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To: Coastal Commissioners

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Subject: Summary of Coastal Conservancy Actions, October 2000 Meeting

Significant Events at the October 26 Meeting of the Coastal Conservancy

1. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
 - a. \$4,000,000 to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County for acquisition of the 800-acre Arroyo Hondo (J.J. Hollister) Ranch property on the Gaviota Coast.
 - b. \$4,800,000 to The Nature Conservancy, Inc. for acquisition of the Camp Property, to initiate the Santa Clara River Parkway.
 - c. \$280,000 to the Community Environmental Council of Santa Barbara for preparation of design and preliminary engineering plans for selected creek, stream, and wetland restoration and enhancement projects along the south coast of Santa Barbara County, and to implement a restoration demonstration project along San Jose Creek.
 - d. \$48,500 to the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District to construct open space and access improvements that incorporate a bluff-top erosion control demonstration project at Pelican Park in Isla Vista.
 - e. \$256,000 to Santa Barbara County for preparation of design and engineering plans for water quality treatment control projects in selected locations along the Santa Barbara south coast and to install a limited number of storm drain inserts as a demonstration of currently available technology.
 - f. \$350,000 to Sonoma County for preparation of final design and engineering plans for the Monte Rio community septic system.
 - g. \$10,000,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of the Lechuza Beach property in Malibu, Los Angeles County, and authorization to enter into agreements for management of the property for public access.
 - h. \$59,000 to the City of San Clemente to prepare design and environmental documents for improvements to the San Clemente Railroad Corridor Coastal Trail.
 - i. \$100,000 to the City of Fullerton for preparation of the Laguna Lake Enhancement Plan.

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- j. \$50,000 to the Sonoma Land Trust for preparation of a pre-acquisition/parcel analysis to determine the feasibility of acquiring properties and easements for a portion of coastal Sonoma County north of the Russian River.
 - k. \$100,000 to the Sonoma Land Trust for the acquisition of the 40-acre Dewar Property along the Estero Americano in Sonoma County.
2. The Conservancy authorized the acceptance of \$1,000,000 from the federal Transportation Enhancement Activities Program, and disbursement of these funds along with \$3,500,000 of Conservancy funds to the American Land Conservancy for acquisition of the East West Ranch property in Cambria, San Luis Obispo County.
3. The Conservancy authorized the disbursement of \$1,750,000 for consultant services to study the feasibility of removing the Matilija Dam on Matilija Creek, a tributary of the Ventura River, and to the Institute for Fisheries Resources, a nonprofit organization.
4. The Conservancy authorized assignment to the State Lands Commission (SLC) the Conservancy's interest in a grant from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for acquisition of the Hearthside Lowland property at Bolsa Chica in Orange County, and disbursement of an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to the SLC for that purpose; or, alternatively, acceptance of \$250,000 from the CTC and disbursement of an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 to the SLC for acquisition of the property.
5. The Conservancy received reports on the following subjects: (1) planning overview of projects, funds, and partners in the Ventura County area; (2) Edison acquisitions, Ormond Beach; (3) coastal water quality; and (4) status of San Francisco Bay Conservancy Program grant application process.
6. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for San Francisco Bay projects:
 - a. \$492,000 to the East Bay Regional Park District for restoration and public access improvements to Ferry Point Pier at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline in Richmond.
 - b. \$80,000 to the Sonoma Land Trust for comprehensive planning for acquisition and preservation of the Laguna de Santa Rosa and for a public access plan and restoration planting for the Laguna Uplands Property.
 - c. \$40,000 to the Marin Audubon Society for acquisition of the Atherton Avenue property in Novato, Marin County.
7. The Conservancy authorized the disbursement of \$200,000 for hazardous substances assessment services to assist in the evaluation of potential Conservancy project sites.

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8. The Conservancy authorized the disbursement of \$290,000 for the continued production of Program Publications, including *Coast & Ocean* magazine and other public information documents.
9. The Conservancy authorized the disbursement of 500,000 to develop an integrated conceptual plan for the combined Hamilton Wetlands Restoration project and Bel Marin Keys V properties and to undertake project technical studies.

The next Conservancy meeting will be held on December 7, 2000, in coastal San Mateo County.