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To: Coastal Commissioners

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

Significant Events at the August 2 Meeting of the Coastal Conservancy

1. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
 - a. \$450,000 to the Ocean Institute (formerly the Orange County Marine Institute) to improve shoreline access facilities between the **Ocean Education Center** and the Dana Point Marine Life Refuge, including reallocating to this purpose \$36,500 previously authorized for planning a dock and interpretive signs.
 - b. \$194,000 to the City of Costa Mesa in Orange County for engineering and design of access improvements identified in the Fairview Park Master Plan along the **Santa Ana River Estuary**.
 - c. \$300,000 to the City of Pacifica in San Mateo County for the construction of a pedestrian and wheelchair-accessible segment of the **Coastal Trail**.
 - d. \$63,000 to **Coastwalk** for the analysis and acceptance of Offers to Dedicate public coastal access in Mendocino County.
 - e. \$63,000 to the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy to remove exotic species from approximately 2.4 acres along the southern edge of **San Elijo Lagoon** in San Diego County and revegetate with native riparian and buffer species.
 - f. \$67,000 to the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy to assess the sediment quality and depositional patterns of **San Elijo Lagoon** in San Diego County.
 - g. \$50,000 to the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority for assistance with the Science Advisory Panel of the **Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project**.
 - h. \$250,000 to the City of San Buenaventura to implement the **Surfer's Point Beach Nourishment Demonstration Project**, Ventura County.
 - i. \$500,000 to the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District to implement the **Santa Rosa Creek Riparian Restoration Plan**.

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- j. \$50,000 to the Institute for Fisheries Resources to evaluate alternatives for modifying the **San Clemente Dam** on the Carmel River in Monterey County, including the feasibility of removing all or portions of the dam to improve fish passage and habitat conditions.
- k. \$2,000,000 to the Mendocino Land Trust, including \$1,500,000 of federal Transportation Enhancement Activities Program grant funds, to complete acquisition of the approximately 72-acre **Caspar Headlands** property, Mendocino County.
- l. \$12,500 for an appraisal of the fair market value of an agricultural conservation easement for the **Punta Arena Dairy** near Manchester State Beach in Mendocino County
- 2. The Conservancy accepted an offer to dedicate a public access easement to and along the ocean shoreline in the city of Laguna Beach, and deferred until a later meeting consideration to accept an OTD in the city of Del Mar.
- 3. The Conservancy received reports on the following subjects: (1) the strategic plan adoption process; (2) long- and short-term objectives for the Public Access Program; and (3) the process for identifying beach nourishment projects for funding under Proposition 12.
- 4. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for San Francisco Bay projects:
 - a. \$313,000 to the Sonoma Land Trust to implement the Conceptual Enhancement Plan for **Seasonal Wetlands for North Parcel and Leonard Ranch**, Sonoma County.
 - b. \$100,000 to the Port of San Francisco for the creation of a design plan for the **Brannan Street Wharf** open space project at Piers 34-36 in San Francisco.

The next Conservancy meeting will be held on September 28, 2000, in Eureka.