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To: Coastal Commissioners

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Significant Events at the May 24 Meeting of the Coastal Conservancy

1. The Conservancy selected Samuel Schuchat to be its new Executive Officer.
2. The Conservancy authorized transfer of its possession and control of the Point Cabrillo Light Station on the Mendocino County coast to the California Department of Parks and Recreation pursuant to a Property Disposition Plan, Memorandum of Understanding and Public Use Guidelines previously approved by the Conservancy.
3. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
 - a. \$125,000 to the Mendocino Land Trust to create a Mendocino County Coastal Restoration Plan and a Mendocino County Coastal Enhancement Plan to identify, prioritize, and develop protection and conservation strategies for resource areas throughout coastal Mendocino County.
 - b. \$500,000 to the Redwood Community Action Agency to assist in the identification and design of public access improvement projects and protection of resources along the South Spit of Humboldt Bay.
 - c. \$15,000 to the County of Del Norte for the construction and placement of ten coastal interpretive exhibit panels on county property in and around Crescent City, and for the construction of five additional panels for future replacement on an as-needed basis.
 - d. \$250,000 to the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History for plans and designs for the renovation and expansion of the Sea Center on Stearns Wharf in Santa Barbara.
 - e. \$250,000 to the County of Santa Cruz to undertake, in cooperation with Monterey County, the public planning process and feasibility studies needed for implementation of Recommendation 6 of the Pajaro River Corridor Management Plan.
 - f. \$100,000 grant to the Nature Conservancy for the acquisition of several parcels encompassing 147 acres and one mile of the Santa Clara River as implementation of the Santa Clara River Parkway.
 - g. \$150,000 to the City of Culver City for design and plans for the Ballona Creek Pedestrian Bridge Reconstruction.

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- h. \$700,000 to the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy to supplement funds approved by the Conservancy on May 27, 1999 for the San Elijo Lagoon Tidal Circulation Program.
 - i. \$250,000 to the Mountains Restoration Trust for acquisition of three parcels encompassing approximately 120 acres of land including critical habitat for western pond turtles in accordance with the Zuniga Creek and Wetland Resource Enhancement Plan.
 - j. \$5,900,000 to the County of San Diego to undertake various planning, pre-project, habitat restoration, and pre-acquisition activities, and to acquire several parcels within the Otay River Valley for habitat and open space preservation.
 - k. \$300,000 to the Port of Los Angeles for preparation of feasibility, planning, and design studies for the San Pedro-Port of Los Angeles Public Access Promenade.
4. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for San Francisco Bay projects:
- a. \$350,000 to the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to restore riparian habitat and enhance public access opportunities along a 750-foot section of Arroyo Viejo Creek in the City of Oakland, Alameda County.
 - b. \$250,000 to the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to rebuild a 1,500-foot stretch of creek-side pedestrian trail and remove concrete structures and restore habitat and hydrological function to a 597-foot reach of Sausal Creek in the City of Oakland, Alameda County.
 - c. \$110,000 to the Golden Gate Audubon Society for an education project at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline in the City of Oakland, Alameda County.
 - d. 120,000 to the San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society for additional technical studies required to complete the Bair Island Enhancement Plan.

The next Conservancy meeting will be held on June 28, 2001.