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To: Coastal Commissioners

From: Sara Wan, Chair, California Coastal Commission
Dick Wayman, Communications Director, Coastal Conservancy

Significant Events at the April 26 Meeting of the Coastal Conservancy

1. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
 - a. \$500,000 to the City of Santa Cruz to implement Phase 1 of the Pogonip Watershed Resource Center and Interpretive Trail Program to: (1) Assist with the renovation of the historic Pogonip clubhouse into a visitor-serving and educational facility; (2) Develop conceptual plans for watershed-related interpretive trails and educational staging areas on-site; and (3) Conduct a feasibility study to link Pogonip to the San Lorenzo River and Coastal Trail systems.
 - b. \$2,000,000 to the Big Sur Land Trust for the acquisition of the 51.26-acre Granite Rock Dunes property located in the City of Marina, Monterey County.
 - c. \$400,000 to the Big Sur Land Trust toward acquisition of Notley's Landing in Big Sur, Monterey County.
 - d. \$176,000 to the City of Santa Cruz to construct public access improvements as part of the Jessie Street Marsh restoration project.
 - e. \$150,000 to the Sotoyome Resource Conservation District for the preparation of a Gualala River Estuary Assessment and a Gualala River Enhancement Plan.
 - f. \$160,000 to the Redwood Community Action Agency to plan and design the Annie & Mary Rail-Trail between Arcata and Korb, Humboldt County.
 - g. \$550,000 to the City of Fort Bragg to acquire the four-acre South Noyo Bluffs property near Fort Bragg, Mendocino County, and to develop a management plan for this and the adjacent 19-acre property.
 - h. \$1,008,000 to The Conservation Fund to acquire the 225-acre Lost Coast Ranch on the Humboldt County Coast.
 - i. \$11,000 to the City of Imperial Beach to acquire and deploy two motorized beach wheelchairs.

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- j. \$658,000 to the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association to conduct preproject feasibility and design studies for Phase II of the Tijuana Estuary Tidal Restoration Program.
2. The Conservancy authorized acceptance of public access and open space easements on property leased by Unocal Corp. along the Santa Maria River in southern San Luis Obispo County, and to transfer these easements to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
3. The Conservancy authorized: (1) adoption of revised public use guidelines for the Point Cabrillo Light Station and Preserve and of a property disposition implementation plan for the property; (2) entering into a memorandum of understanding with the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the North Coastal Interpretive Association, regarding the future management of the Point Cabrillo Light Station and Preserve, and to transfer possession and control of the Point Cabrillo Preserve to the California Department of Parks and Recreation; and (3) approval of two new members to the Board of Directors of the North Coast Interpretive Association.
4. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for San Francisco Bay projects:
 - a. \$400,000 to the City of Oakland to plan and design a continuous bicycle and pedestrian pathway along the Oakland Waterfront from Jack London Square to the Oakland International Airport.
 - b. \$236,400 to the Solano County Farmlands and Open Space Foundation to increase public access opportunities and enhance resource values at Lynch Canyon, in Solano County.
 - c. \$275,000 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct the second phase of a comprehensive restoration planning program in the San Pablo Bay watershed.
 - d. \$100,000 to the City of Berkeley to plan, design, and prepare CEQA documents for the Berkeley Marina and Waterfront Access Improvements. The Conservancy also approved the use by the City of Berkeley of up to \$100,000 of San Francisco Bay Trail funds to assist in the planning and design of Bay Trail elements at the Berkeley Marina and Waterfront.
5. The Conservancy received an update on watershed planning for Santa Cruz County.

The next Conservancy meeting will be held on May 24, 2001, in Fort Bragg.