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To: Coastal Commissioners

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Subject: Summary of Coastal Conservancy Actions, January 2001 Meeting

Significant Events at the January 24-25 Meeting of the Coastal Conservancy

1. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
 - a. \$30,000 to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo for the preparation of a watershed enhancement plan for San Luis Obispo Creek.
 - b. \$100,000 to the Port San Luis Harbor District to assist in the preparation of an Urban Waterfront Restoration Plan for Port San Luis.
 - c. \$452,000 in additional funds to the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association for preparation of final engineering and design plans for the Goat Canyon Enhancement Project in San Diego County.
 - d. \$300,000 to the Cachuma Conservation Release Board for pre-project feasibility and design studies, environmental analysis, and permitting costs for proposed enhancement projects in the lower Santa Ynez River, Santa Barbara County.
 - e. \$200,000 to the Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) to complete engineering/feasibility studies, site reconnaissance, permitting, and related administrative tasks needed to determine the feasibility of implementing the Goleta Beach project, as part of its Coastal Sand Management Plan.
 - f. \$75,000 to the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center for completion of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Visitor Center in Santa Barbara County.
 - g. \$15,500 to the Point Reyes Bird Observatory for the restoration and enhancement of the Palomarin Field Station Trails in Point Reyes National Seashore.
2. The Conservancy approved the San Dieguito Lagoon Emergency Enhancement Plan and authorized disbursement of up to \$75,000 to the City of Del Mar as partial reimbursement for implementing the Enhancement Plan.
3. The Conservancy adopted revised Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines and Strategic Plan Public Access Short-Term Goals.

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4. The Conservancy discussed the Governor's budget and five-year infrastructure plan, long-term financial strategy, fund balances and expenditures, Resources Agency planning initiatives and Conservancy resources planning, and updated strategic plan long-term program goals.
5. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for San Francisco Bay projects:
 - a. \$120,000 to the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District for the development of a Resource Management Plan for Sycamore Grove Regional Park in Alameda County.
 - b. \$30,000 to the Urban Creeks Council for a study of the feasibility of expanding Albany Salt Marsh at Golden Gate Fields, Alameda County.
 - c. \$258,300 to the City of Sebastopol to construct a loop trail, and remove exotic plants and restore oak woodland habitat within the trail corridor, at the Laguna de Santa Rosa in Sebastopol, Sonoma County.
6. The Conservancy authorized (1) disbursement of up to \$200,000 toward completion of Phase I of the Introduced *Spartina* Project in San Francisco Bay; (2) acceptance of a grant of up to \$1,793,661 from CALFED for this project; and (3) disbursement of up to \$1,366,661 of the CALFED grant toward completion of Phase I and site specific pre-implementation work for Phase II over the next two years.

The next Conservancy meeting will be held on February 22, 2001.