

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.

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.

(c) Temporary treatment and care of wildlife confiscated by the department as evidence.

(d) Breeding, raising, purchasing, or releasing fish or wildlife which are to be released upon approval of the department pursuant to Sections 6400 and 6401 onto land or into waters of local, state, or federal agencies or onto land or into waters open to the public.

(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.

(i) Scientific fish and wildlife research conducted by institutions of higher learning, qualified researchers, or governmental agencies, if approved by the department.

(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 which does not exceed 3 percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period, or three thousand dollars (\$3,000) 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) 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.

MARIPOSA COUNTY
FISH & GAME FUNDING REQUEST

Organization/Individual Requesting Funding:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Contact Person: _____

State of California
Department of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 75
Mariposa, CA 95338
Office (209) 966-3376
Fax (209) 966-3376



Description of project _____

_____ tached if necessary)

Frank D. Milazzo
Fish & Game Warden

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See ATTACHED PROPOSAL.

Mariposa County Fish & Game Protective Association

Recommend

Do Not Recommend

President's Initial

Comments

The Officers of the Mariposa County Fish and Game Protective Association agrees that this is a desirable and justified expenditure of Mariposa County Fine Account monies. It will have direct benefits to wildlife law enforcement in Mariposa County. It is of value for adding to the abilities of the County's DFG Fish & Game Warden to enforce wildlife laws and protect the public's natural resources.

State Fish & Game Warden

Comment

No Comment

Warden's Initial

Comments (additional pages may be attached if necessary):

This is a Department of Fish and Game Request. We appreciate the BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.
Thank you.
Frank Malazzo



Mariposa County Fish and Game Protective Association
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Mariposa, CA 95338
<http://www.mariposafishandgame.org>

May 18, 2008

Frank Milazzo
California Department of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 75
Mariposa, CA 95338

Re: Request by Department of Fish and Game for Funding from County Fish & Game Fund

Dear Mr. Milazzo:

We have reviewed your request to Mariposa County Board of Supervisors for a disbursement of \$1,700.00 from the Mariposa County Fish and Game Fund to purchase a new, robotic wild turkey decoy to enhance DFG's wildlife enforcement capabilities in Mariposa County. In our view, the justification and need for a turkey decoy is well presented and stated in your April 10, 2008 request to the Board of Supervisors.

I am returning your entire completed package, with our "recommend" support and comments regarding your proposal. The Officers of the Mariposa County Fish and Game Protective Association agrees that the additional equipment that you are requesting will assist you in your fish and game law enforcement responses in our county. We recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the proposal be accepted and funded, as described in your request.

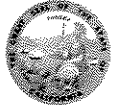
We would appreciate any future information on how successful this enforcement decoy program becomes, as we realize your county-wide jurisdictional responsibilities and just how complex modern wildlife law enforcement has become.

Good luck with the project!

Sincerely,


Stan Rothfuss, President

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April 10, 2008

Mariposa County Fish and Game Fine Committee
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
5100 Bullion Street, 2nd Floor
Mariposa, California 95338

Request:

The California Department of Fish and Game is requesting a disbursement from the Mariposa County Fish and Game Fine Account in the amount of **\$1,700.00** for the purchase of a new, state-of-the-art, robotic Wild Turkey enforcement decoy.

Need:

The wild turkeys found in Mariposa County are not native to the area. In the late 1960's and early 1970's small flocks of turkeys were released in the western part of the county. Since then, their numbers have grown tremendously and their range now includes much of the county, with most being found in the oak-woodland habitats.

With the increased numbers and expanded range of wild turkeys in Mariposa County, the number of people hunting them has also increased. There are two seasons open for hunting turkeys in California, a spring and a fall hunt. During the spring season only turkeys with "beards", usually adult males (toms) may be taken. During the fall season either male or female birds may be taken.

Because the number of turkey hunters in Mariposa County has increased in recent years, the number of reported and actual violations of game laws has also increased. Common violations include hunter trespass, hunting out of season and after hours, shooting from vehicles and from public roads, and possessing a loaded firearm in a vehicle. Apprehension of violators is difficult due to game warden staffing levels and the size and geography of Mariposa County.

Nationwide the use of decoys in wildlife law enforcement has been around for several decades. The first decoys were simple taxidermy mounts of deer, elk and moose. However, with today's top quality taxidermy and the advent of robotic technology, decoys used today are highly sophisticated and extremely realistic.

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Several wildlife species, including bear, wild pig, pheasant, antelope and wild turkeys, are available in varying positions with different degrees of robotic movement.

The advantages of using wildlife decoys in law enforcement are two fold. First, the use of a decoy places the game warden, the violator, and the resource in the same place at the same time. This rarely happens without using a decoy. Secondly, but of equal importance, is the deterrent effect a decoy has on future violations. In a small community such as Mariposa, the apprehension of a single person for a decoy related violation is a newsworthy event in hunting circles. The knowledge that wardens use wildlife decoys is often enough for potential violators to think twice before committing a wildlife crime. This deterrent effect is often of greater value than an arrest itself.

Justification:

The Department of Fish and Game currently has one game warden assigned to Mariposa County. This warden district includes patrolling approximately 1000 square miles of land, two lakes, a major river and several streams. Additionally, the warden has responsibility for the investigation of pollution and habitat destruction reports, nuisance wildlife and depredation complaints, as well as other duties.

Being able to be at the same place, at the same time, as a wildlife violator greatly improves the warden's effectiveness, as well as his efficiency. The apprehension of violators and a strong deterrent effect enhances the warden's ability in protecting the wildlife resources of Mariposa County. The use of wildlife decoy's enables this.

Currently, the Department of Fish and Game has two robotic turkey decoys. These decoys are based in Bakersfield and are used by wardens in the 7 counties from Mariposa to Tehachapi. The planning and logistics of many game wardens requesting the use of the two decoys are often difficult, and sometimes insurmountable. The ability to have a decoy located in Mariposa would greatly increase the Department's ability to enforce wildlife laws and protect the wild turkey population in the County.

In 2007, game wardens in Mariposa County conducted two wild turkey decoy operations during the spring season. One violator was apprehended and a successful prosecution resulted in substantial fines and penalties. In addition, the violator paid restitution to the County in the amount of \$1,370.00 for damage to and replacement of the turkey decoy. This money was deposited into the Mariposa County Fish and Game Fine Account.

The value a wildlife decoy adds to the ability of a game warden to enforce wildlife laws and protect the public's wildlife resources justifies the disbursement of the requested funds.

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Purchasing Specifications:

1.	Robotic turkey decoy (standing, robotic head and swivel base)	\$1,450.00
2.	Turkey skin	85.00
3.	Packaging and crating	40.00
4.	Shipping (estimate)	125.00
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Total		\$1,700.00

If granted, the purchase should be made by Mariposa County. The equipment would then be donated to the Department of Fish and Game representative in Mariposa County. A purchase order will be faxed to the manufacturer and payment should be made directly to Custom Robotic Wildlife, Inc. at the following:

Custom Robotic Wildlife, Inc.
839 Oak Road
Mosinee, Wisconsin 54455
Phone 715-692-3000
Fax 715-692-3003
Web Site: www.wildlifedecoys.com
E-mail: crwinc@mtc.net

Thank you in advance for consideration of this request. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Frank Milazzo, Fish and Game Warden, Mariposa District, California Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 75, Mariposa, California 95338. Telephone: 209-966-3376, e-mail: fmilazzo@dfg.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Frank D. Milazzo
Fish and Game Warden
Mariposa County

cc: Nancy Foley
Chief of Enforcement

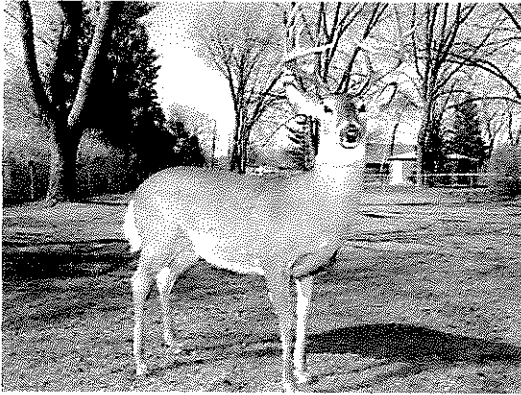
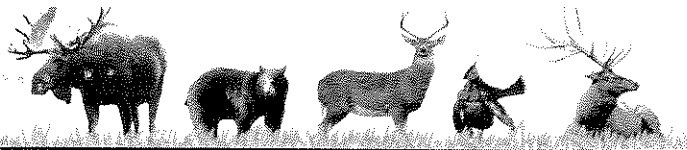
John Baker
Assistant Chief

Dennis DeAnda
Captain

Andy Roberts
Lieutenant

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Standing Whitetail Deer

The standing whitetail is the most popular product we have. It weighs about 22 pounds when complete and is very durable. The antlers are removable so the decoy can be used as a doe or a buck. Shipping for a deer runs from \$160 - \$200 depending upon your location. All mule deer and blacktail deer hides must be supplied by the customer.

Pricing:

- With robotic head and tail \$1400.00
- With robotic head, tail and leg \$1700.00
- Ex Lg deer with robotic head and tail \$1700.00
- Browsing deer with robotic head and tail \$1700.00
- Packaging and crating \$ 40.00

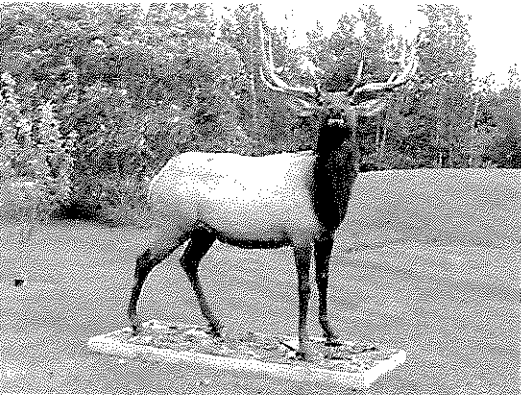


Laying Whitetail Deer

The laying deer is becoming more and more popular, and is a great tool to use in an area where the standing deer has been used extensively, and is no longer effective. Shipping for a laying deer runs from \$160 - \$200 depending upon your location.

Pricing:

- With robotic head and tail \$1450.00
- Packaging and crating \$ 40.00



Standing Elk

The elk decoy is the most realistic and impressive mount we create. The weight of an elk is approx. 150 lbs., but it can be made easier to handle by using the removable legs. The average shipping cost of an elk is \$575 - \$675. Light weight artificial antlers are available for \$200 a set. Elk hides available at certain times of the year - \$150 - \$300.

Pricing:

- With robotic head \$3000.00
- With robotic head and removable legs \$3250.00
- Packaging and crating \$ 125.00



Standing & Strutting Turkey

The turkey decoy has proven it self to be very effective. With the addition of our eight foot aluminum track system (\$950), and a little bit of cover, you'll never know it is decoy. Shipping averages \$80.

Turkey skins are available through CRW, Inc. for \$85.

Pricing:

- Standing with robotic head \$1200.00
- Standing with robotic head and swivel base \$1450.00
- Strutting with robotic tail fan only \$1100.00
- Strutting with robotic tail fan and swivel base \$1450.00
- Packaging and Crating \$ 40.00