

State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report

June 20, 2013

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

South Coast

1. a grant of \$1,500,000 to the San Diego River Conservancy to complete invasive plant eradication on 50 acres in the upper watershed of the San Diego River, San Diego County.
2. augmentation by \$210,000 of the Conservancy's May 27, 2010, authorization to disburse \$300,000 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for construction of the Bayside Birding and Walking Trail, San Diego County.
3. a grant of \$675,000 to the County of Orange for public access improvements at the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park in the City of Laguna Niguel, including (1) construction of new trails, parking and circulation improvements, native landscaping, signage, and visitor amenities; and (2) planning and design of new visitor-serving and administrative buildings.
4. a grant of \$204,000 to the City of Laguna Beach for parking improvements and trail planning that will facilitate public access to the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park, Orange County.
5. a grant of \$300,000 to the U.S. Geological Survey and the University of Southern California Sea Grant Program to provide a coastal storm model to support coastal hazard and sea level rise vulnerability assessments in the Southern California region, from Santa Barbara through San Diego Counties.
6. a grant of \$250,000 to Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO), University of California, San Diego, to prepare final plans and construction drawings and to construct a California Coastal Trail segment on the SIO campus, and to install directional and interpretive signage on the trail.
7. a grant of \$100,000 to the County of San Bernardino for planning and feasibility analysis of a Class I bikeway on a segment of the Santa Ana River Parkway Trail in the City of Redlands.
8. a grant of \$68,180 to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy to restore and enhance 5 acres of coastal sage scrub habitat in Abalone Cove Reserve in Rancho Palos Verdes, Los Angeles County.
9. acceptance of grant funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and disbursement of \$85,000 to the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association to develop a conceptual restoration plan for a native oyster restoration project in San Diego Bay.
10. approval of the Community Wetland Restoration Program 2013 grants, pursuant to the Conservancy's August 2, 2012, authorization for funds to Earth Island Institute for the

Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program, as follows, with the indicated maximum amounts:

- a. \$10,800 to the Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council for the Mission Canyon Cape Ivy Eradication Project, Santa Barbara County.
- b. \$29,950 to Once Upon a Watershed for the Healthy Watershed Series and \$27,800 to the Ventura Hillside Conservancy for the Ventura River Upper Estuary Volunteer Restoration & Wetland Education Program, Ventura County.
- c. \$29,500 to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the Playa Del Rey Habitat Restoration Project and \$30,000 to Heal the Bay for the Compton Creek Pilot Restoration Project, Los Angeles County.
- d. \$30,000 to Back to Natives Restoration for the Santiago Park Nature Reserve Restoration, \$30,000 to Earthroots for the Big Oak Canyon Habitat Restoration, and \$30,000 to the Heritage Museum of Orange County for the Gospel Swamp Natural Area Restoration, Orange County.
- e. \$23,300 to the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation for the Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve (BLER) North Shore Restoration – Phase I, San Diego County

San Francisco Bay Area

11. acceptance and disbursement of \$315,000 from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to further the Bay Area Ecosystems Climate Change Consortium's development of climate change adaptation practices and pilot projects in the San Francisco Bay Area.
12. a grant of \$130,000 to the Conservation Corps North Bay to construct trail enhancements on a segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail at the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project, Novato, Marin County.
13. a grant of \$35,000 to the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District to construct the Bonde Weir Fish Passage Improvement Project on San Francisquito Creek in El Palo Alto Park, at the border of Menlo Park in San Mateo County and Palo Alto in Santa Clara County.
14. a grant of \$50,000 to the City of Calistoga for planning and design of a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail and Napa Valley Vine Trail known as the "Fair Way" extension in the City of Calistoga, Napa County.
15. modification of the Conservancy's December 6, 2012, authorization to the Port of San Francisco to improve the southeast San Francisco waterfront access by removing creosote-treated pilings at Islais Creek and designing plans for the renovation of the Copra Crane at Pier 84 as a waterfront labor history landmark; and to authorize disbursement of funds for the renovation of the Copra Crane.

16. a grant of \$90,000 to County of Marin to conduct a feasibility study for the restoration of lower Miller Creek and the surrounding McInnis Marsh in San Rafael.

North Coast

17. a grant of \$160,717 to Ducks Unlimited to prepare a feasibility study and initial designs for the restoration of tidal processes at the Eel River Wildlife Area Ocean Ranch Unit, Humboldt County.

Statewide and General

18. use of \$270,000 for consulting services to assist the Conservancy in maintaining and improving federal support for Conservancy projects.
19. use of \$200,000 of Federal Emergency Management Agency grant funds to identify priority needs and actions related to flood risk reduction in coastal counties from San Francisco through San Diego.
20. a grant of \$50,000 to Winrock International to develop a wetland carbon sequestration protocol for coastal and delta wetlands in California.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2013, in Fort Bragg.