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SIERRA VALLEY CONSERVATION AREA, EXPANSION 5 (GENASCI)  
SIERRA COUNTY  
PROJECT ID: 2019164

Dear Board Members:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), through the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), is involved in a land acquisition program focused on the long-range protection and enhancement of habitat for fish and wildlife. The CDFW identifies sites considered for acquisition in response to public interest, legislative mandate and departmental goals.

I am writing to advise you that WCB will consider the allocation of a grant to the Feather River Land Trust to assist in its acquisition of a conservation easement over 632± acres of land for the preservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat located in Sierra County and identified as Assessor's Parcel Nos. 016-010-017, 016-010-019, 016-010-22, and 016-030-003. The proposal is scheduled to be presented at the February 26, 2020, Board meeting. An electronic copy of the preliminary agenda is available for your review at [www.wcb.ca.gov](http://www.wcb.ca.gov) under News and Announcements. A more complete description of each proposal will be contained in the final meeting Agenda, which will be available at [www.wcb.ca.gov](http://www.wcb.ca.gov) ten days prior to the Board meeting.

We would also like to inform you that the property involved in this project is encumbered by a Land Conservation Contract under the Williamson Act. The WCB's proposed grant is to assist The Feather River Land Trust in the acquisition of a conservation easement for the purposes of providing habitat protection and to maintain historical agricultural practices. The property will remain in private ownership and continue as a working ranch; consequently, the agricultural intent of the Land Conservation Contract will still apply.

If you have any questions about this proposal or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (916) 445-0137.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John P. Donnelly'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

John P. Donnelly  
Executive Director

Enclosure(s)

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