**Legal Title**  
Oak Woodlands Conservation Fund

**Legal Citation/Authority**  
Chapter 588, Statutes of 2001  
Fish and Game Code section 1363

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**Purpose**  
This fund was created to provide funding for the conservation and protection of California’s oak woodlands. Money in the fund will be available to local government entities, park and open-space districts, resource conservation districts, private landowners, and nonprofit organizations for the following purposes:

- Grants for the purchase of oak woodlands conservation easements.
- Grants for land improvement.
- Cost-sharing incentive payments to private landowners entering conservation agreements.
- Public education.
- Assistance for the development and implementation of oak conservation elements in local general plans.
- Technical assistance for the purpose of preserving oak woodlands.

**Administering Agency/Organization Code**  
Wildlife Conservation Board/Org 3640

**Major Revenue Source**  
- Gifts, donations, funds appropriated by the Legislature, federal grants or loans.
- Money transferred from the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Fund in an amount not less than $5,000,000 and not more than $8,000,000.

**Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)**  
Pursuant to Government Code 16346, absent language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.

**Appropriation Authority**  
Upon appropriation by the Legislature.

**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 fund’s legal classification is Non-Governmental.
Per Section 1370, “No money may be expended from the fund to adopt guidelines or to administer the fund until at least $1,000,000 is deposited in the fund.”

Per signing message by the Governor: “…any administrative costs incurred by Resources Agency departments to implement this measure, that are not funded under the terms of this bill, will be absorbed by those departments.”