

## CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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TO: Coastal Commissioners

FROM: Rusty Areias, Chair  
James W. Burns, Chief Deputy Director *Just*

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SUBJECT: Actions Taken by The Coastal Conservancy at its December 8, 1998 Meeting

The Coastal Conservancy:

1. approved and certified the Final Negative Declaration for the Tijuana River Estuary Tidal Restoration Program, Model Marsh component; authorized the acceptance of \$800,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (F&WS) for project construction; and authorized the disbursement of \$3,160,000 (\$800,000 from the F&WS, \$1,500,000 from the Southern California Wetlands Clearinghouse, and \$860,000 from the Conservancy's Habitat Conservation Fund) to the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association to construct the 20-acre wetland restoration and beach replenishment project.
2. authorized the disbursement of \$125,000 to the City of Imperial Beach, San Diego County, for the acquisition of the Seacoast Drive property; \$25,000 for preparation of a management plan for the restoration of wetlands; and an additional \$200,000 to provide the City a reimbursable grant for the balance of the purchase.
3. authorized (a) the development of a grant program that would disburse \$500,000 to local governments, special districts, and nonprofit organizations working to provide public access to and along the San Francisco Bay shoreline, and (b) additional funding for access projects to be administered by the Nonprofits Grants Program.
4. authorized the disbursement of \$224,000 for the continued production of Conservancy publications, including *Coast & Ocean* magazine and other public information documents.
5. authorized the following Consent Items:
  - a. disbursement of \$80,000 for hazardous materials assessment services to assist in the evaluation of potential contamination on Conservancy project sites;
  - b. disbursement of \$30,000 to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation to complete the acquisition of habitat lands in Moro Cojo Slough; and
  - c. acceptance of the high bid (\$1,611,000) for the sale of the 261 - acre Cascade Valley Ranch.

The Conservancy's next meeting will be on January 27 or 28, 1999, in Oakland.