



PUBLIC NOTICE
SPECIAL Board Meeting of the:
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
708-770 Sunnyside Road
Janesville, CA 96114
(530) 260-0067

Attachments available 08/14/26 at www.honeylakevalleyrkd.us

Date: Tuesday, August 18th, 2026

Location: 708-770 Sunnyside Road, Janesville, CA 96114

Time: 3:00 PM

AGENDA

NOTE: THE HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT MAY ADVISE ACTION ON ANY OF THE AGENDA ITEMS SHOWN BELOW.

NOTE: IF YOU NEED A DISABILITY-RELATED MODIFICATION OR ACCOMMODATION, INCLUDING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES, TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE AT LEAST A DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Per RCD Board Policy No. 5030.4.1, during this portion of the meeting, any member of the public is permitted to make a brief statement, express his/her viewpoint, or ask a question regarding matters related to the District. Five (5) minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty (20) minutes to each subject matter.

IV. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION - RCD

- A. Consideration and approval of Memorandum of Agreement between Honey Lake Valley RCD and California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding Less-Than-Lethal Training for Gray Wolf Management in California (attachment)

Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 2 –Prioritize the Conservation Needs of the Community

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next Honey Lake Valley RCD meeting will be **August 27th at 3:30 PM.** The location is 708-770 Sunnyside Road, Janesville, CA.

I certify that on Friday, August 14th, 2026 agendas were posted as required by Government Code Section 54956 and any other applicable law.

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Kelsey Siemer
District Manager

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
AND
[ENTITY]
REGARDING COOPERATION ON LESS-THAN-LETHAL TRAINING FOR
GRAY WOLF MANAGEMENT IN CALIFORNIA
[DRAFT – For Discussion Purposes]

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to describe the cooperation between the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and [ENTITY] (collectively, the Parties) to facilitate training and certification on use of less-than-lethal projectiles (LTLP) to promote the conservation and management of the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) in California. Specifically, this MOA outlines the need and process by which [ENTITY] will help provide training and certification to individuals for possible receipt of an authorization under Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivision (a) (2081(a) Authorization) to conduct nonlethal take of gray wolf via use and discharge of LTLP. This MOA constitutes a voluntary agreement between the Parties.

B. BACKGROUND

In 2011, gray wolves returned to California and were subsequently listed as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). In 2016, CDFW published a *Conservation Plan for Gray Wolves in California* (Conservation Plan), which identified the need to manage and minimize wolf-livestock conflicts as a key issue for the future of wolf conservation in California. Among the strategies identified in the Conservation Plan were strategies to provide non-lethal depredation prevention assistance and to encourage the deployment of non-lethal practices to prevent, reduce, or eliminate conflicts between wolves and livestock.

The ranching community is an important partner with CDFW in wolf conservation, as the work of raising livestock is routinely conducted in areas utilized by wolves. CDFW recognizes the conservation value in the use of a range of tools and techniques, including use of LTLP, to prevent wolves from becoming reliant on or accustomed to livestock as prey or becoming habituated to being around humans and human activity. The best available science, including CDFW's on-the-ground experience implementing and monitoring deterrence

activities, supports efforts to avoid wolf habituation to domestic animals as a food source with the goal of redirecting wolves away from contact with people, roads, and related perils.

To implement the goals stated above, CDFW may authorize individuals via a 2081(a) Authorization to conduct certain nonlethal take activities of gray wolves for management purposes to deter, prevent, or mitigate livestock depredation. Authorized activities include the use and discharge of LTLP. Prior to utilizing LTLP and as a condition of obtaining a 2081(a) Authorization, individuals must complete a CDFW-approved training and certification program for use and discharge of LTLP for the purpose of wolf–livestock conflict deterrence. [ENTITY] intends to facilitate the requisite CDFW-approved LTLP training and certification to permit applicants.

C. AUTHORITIES

As trustee for the state’s wildlife resources, CDFW has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of gray wolves in California (Fish & G. Code, §§ 711.7, subd. (a), 1802.) CESA directs CDFW to utilize its authority to conserve gray wolves by all necessary methods and procedures, including, in extraordinary cases, by regulated taking. (Fish & G. Code, §§ 2055, 2061.) CESA also allows CDFW to authorize individuals, public agencies, universities, zoological gardens, and scientific or educational institutions to engage in take activities of listed species for scientific, educational, or management purposes. (Fish & G. Code, § 2081, subd. (a).)

In addition to being listed as endangered under CESA, the gray wolf in California is currently listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). The ESA and ESA implementing regulations authorize the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to enter into cooperative agreements with state agencies for the purpose of conservation of ESA-listed species. (16 U.S.C. § 1535(c); 50 C.F.R. § 17.21(c)(5).) In 2015, CDFW and the USFWS entered into a cooperative agreement that authorizes CDFW to designate employees or agents to take threatened or endangered species to carry out conservation programs and when acting in the course of official duties. In 2026, CDFW and the USFWS entered into the Memorandum of Agreement between the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regarding Cooperation on Management of Gray Wolf in California, which outlined the need and process for CDFW to authorize the use of sustained pursuit and LTLPs on gray wolves by CDFW employees and agents, including permittees and other qualified entities, to prevent wolf–livestock conflicts.

D. PROCESS

Prior to CDFW’s issuance of a 2081(a) Authorization to an individual, that individual must contact [ENTITY] to complete training and certification of use and discharge of LTLP.

Upon contact from an individual, [ENTITY] shall facilitate training regarding the use of LTLP projectiles, the launcher or marker mechanism used to deploy them, the safe handling of associated launcher or marker, use and range limitations of the LTLP, and the demonstration and proficiency in the actual use of the associated LTLP (e.g., launching a limited number of rounds under a field range scenario).

Upon an individual's completion of the training requirements set forth above, [ENTITY] shall notify CDFW that the individual(s) has completed the training and obtained a certificate. Each notification shall be emailed to wolfprogram@wildlife.ca.gov and include the name of the certified individual(s) and their electronic mail address.

Upon notification, CDFW will consider issuance of a 2081(a) Authorization allowing a trained individual to use and discharge LTLP in the form of paint balls fired from launcher or marker mechanisms for the specific purpose of hazing or otherwise deterring gray wolves from interacting with livestock.

CDFW will use best efforts to make an authorization determination within 14 days of notification by [ENTITY].

E. RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCT

Each Party shall be responsible for the consequences of its own actions or inaction, willful misconduct, gross negligence, and/or breach of obligations in connection with this MOA.

F. LIABILITY

CDFW will not hold either [ENTITY] nor trainers employed by [ENTITY] to conduct the training discussed in Section D liable or otherwise responsible for any action taken by any individual that has been trained that results in the injury or death of a wolf, regardless of whether the action was illegal or was taken in accordance with the training program.

G. STATEMENT OF NO FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

This MOA does not impose any financial obligation on the part of any signatory.

H. AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS

This MOA may be amended or modified at any time by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

I. TERMINATION

Any Party to this MOA may unilaterally terminate its participation in the MOA; however, the Parties will endeavor to give sixty (60) days written notice to other Parties of an intent to terminate.

J. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

This MOA will be in effect upon date of final signature and will continue for [TIME] from date of final signature. The parties will meet [TIME] prior to the expiration of this MOA to discuss potential modification and renewal terms.

K. COSTS

Each Party shall be responsible for all costs it incurs with respect to its activities under this MOA. Nothing in this MOA shall prevent each Party from seeking grant funds or other resources.

L. NON-BINDING DOCUMENT

This MOA does not commit either Party to enter into any contract or other binding obligation and does not limit either Party's statutory authority.

M. NON-EXCLUSIVITY

This MOA in no way restricts the Parties from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

N. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Parties acknowledge that, in connection with their respective activities under this MOA, each Party may share information a Party considers to be confidential. [ENTITY] acknowledges that CDFW may be required to release information pertaining to [ENTITY]'s activities under this MOA in response to a request for disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act.

O. SIGNATURES

Date

Director

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Date

[Title]

[Entity]