

State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report

March 24, 2016

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

Central Coast

1. a grant of \$1,580,000 to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation to acquire the 107-acre Sand Hills Farm Property in the Elkhorn Slough watershed in Monterey County.
2. modification of the Conservancy's April 18, 2013 authorization for disbursement of \$869,300 to The Regents of the University of California for the preparation of design, engineering, environmental and permit application documents and surveys for restoration of the Upper Devereux Slough, Santa Barbara County, by revising the scope of the planning activities and by augmenting the funding by up to \$650,000, including \$500,000 of mitigation funds from the City of Santa Barbara.

San Francisco Bay Area

3. disbursement of up to \$4,100,000, of which \$3,000,000 will be reimbursed by a grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, for planning, management, treatment, monitoring, and restoration activities to implement the Invasive *Spartina* Project within the San Francisco Estuary from 2016-2019 and related funding under the California Environmental Quality Act.
4. disbursement of up to \$1,373,000 in funds provided by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for implementation of the San Francisco Bay Creosote Piling Removal and Pacific Herring Restoration Project, and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
5. a grant of \$185,989 to the Solano Land Trust to enhance and monitor seasonal wetland, riparian, and upland habitat at a 9-acre site along Upper Spring Branch Creek, Rush Ranch, Solano County and to create an endowment for ongoing maintenance and monitoring of the project site; and adoption of relevant findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.

North Coast

6. a grant of \$649,000 to the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District to implement Phase 2A (Upper) of the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project, and related determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

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7. a grant of \$350,000 to the City of Eureka for tidal wetlands restoration planning and preparation of permit applications in and adjacent to the Elk River Estuary on Humboldt Bay in Humboldt County.
8. a grant of \$100,000 to the Gualala River Watershed Council to develop a natural resource enhancement program, the Productive Lands and Streams Program, for properties in the Gualala River Watershed in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties.

Statewide and General

9. disbursement of up to \$1,795,960 to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for 57 projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore the coast of California and the San Francisco Bay shoreline, and adoption of relevant findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2016, in Sacramento.