Legal Title
Wildlife and Natural Areas Conservation Fund

Legal Citation/Authority
Fish and Game Code section 2720
Proposition 70, 1988

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Purpose
Created as a depository for funds appropriated by the Legislature to the Wildlife Conservation Board for expenditure pursuant to the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947.

Administering Agency/Organization Code
Wildlife Conservation Board/Org 3640

Major Revenue Source
Proceeds from the sale of $50,000,000 in bonds.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)
Forty-one million dollars ($41,000,000) for the preservation of highly rare examples of the state's natural diversity through the acquisition, enhancement, restoration, or protection, or a combination thereof, of lands supporting California's unique, fragile, threatened, or endangered plants, animals, and natural communities.

Six million dollars ($6,000,000) for the acquisition, enhancement, restoration, or protection, or a combination thereof, of critical habitat areas for fish, game mammals, and game birds, as specified.

Three million dollars ($3,000,000) for the acquisition, enhancement, restoration, or protection, or any combination thereof, of lands providing habitat for threatened, endangered, or fully protected species, such as the bald eagle, San Joaquin kit fox, desert tortoise, bighorn sheep, peregrine falcon, and California condor.

Appropriation Authority
Section 2720 of the Fish and Game Code provides that the money deposited in the fund shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature to the Wildlife Conservation Board, for expenditure pursuant to the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947 for programs specified under the Wildlife and Natural Areas Conservation Program.

State Appropriations Limit
Always Excluded – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes and even after transfer, will never become proceeds of taxes because the major revenue source is derived from a Bond Fund.
Comments/Historical Information
Proposition 70, which was approved by the voters in the June 1988 election, created the Wildlife and Natural Areas Conservation Fund

Fund abolished per Government Code section 13306(b).