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To: Coastal Commissioners

From: Sara Wan, Chair, California Coastal Commission
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Subject: Summary of Coastal Conservancy Actions, December 2000 Meeting

Significant Events at the December 7 Meeting of the Coastal Conservancy

1. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
 - a. \$1,000,000 to The Trust for Public Land toward acquisition of property on the Mori Point headland in Pacifica, San Mateo County.
 - b. \$426,000 to the North Coast Interpretive Association for repairs, physical improvements to structures, and other site work in the Point Cabrillo Preserve in Mendocino County; for implementation of public access and interpretive programs; and for management of public use improvements to further the goals and implementation of the Point Cabrillo Restoration Plan.
 - c. \$600,000 to Coastwalk to develop detailed plans and maps of the California Coastal Trail including links to other trails, and to develop a logo for the trail.
 - d. \$48,500 to augment an existing grant to the County of Santa Cruz to implement the Scott Creek component of the North Coast Beaches Master Plan.
 - e. \$18,000 to The Bay Foundation for pre-acquisition planning activities related to the potential acquisition of a conservation easement on 1,860 acres of agricultural and natural resource lands in the Morro Bay Watershed, San Luis Obispo County.
 - f. \$1,000,000 to the City of Monterey for the acquisition of a waterfront parcel for the Window on the Bay project.
 - g. \$49,500 to augment an existing grant to the Intertribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council for development of the public access element of an integrated resource management plan for the Sinkyone InterTribal Park in northern Mendocino County.
 - h. \$364,400 to the Marin County Open Space District to complete the Bolinas Lagoon restoration feasibility study in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers.
2. The Conservancy authorized the acceptance of \$2,000,000 of federal Transportation Enhancement Activities ("TEA") Program grant funds, and disbursement of up to \$3,000,000

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in funds to the American Land Conservancy for acquisition of conservation and trail easements on Purisima Farms in San Mateo County.

3. The Conservancy authorized the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council to disburse up to \$613,499 in previously authorized funds for Los Angeles River resource enhancement and public access projects.
4. The Conservancy authorized disbursement of \$170,000 for professional services related to the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project.
5. The Conservancy authorized disbursement of up to \$50,000 to retain a landscape architect to assist in the design and implementation of Conservancy public access projects.
6. The Conservancy received reports on the following subjects: (1) overview of the San Mateo County Coast; (2) Cascade Ranch; (3) status of San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program; and (4) updates on Resources Agency planning processes, Resource Assessment Plan (RAP), and California Conservation Resources Investment Strategy Plan (CCRISP).
7. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for San Francisco Bay projects:
 - a. \$7,412,500 to the Association of Bay Area Governments to extend the San Francisco Bay Trail, and to conduct a second year of field work and data collection for the Wildlife and Public Access Study.
 - b. \$3,427,800 to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to develop projects to extend the Bay Area Ridge Trail.
 - c. \$300,000 to the East Bay Regional Park District for acquisition of 320 acres of the Bosley/Weaver property (Phase 3), Alameda County.
 - d. \$85,000 in additional funds to the Port of Oakland to acquire a waterfront parcel known as the Cryer property for inclusion in Union Point Park.
8. The Conservancy authorized acceptance and disbursement of funds toward operating expenses and implementation of the goals of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture.

The next Conservancy meeting will be held on January 25, 2001, in Marin County.