

State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report

May 29, 2014

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

South Coast

1. a grant of \$843,000 to the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy to acquire and complete a stewardship plan for the 29.38 acre Hatton property along the Ventura River, in unincorporated Ventura County.
2. a grant of \$460,000 to the San Diego Audubon Society to develop a conceptual plan for the Mission Bay wetlands in San Diego County.
3. a grant of \$297,000 to Community Conservation Solutions for the Green Solution Project: Upper LA River Watershed, Phase IV to evaluate the storm water capture and water quality improvement projects identified in previous phases of the Project by quantifying and incorporating these projects' water supply, energy savings, and greenhouse gas emission reduction benefits in Los Angeles County.
4. a grant of \$1,500,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire 703 acres of undeveloped land in Puercu Canyon, for open space, habitat and resource preservation, and public access in the Santa Monica Mountains, Los Angeles County.
5. a grant of \$45,000 to the Catalina Island Conservancy to implement a signage program along the trail system on Santa Catalina Island, Los Angeles County.
6. a Community Wetland Restoration Program grant of \$30,000 to Fillmore Unified School District for the Santa Clara River Student Restoration Project, Ventura County.
7. a Community Wetland Restoration Program grant of \$10,900 to TreePeople for the Topanga Lagoon Filter Strip Restoration Project, Los Angeles County.
8. a Community Wetland Restoration Program grant of \$15,000 to Orange County Coastkeeper for the Upper Newport Bay Eelgrass Restoration Project, Orange County.
9. a Community Wetland Restoration Program grant of \$29,400 to The Earth Discovery Institute for the Earth Discovery Institute Explorers: A Force for Blue project, San Diego County.
10. a Community Wetland Restoration Program grant of \$26,000 to the California Invasive Plant Council for the Early Detection Rapid Eradication of Specific Invasive Non-Native Plants in Wetlands project, San Diego County.

Central Coast

11. a grant of \$4,000,000 to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County for the acquisition of the Pismo Preserve property located adjacent to the City of Pismo Beach in San Luis Obispo County.
12. a grant of \$500,000 to San Mateo County Department of Parks to acquire the 174-acre Loma Mar property adjacent to Memorial County Park, for open space, habitat and resource preservation, and public access in the Santa Cruz Mountains, San Mateo County.
13. a grant of \$246,000 to the Coastside Land Trust to construct a wheelchair-accessible segment of the California Coastal Trail at the Wavecrest Property in Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County.
14. a Community Wetland Restoration Program grant of \$29,000 to the Santa Barbara Zoo for the Andree Clark Bird Refuge Wetland Margin Enhancement Project, Santa Barbara County.

San Francisco Bay Area

15. a grant of \$1,000,000 to the Association of Bay Area Governments to fund design and implementation of projects to complete the San Francisco Bay Trail.
16. a grant of \$1,000,000 to the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority to acquire the 1,831-acre UTC Coyote Ridge Property, Santa Clara County.
17. a grant of \$500,000 to San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to complete a conceptual park plan for the bay-front properties at 700 and 900 Innes Ave. in India Basin in the City and County of San Francisco.
18. a grant of \$185,000 to The Nature Conservancy to work with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to conduct technical analyses, perform outreach and develop program guidelines for a pilot Bay Area Regional Advance Mitigation Program.
19. augmentation of the Conservancy's October 21, 2010, authorization with \$65,000 in additional funds to complete the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Technical Update pertaining to the San Francisco Bay.
20. a grant of \$67,000 to American Rivers to design and prepare for implementation of three fish passage improvement projects on two San Francisquito Creek tributaries: Bear Creek and Los Trancos Creek in Woodside and Portola Valley, respectively, in San Mateo County.

21. a grant of \$168,000 to the City of Albany, Alameda County, to develop a plan for improving the Albany Neck and Bulb to enable this area to become part of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park.
22. a grant of \$107,000 to the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority to construct a staging/parking area and connecting trail for the San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail at the Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve in Santa Clara County.
23. use of \$1,820,000 in federal grant funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Invasive Spartina Project for two years of planning, mapping, implementation, and monitoring activities for revegetation and enhancement projects at multiple sites in the San Francisco Estuary.
24. a grant of \$518,785 from a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Coastal Wetland Conservation grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for the restoration of wetlands at Inner Bair Island, Redwood City, San Mateo County.
25. a grant of \$500,000 to the City of Berkeley to construct an extension to the Berkeley Bay Trail (a spur trail of the San Francisco Bay Trail) and make improvements to the parking lot and windsurf staging area at the South Sailing Cove in the Berkeley Marina, Alameda County.

North Coast

26. a grant of \$200,000 to the Mattole Salmon Group for planning and habitat restoration activities, including final design and permitting for off-channel slough restoration, and installing large wood structures and planting riparian vegetation in the lower estuary for the purpose of improving salmonid habitat in the Mattole River estuary, Humboldt County.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2014, in Eureka.