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To: Coastal Commissioners

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Subject: Summary of Coastal Conservancy Actions, January 2000 Meeting

Significant Events at the January 27 Meeting of the Coastal Conservancy

1. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
 - a. \$100,000 to the Friends of Recreation and Parks for the restoration of coastal sand dune habitat and construction of a pathway and access facilities at Parcel 4 along the Great Highway in San Francisco.
 - b. \$550,000 to the Friends of Recreation and Parks to implement shoreline and wetlands improvement measures, improve existing trails, and construct new trail connections to two regional trail systems at Lake Merced in San Francisco.
 - c. \$200,000 through the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project to the County of Ventura to carry out a demonstration/evaluation project to determine methods for, and impacts of, removing the Matilija Dam on Matilija Creek, a tributary of the Ventura River.
 - d. \$450,000 to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the acquisition of a 22.6-acre parcel located in Moss Landing, Monterey County.
 - e. \$85,300 to the San Mateo County Harbor District to (1) update the Pillar Point Harbor Master Plan by preparing conceptual plans for both a Romeo Pier replacement and a shoreline protection/public access project in the vicinity of Princeton; and (2) design and install interpretive signs for harbor and marine sanctuary highlights over a five-mile stretch of the Coastal Trail.
 - f. \$100,000 to the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District to perform a sedimentation assessment and prepare an enhancement plan for three tributaries in the lower Pajaro River watershed.
 - g. \$35,000 through the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project to the City of Santa Barbara to prepare planning documents for the Goleta Slough Tidal Restoration Feasibility Study, including a study plan, environmental review document, and permit applications.

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2. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for San Francisco Bay Area projects:
 - a. \$475,000 to the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority to acquire the Kirk Property adjacent to Alum Rock Park in the City of San Jose, and \$25,000 to the Land Trust of Santa Clara County for fundraising and administration to complete the acquisition.
 - b. \$1 million to the Golden Gate National Parks Association to construct and operate the Community Environmental Center at Crissy Field within the Presidio of San Francisco.
 - c. \$100,000 to the Port of Oakland to prepare a feasibility study of public access connections to Middle Harbor Shoreline Park.
 - d. \$173,000 to the Napa County Land Trust for acquisition of property within the Quail Ridge Reserve in Napa County, and \$157,500 to the Quail Ridge Wilderness Conservancy to enable a change in the use of another property adjacent to the reserve by eliminating an acquisition debt.
 - e. \$483,312, of which \$380,000 is reimbursable, to the Muir Heritage Land Trust to acquire the Gustin Property at Franklin Ridge in Contra Costa County.
 - f. \$50,000 to Save San Francisco Bay Association for support of the Association's Canoes in Sloughs Watershed Education Program.
 - g. \$200,000 to Friends of the Estuary to provide technical assistance to nonprofit groups and others developing and implementing creek restoration, protection, and monitoring projects.
 - h. \$118,000 to the Greater Vallejo Recreation District to prepare environmental documentation and for related studies and expenses for proposed improvements to River Park in the City of Vallejo.
 - i. \$400,000 to Save Mount Diablo in connection with the acquisition of the 435-acre Silva Ranch on Mount Diablo, Contra Costa County.
 - j. \$350,000 to the City of Petaluma to complete engineering drawings and to construct public trails and footbridges along the Petaluma River and the perimeter of the Petaluma Marsh and to strengthen a section of the river's bank.
 - k. \$600,000 to the Marin County Open Space District toward the purchase of the Keig Property near Marin City.
 - l. \$50,000 to the Jack London Aquatic Center, Inc., to provide for a wheelchair-accessible dock at the Jack London Aquatic Center in Oakland.

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3. The Conservancy deferred action until at least March 2000 on the plan for disposition of the "Craven Nation" property in the Victorine Ranch, Big Sur.
4. The Conservancy authorized disbursement of up to \$200,000 for technical assistance related to the **Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project**, including consultant services to coordinate the project's public participation program and provide other professional services as needed, and for the University of California, Berkeley, to develop a geographic information system for the program.

The next Conservancy meeting will be held on February 24, 2000.

