RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-53

MEETING: February 11, 2014
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer
RE: California Dept. Fish & Wildlife Funding Request

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the Request for the Use of Funding in the Fish & Game Budget for the Local Office of the California Department of Fish & Wildlife to Purchase Heavy Duty Winch/Recovery Equipment ($6,737) and to Purchase Three Infrared Covert Trail Cameras ($2,101). Please see the attached request forms and letters for additional information on this request.

The County's Fish & Game budget receives revenue from fines relating to violations of the California Fish & Game Code and any other law relating to the protection and preservation of birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians. Section 13103 of the California Fish & Game Code (attached) lists approved expenses, and education regarding wildlife is an approved expenditure.

Currently there is a little over $25,000 available in the Fish & Game budget, which is sufficient for this funding request. When properly invoiced by the local office of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the approved purchases, staff will process the invoices for payment from the Fish & Game budget.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board adopted Resolution 10-220 on May 11, 2010, approving a Hunter Education and Beginning Shooting Classes in the amount of $6,450.

The Board adopted Resolution 08-243 on June 10, 2008, approving the purchase of a robotic wild turkey decoy in the amount of $1,700 by the Department of Fish & Game.

The Board adopted Resolution 08-210 on May 27, 2008, approving financing the Mariposa Fish & Game Youth Outdoor Hunting Program in the amount of $650.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the funding request. The local office of the California Department of
Fish and Wildlife will need to seek funding elsewhere for these purchases.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There is approximately $25,000 available in the County’s Fish & Game Budget which is sufficient for this request.

ATTACHMENTS:
Fish & Wildlife Request for Winch   (PDF)
Fish & Wildlife Request for Infrared Cameras   (PDF)
Fish & Game Code Section 13100-13104   (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Rick Benson, County Administrator

RESULT:   ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:   Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
SECONDER:   John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES:   Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier