees must renew their applications. Grant funds are limited and awards are typically less than \$20,000 (or more based on exceptional positive impact).

### **Grant Process**

- Each year the SBCFWC will request grant proposals. Announcement of the grant period will be made during a noticed meeting of the SBCFWC and posted on the Santa Barbara County Planning and Development website at <https://www.countyofsb.org/160/Planning-Development>, and noticed with a press release.
- **Proposals requesting funds from the Fish and Wildlife Commission must be submitted no later than three (3) weeks prior to the next scheduled Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting.**
- All members of the Fish and Wildlife Commission receive copies of grant applications prior to the Commission's review at a noticed meeting of the SBCFWC.
- The SBCFWC will discuss each grant application and the benefits the program or project has for protection, conservation, propagation, preservation, or education as they pertain to fish and wildlife. Attendance at the meeting by the grant applicant is strongly encouraged to allow for questions from the SBCFWC

members.

- The SBCFWC will select grants that will be recommended to the County Board of Supervisors for approval of funding. A report to the County Board of Supervisors will be prepared with each recommended grant attached.
- Successful grant applicants will be contacted following County Board of Supervisors approval.

**Please complete each section of this application. Incomplete applications may be rejected.**

**PART 1: PROJECT TITLE**

<b>Project Title:</b> <b>Oceans of Opportunity</b>
<b>Amount Requesting:</b> <b>\$20,000</b>

**PART 2: GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>Organization:</b> <b>Reel Guppy Outdoors Inc. as fiscal agent for Reel Anglers Inc.</b>		
<b>Contact Person:</b> <b>Kevin Brannon</b>		
<b>Address:</b> <b>2741 Victoria Ave., Suite D</b>		
<b>City</b> <b>Oxnard</b>	<b>State</b> <b>CA</b>	<b>Zip</b> <b>93035</b>
<b>Phone</b> <b>805-248-2166</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b>Email (most communications will be by email)</b> <b>reelguppyoutdoors@gmail.com</b>

**PART 3: PROJECT**

**DESCRIPTION**

**Note: Please state how the program or project complies with FG Code 13103 (Attachment A) and which provisions apply. Applicants should use SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound)**

**protocols in structuring proposals (Attachment B), which can then be used to evaluate whether the project was successful. If the project is for educational purposes (FG Code 13103 a.), attach a curriculum and examples of any teaching aids to be used.**

Reel Guppy Outdoors (RGO) is a nonprofit organization (subsidiary of Reel Anglers Inc.) whose mission is to empower and inspire youth, families, and our community to be impactful in the world through education and personal development. Our vision is to unify individuals as passionate stewards who create positive change for their environment and our world.

RGO will provide services to support Carpinteria School District in enhancing the educational activities of its students through our “Oceans of Opportunity” marine education and fishing program at Carpinteria State Beach. This project qualifies under Fish and Game Code §13103(a) as it provides public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation through a structured curriculum and instructional materials.

Oceans of Opportunity is a dynamic, hands-on introduction to California’s diverse marine ecosystems—including pier-side, ocean, lake, river, and tide pool environments. The program promotes responsible angling, conservation ethics, sustainable fishing practices, and environmental stewardship. It also addresses anti-littering behaviors, coastal clean-up, and California fishing regulations. Our goal is to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and personal connection needed to responsibly enjoy and protect our waters and beaches.

The program offers a two-part learning experience:

- **In-Class Clinics:** Students engage in interactive lessons using custom activity workbooks (e.g., Let’s Go Catch a Memory, Let’s Explore the Channel Islands, Let’s Go Explore the Kelp Forest, Whales and Friends, Pier Critters and Lake Critters, Coastal Critters), display models, props, and artificial lures to simulate marine ecosystems. They learn ecosystem functions, water safety, species identification, mechanics of angling, fishing regulations, and responsible fishing practices.
- **Pier-Side Field Adventures:** Students participate in three-hour hands-on sessions that include surf fishing, knot tying, crab netting, wildlife exploration, and shoreline stewardship. Students work in teams to problem solve and support one another while learning to handle fish safely, release non-keepers, and properly clean and cook their allowable catch in accordance with sustainable fishery practices.

As the weeks progress, students advance from basic shore fishing to more complex angling methods while deepening their biological and ecological knowledge. They will also learn to process and harvest fish within regulations, bringing home food to their families—helping transfer conservation knowledge and positive fishing experiences from the classroom to the household. Fish not harvested are released safely following sustainable fishing protocols.

Beyond science-based learning, the program fosters leadership, teamwork, and mentorship skills. Returning students often take on peer leadership roles to support newer participants. Some students also gain exposure to media and video production, helping produce weekly video bulletins that highlight their learning, promote conservation awareness, and inspire peers to join the program.

Program success will be evaluated based on the following SMART objectives, which clearly define the expected outcomes and provide measurable benchmarks for achievement:

1. **Participation & Engagement** - By June 2026, RGO will deliver weekly marine education and fishing sessions to at least 15 Carpinteria Middle School Fishing Club students, with at least 80% completing all 20 sessions.
2. **Conservation Knowledge Gain** - By the end of the 20-week program, participating students will increase their understanding of local marine ecosystems and sustainable fishing practices by at least 50% as measured by pre- and post-program surveys.
3. **Stewardship Behavior** - By June 2026, students will complete at least 5 shoreline clean-up activities and safely release at least 90% of non-keeper fish according to sustainable fishing practices.
4. **Leadership Development** - Between March and June 2026, at least 5 returning students will serve as peer mentors to new participants, demonstrating leadership and assisting with instruction and gear setup.

Program success will be measured through student surveys, evaluation of student work, educator observation, and tracking of attendance, knowledge gains, stewardship actions, and leadership outcomes.

This program was incredibly successful last year. Not only did students demonstrate learning objectives, but many also developed mentoring and leadership skills progressing from never having fished before to taking a leadership and mentorship role with students new to the program. In addition, some students produced a weekly video bulletin showcasing their learning and experiences in this program. The bulletin served to educate others on biology, ecology, conservation, and sustainable fishing and to recruit additional students to participate in the program.

*(See Video below and attached Reel Guppy Outdoors Activity Books and Photos from last year's program)*

**Carpinteria Middle School Surf Fishing with Reel Guppy Outdoors Video**

[youtube.com/watch?embeds\\_referring\\_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fmail.google.com%2F&embeds\\_referring\\_origin=https%3A%2F%2Fmail.google.com&source\\_ve\\_path=Mjg2NjQsMTY0NTAz&v=BfDpFPhT0is&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?embeds_referring_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fmail.google.com%2F&embeds_referring_origin=https%3A%2F%2Fmail.google.com&source_ve_path=Mjg2NjQsMTY0NTAz&v=BfDpFPhT0is&feature=youtu.be)

**PART 4: BENEFITS TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WILDLIFE**

**Please describe how this project would directly or indirectly benefit Santa Barbara County's wildlife.**

Ultimately, this education-based program fulfills the intent of Fish and Game Code §13103(a) by teaching the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, thereby fostering lifelong stewardship behaviors that will protect and preserve Santa Barbara County’s marine life for future generations.

This project will directly and indirectly benefit Santa Barbara County’s wildlife by cultivating the next generation of environmental stewards while broadening access to coastal resources. Through hands-on instruction, students will gain knowledge of local marine species, their habitats, and the ecological principles that sustain them. Lessons emphasize local ecology and coastal habitats, sustainable fishing practices, species identification, size and catch limits, and the importance of protecting threatened and sensitive species.

By engaging students in shoreline clean-up activities and anti-littering campaigns during their fishing sessions, the program reduces pollution in local marine and coastal ecosystems, helping to improve water quality and protect wildlife from entanglement and ingestion hazards.

The program also helps reduce cultural and socioeconomic barriers that often limit access to ocean-based recreation and education. Some participating youth may have limited experience with coastal recreational activities. By introducing them to positive, structured, and educational coastline activities, the program promotes equitable access to Santa Barbara County’s natural resources.

Knowledge and experiences gained in the program are often transferred to students’ families, encouraging family participation in responsible fishing and coastal stewardship activities. This ripple effect expands community understanding of conservation principles, further protecting local wildlife.

As students learn to safely handle and release fish not kept for consumption, they reduce harm to juvenile and non-target species, supporting healthy population dynamics. The program also encourages appreciation and respect for wildlife, which has been shown to reduce destructive behaviors such as poaching or habitat disturbance.

At the same time, participants build stewardship values and community leadership skills, developing confidence, teamwork, and mentoring abilities that will prepare them to serve as future conservation leaders in Santa Barbara County.

Ultimately, this education-based program fulfills the intent of Fish and Game Code §13103(a) by teaching the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, while creating inclusive pathways for youth and their families to engage in protecting and preserving Santa Barbara County’s marine life for generations to come.

**PART 5: TIMELINE.** For large, multi-year projects, the SBCF&WC may ask for this section to be filled out. For smaller yearly projects or where an item or items are being purchased one time or the project is one event, this section does not apply.

Please provide an outline of your project including the milestones and anticipated achievement dates.

<p align="center"><b>Project Milestones</b></p> <p align="center">Provide description of milestones</p> <p align="center">Add additional lines if needed</p>	<p align="center"><b>Date</b></p>
	<p align="center">Project Start Date</p>
	<p align="center">October/November 2025 (upon the granting of funding)</p>

<b>Milestone:</b> Classroom education and Surf Fishing Completed on Wednesdays for 20 weeks over the course of the school year beginning when funding is granted and occurring up to the completion of 20 or at the conclusion of the school year in June 2026.	By completion of the school year June 2026.
<b>Milestone:</b>	
<b>Milestone:</b>	
<b>Milestone:</b>	
<b>Anticipated Completion Date</b>	June 2026

**PART 6: BUDGET**

Please use the form below to list the summary of your budget and other funding sources. Please describe below how all budgetary items have a direct nexus to at least one of the purposes listed in FG Code 13103 (Attachment A). Attach a detailed list of the individual costs of items such as salaries, travel, equipment, supplies, and other tangible items. Receipts must be supplied for all expenditures. The Fish and Wildlife Commission traditionally does not fund administrative costs, such as overhead and administrative travel. Applicants should note that it takes about 3 months for funds to be available for a project after a proposal has been recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Commission for funding.

<b>\$ Amount Requested from the Fish and Wildlife Commission</b>	\$ <input style="width: 80%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="20,000"/>
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**Budget Breakdown:**

Item Description	Per Unit Cost	Quantity	Total
<b>1. Staff Cost to Run the Program</b> (\$1000/day, 20 days) This is the amount the school has historically paid for the program and will directly fund professional staff salary, primarily for the RGO Executive Director to serve as educator. Reel Guppy Outdoors will provide all learning materials and supplies, shirts and hats for students and teachers, staff travel, and additional personnel as needed.	<b>\$ 1000</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>
<b>2.</b>	\$		\$
<b>3.</b>	\$		\$
<b>4.</b>	\$		\$

5.	\$		\$
6.	\$		\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$20,000</b>

Please add additional lines as needed

**Other Funding Sources**

<b>In-kind or Other Funding Sources:</b>	
1. Provided by RGO through general donations: Bait, Fishing Gear, Stickers, Shirts, Fishing Towels, Hats, 6 Activity Workbooks, Science Log Books/Journals, Staff Travel Costs, other materials, and additional personnel as needed.	\$ 3,000
2.	\$
3.	\$
<b>Total Cost of Project</b>	\$ 23,000

Please add additional lines as needed

**PART 7: QUALIFICATIONS (optional)**

Please describe the personnel who will be working on this project and their background and pertinent qualifications. Name	Background/Qualifications
Kevin Brannon	(See attached Bio)

Please add additional lines as needed

**PART 8: PROJECT PARTNERS (optional)**

The Commission strongly encourages prospective grantees to seek partnerships in completing projects. Please list any organizations, groups, or agencies that have agreed to participate in your project. Give a brief description of each organization’s role in your project. Include any monetary contribution to the project, if any. Please attach a letter of support from each organization. If this is not possible, please include a name and phone number of a person from each organization who can be contacted to verify participation.

Participating Organization	Role	Monetary Contributions	Letter of Support Attached	Name	Phone Number
1. Carpinteria Middle School	Education Partner	\$0	Yes	Jennifer Medina, Program Specialist - ASES Carpinteria Middle School	805-684-4511
2. Carpinteria Unified School District School Board	Supporter Previous Funder through Chevron funding	\$0	Yes	Jaime Diamond, School Board President Carpinteria Unified School District	<a href="mailto:jaime.diamond@cusd.net">jaime.diamond@cusd.net</a>
3.		\$			

Please add additional lines as needed

**PART 9: MANDATORY REPORTING**

A final report demonstrating how the objective of the grant was achieved is due 60 days from the completion of all projects. On longer term, more complex projects, once those projects are initiated, a progress report is required every 90 days until the project is completed unless the SBCF&WC decides due to the nature of the project, progress reports are not needed.

	Date	Actual Date Submitted (Do not write here)
Progress Report	12/31/25	
Progress Report	3/31/26	
Final Report to SBCFWC	6/30/26	

**NOTE: Receipts for expenditures to date must be submitted with each progress report as applicable.**

**PART 10: LETTERS OF SUPPORT (Optional)**

Please attach any letters of support for your project to your grant application.

**PART 11: AGREEMENT**

If awarded funds from the Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission, I agree to:

- Complete the project as indicated and provide all reports and products as indicated in this application; including any amendments requested by the SBCFWC.
- Spend funds as outlined in this application and/or as voted upon by the SBCFWC. Any request to change how funds are spent must be approved by Santa Barbara County prior to the actual expenditure.

I understand that failure to do so may void this contract with the SBCFWC. Failure to provide such reports and products or use of funds other than voted upon, may result in the loss of granted funds and exclusion from future grant opportunities.

Kevin Brannon

Print Name

*Kevin Brannon*

Signature

Founder and Executive Director

Title

revised 10/30/25

Date

***Please Return Grant Applications to:***  
**Santa Barbara County Planning and Development**  
**Attn. Fish and Wildlife Commission**  
**123 E. Anapamu St.**  
**Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

## **Attachment A**

### **FISH AND GAME CODE**

### **SECTION 13100-13104**

#### **13100**

- (a) The amounts paid to and retained in the county treasury pursuant to Sections 12009 and 13003 shall be deposited in a county fish and wildlife propagation fund and expended for the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife, under the direction of the board of supervisors, pursuant to this chapter.
- (b) All proposed expenditures from a county fish and wildlife propagation fund shall be reviewed first at a regular meeting of the county board of supervisors or its designated county fish and game commission to ensure compliance with Section 13103.

#### **13101**

- (a) The board of supervisors of any county may enter into a written agreement with the board of supervisors of one or more counties for the expenditure of any funds deposited in its fish and wildlife propagation fund pursuant to Section 13100 for any purpose authorized by Section 13103 in either, or any, of the counties for the joint benefit of both, or all, of the counties as the judgment of the boards of supervisors may direct. The purchase of real property necessary for that purpose is lawful and title thereto shall be taken in the joint names of each county which contributes funds therefor. The property may be deeded to the state upon the express condition that it shall be employed for the purposes of this chapter within the counties.
- (b) The board of supervisors of one or more counties may enter into a written agreement with the department for the expenditure of any funds deposited in its fish and wildlife propagation fund pursuant to Section 13100 for any purpose authorized by Section 13103.

#### **13102**

Expenditures from the fish and game propagation fund of any county shall be subject to the provisions of Division 3 (commencing with Section 29000) of Title 3 of the Government Code.

#### **13103**

Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes:

- (a) Public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.
- (b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.
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construction of irrigation and water distribution systems; earthwork and grading; fencing; planting trees and other vegetation management; and removal of barriers to the migration of fish and wildlife.

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- (j) Reasonable administrative costs, excluding the costs of audits required by Section 13104, for secretarial service, travel, and postage by the county fish and wildlife commission when authorized by the county board of supervisors. For purposes of this subdivision, "reasonable cost" means an amount that does not exceed 15 percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period, or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) annually, whichever is greater, excluding any funds carried over from a previous fiscal year.
- (k) Contributions to a secret witness program for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of this code and regulations adopted pursuant to this code.
- (l) Costs incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting civil and criminal actions for violations of this code, as approved by the department.
- (m) Costs incurred by a county counsel in investigating and prosecuting an action for civil penalties, injunctive relief, or civil penalties and injunctive relief pursuant to Section 5650.1 resulting from unlicensed cannabis cultivation.
- (n) Other expenditures, approved by the department, for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating, and preserving fish and wildlife.

**13104**

The department may audit, or require the county to audit, expenditures by the county from its fish and wildlife propagation fund in order to determine compliance with this chapter. If, after reviewing the audit, the department determines that expenditures are not in compliance with this chapter, the department may require that all expenditures from the fund be temporarily suspended, or it may seek reimbursement of funds that the department determines, based on the audit, were expended improperly, or both.

## **Attachment B**

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