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To: Coastal Commissioners

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Significant Events at the September 25 Meeting of the Coastal Conservancy

- 1. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
 - a. \$250,000 to the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation to conduct a hydrology and sediment control study for the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon and Watershed, San Diego County.
 - b. \$40,000 to the County of Santa Barbara Parks Department to undertake technical studies and to implement the <u>Summerland Greenwell Preserve</u> enhancement plan, in particular revegetation of the preserve.
 - c. \$110,000 to the County of Santa Barbara for preparation of planning documents for the <u>Devereux Slough/Ellwood Mesa Regional Plan</u>, and for environmental review of the plan.
 - d. \$1,500,000 to the Peninsula Open Space Trust toward the acquisition of the San Gregorio Farms property in coastal San Mateo County.
 - e. \$395,000 to the Marin Agricultural Land Trust to acquire a conservation easement over the Ielmorini/ Moody Dairy property in western Marin County.
 - f. \$5,000,000 to Save-the-Redwoods League to assist with the acquisition of the Mill Creek/Stimson property in Del Norte County for the purposes of preserving coastal habitat and providing public access.
- 2. The Conservancy voted not to accept an offer to dedicate a public access easement to the shoreline near Stillwell Point, community of Little River, Mendocino County.
- 3. The Conservancy continued until a later date its determination regarding the disposition of the <u>Cascade Ranch Farm</u> in coastal San Mateo County.
- 4. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for San Francisco Bay projects:
 - a. \$250,000 to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center, a nonprofit organization, for the design of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center at the East Bay Regional Park District's Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline in the City of Oakland.

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- b. \$350,000 to the City of El Cerrito to restore a three-block reach of Cerrito Creek next to El Cerrito Plaza.
- 5. The Conservancy authorized expenditures by the San Francisco Bay Trail Project, through the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), of \$2.8 million for thirteen San Francisco Bay Trail projects. The Conservancy had previously granted the funds to ABAG, subject to Conservancy approval of projects using the funds.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2001.