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To: Coastal Commissioners

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

Significant Events at the March 23 Meeting of the Coastal Conservancy

1. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
  - a. \$3.5 million to the American Land Conservancy for the acquisition of 400 coastal acres known as East West Ranch in Cambria, San Luis Obispo County.
  - b. \$85,000 to the Bay Foundation to prepare a conservation plan for the area known as the Irish Hills in San Luis Obispo County.
  - c. \$55,000 to the Port San Luis Marine Institute for preparation of final construction drawings and bid specifications and for processing of permits to construct the Avila Beach Marine Research and Education Center.
  - d. \$100,000 to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County to prepare an enhancement plan for properties know as Basin 1 and South Marsh in the Carpinteria Salt Marsh.
  - e. \$400,000 to the Sotoyome Resource Conservation District to develop and implement the Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program, a voluntary certification program for landowners to restore and manage agricultural lands within the watershed of the Russian River, in Sonoma and Mendocino counties.
  - f. \$100,000 to Santa Cruz County to prepare the Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed Enhancement Plan, and \$80,000 to the city of Santa Cruz to prepare the San Lorenzo Lagoon Management Plan.
2. The Conservancy authorized acceptance of \$440,000 from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, and disbursement of those funds to prepare a resource enhancement and management plan for the Santa Maria River and Estuary.
3. The Conservancy approved an implementation plan for the disposition of the "Craven-Nation" property in the Victorine Ranch, directing sale of the property to carry out the Big Sur Restoration Plan adopted by the Conservancy in 1985, and authorized disbursement of \$100,000 for road repairs and other infrastructure improvements necessary to carry out the implementation plan.

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4. The Conservancy authorized entering into an option agreement to purchase the Bel Marin Keys V property in Marin County, to disburse \$150,000 for an option payment, and to conduct investigations of the condition of the property.

The next Conservancy meeting will be held on April 27, 2000.