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To: Coastal Commissioners

From: Sara Wan, Chair, California Coastal Commission
Dick Wayman, Communications Director, Coastal Conservancy**Significant Events at the October 25 Meeting of the Coastal Conservancy**

1. Paul Morabito announced his appointment as Chair of the Coastal Conservancy, and of Larry Goldzband as Vice-chair.
2. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
 - a. \$170,000 to the City of Culver City, Los Angeles County, for preparation of the Ballona Creek and Trail Focused Special Study and for environmental review of proposed implementation measures, along with \$20,000 to Ballona Creek Renaissance to help facilitate and coordinate stakeholder participation in the project.
 - b. \$224,000 to the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy to remove invasive non-native plants from around the perimeter of San Elijo Lagoon, San Diego County, and re-establish native species as necessary.
 - c. \$274,000 to the City of Fort Bragg for acquisition of two public access easements appurtenant to the City's South Noyo Bluffs property in Mendocino County for public access and open space.
 - d. \$112,450 to the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District for projects to implement the Navarro River Restoration Plan.
 - e. \$75,000 to the County of Humboldt for the preparation of a Redwood Creek Estuary Assessment.
3. The Conservancy approved acquisition of the Manchester Property on San Elijo Lagoon using \$1.5 million of previously authorized Conservancy funds.
4. The Conservancy discussed acceptance of Offers to Dedicate Public Access Easements, and directed staff to present an updated policy paper for its consideration at the next meeting. The paper is to reiterate the Conservancy's longstanding commitment to public access and establish a policy to accept Offers to Dedicate prior to their expiration, unless the Conservancy determines otherwise, based on its consideration of specific factors presented and evaluated by its staff and the public.

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5. The Conservancy approved the San Joaquin Marsh Interpretive Docks project as part of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project Small Grants Program, approved by the Conservancy on June 25, 2001.
6. The Conservancy received a report on the California Coastal Trail.
7. The Conservancy authorized the following grant for a San Francisco Bay project:
 - a. \$140,000 to the East Bay Regional Park District to construct a wastewater reuse facility as part of the development of Camp Arroyo, an outdoor environmental education facility south of the City of Livermore, Alameda County.
5. The Conservancy authorized expenditure of \$295,000 for the continued production of Program Publications, including *Coast & Ocean* magazine and other public information documents.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2001.