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To: Coastal Commissioners

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

1. The Conservancy authorized acceptance and transfer of six Offers to Dedicate Public Access Easements located in the Counties of Monterey, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Orange.
2. The Conservancy deferred until its August meeting consideration of the acceptance of five Offers to Dedicate Public Access Easements near Schoefer Lane in Fort Bragg, Mendocino County.
3. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
 - a. \$432,000 in Conservancy funds, along with \$1,031,000 in Caltrans TEA funds, to the City of Fort Bragg for acquisition of approximately 15.5 acres known as the Noyo Bluffs in Mendocino County, for public access and recreation.
 - b. \$1,532,500 to the Mendocino Land Trust toward acquisition of the Big River Property in Mendocino County.
 - c. \$320,000 to the Redwood Coast Land Conservancy for acquisition of approximately three and one-half acres known as the Hearn Gulch Beach and Headlands in Mendocino County for public access, recreation, and open space and scenic protection purposes, and for initial planning and management tasks. In conjunction with this award, the Conservancy authorized acceptance of federal Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) Program grant funds.
 - d. \$1,135,600 to the Marin County Open Space District for the Bolinas Lagoon Ecosystem Restoration Project, Marin County.
 - e. \$4,000,000 to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation for implementation of the Elkhorn Slough Conservation Plan, Monterey County.
 - f. \$4,000,000 to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for implementation of the Carmel River Lagoon Enhancement Plan, Monterey County.
 - g. \$200,000 to the City of Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo County, to construct access improvements at Dinosaur Caves Park.

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- h. \$84,000 to the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District for continued implementation of the Morro Bay Watershed Enhancement Plan, San Luis Obispo County.
- i. \$5,600 to the Cachuma Conservation Release Board to implement the Salsipuedes Creek Fish Passage Enhancement Plan, Santa Barbara County.
- j. \$1,600,000 to the Trust for Public Land for acquisition of the 2,500-acre El Capitan Ranch on the Gaviota Coast, Santa Barbara County.
- k. \$1,812,500 to Santa Barbara County for Project Clean Water, designed to provide long-term water quality improvement by implementing treatment-control best management practices for urban runoff.
- l. \$300,000 to the Ventura County Resource Conservation District to augment funding previously authorized for implementation of an erosion control and habitat enhancement project for Grimes Canyon in the Calleguas Watershed.
- m. \$1,300,000 to the Nature Conservancy for the acquisition of properties totaling approximately 1,100 acres as part of the Santa Clara River Parkway, Ventura County.
- n. \$719,000 to the Mountains Restoration Trust for acquisition of eight parcels encompassing approximately 71.5 acres including portions of the riparian wetland habitat of Cold Creek in Los Angeles County. In conjunction with this grant, the Conservancy adopted the Cold Creek Enhancement Plan.
- o. \$1,494,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of the AmeriPride property adjacent to the Arroyo Seco in the City of Los Angeles. In conjunction with this grant, the Conservancy authorized entry into a joint powers agreement with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.
- p. \$1,693,000 to the City of Maywood, Los Angeles County, for the acquisition of two properties for Maywood River Park, adjacent to the Los Angeles River, and for preparation of environmental documents.
- q. \$11,200,000 to the Trust for Public Land for acquisition of properties within the Los Cerritos Wetlands complex in the cities of Long Beach and Seal Beach, and for costs associated with accomplishing the acquisitions, and an additional \$200,000 for any technical studies needed to accomplish the acquisitions.
- r. \$300,000 to the City of Seal Beach, Orange County, for the Seal Beach Ocean Water Quality Debris Boom.

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- s. \$2,000,000 to the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy in San Diego County to acquire property to preserve and enhance wetland habitat consistent with the San Elijo Lagoon Enhancement Plan and Action Plan, approved by the Conservancy in May 1999.
 - t. \$800,000 to the County of San Diego for the San Diego River Parkway. In conjunction with this grant, the Conservancy approved the San Diego River-Lakeside NCCP Enhancement Plan.
 - u. \$20,000 to the Aquatic Adventures Science Education Foundation to construct an aquarium facility on Mission Bay in the City of San Diego.
 - v. \$1,230,000 to the City of San Diego to develop resource enhancement projects along Chollas Creek and its tributaries.
 - w. \$700,000 to the City of National City, San Diego County, for implementation of the resource enhancement elements of the Paradise Creek Enhancement Plan.
 - x. \$500,000 to the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association to develop invasive plant control projects in the Tijuana River Valley, San Diego County. In conjunction with this grant, the Conservancy amended the Tijuana River Valley Enhancement Plan to include an invasive plant control element.
 - y. \$250,000 to Environment Now for the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project Small Grants Program. In conjunction with this award, the Conservancy approved eight specific program projects and resource enhancement plans for two projects.
4. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for San Francisco Bay projects:
- a. \$300,000 to the Marin County Resource Conservation District to implement five coastal resource enhancement projects in the Walker Creek watershed, and to perform minor repairs to two previous Conservancy-funded enhancement projects.
 - b. \$62,000 to the Marin Resource Conservation District for the preparation of the Tomales Bay Watershed Assessment.
 - c. \$8,444,000 to the Marin Audubon Society for land acquisition and related planning and design for the restoration of wetlands on the Bel Marin Keys property in Marin County.
 - d. \$315,000 to Ducks Unlimited for wetland enhancement and interpretation in the Napa-Sonoma Marsh Wildlife Area.
 - e. \$1,170,000 to the Unity Council in Oakland for construction of Phase I of Union Point Park.

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- f. \$394,000 to the City of San Jose for preparation of a feasibility study, project design, environmental documents, and construction plans for the Coyote-Alamitos Canal Trail.
 - g. \$65,000 to the City of Brisbane to acquire three parcels of Brisbane Acres, on the upper slopes of San Bruno Mountain in the City of Brisbane, for habitat preservation.
 - h. \$250,000 to the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to conduct habitat restoration and improve public trails in Glen Canyon Park.
 - i. \$1,100,000 to the Pacifica Land Trust for acquisition of approximately 1.5 acres known as the Mahoney Property at the mouth of San Pedro Creek in the City of Pacifica, San Mateo County, for habitat restoration.
 - j. \$250,000 to San Mateo County for a Rural Coastal Septics Assessment.
 - k. \$7,000 to the Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration (CEMAR) to organize and convene a symposium on anadromous fish restoration in Bay Area creeks.
5. The Conservancy authorized amendment and continuation of a Federal Cost Share Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Phase Two of the Napa Salt Marsh Feasibility Study, and disbursement of 50 percent of the project costs (estimated at \$3.2 million) for consultants, funds to the Corps, and in-kind services.
 6. The Conservancy authorized entry into a cost-sharing agreement (Project Cooperation Agreement) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for implementation of the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project at the former Hamilton Army Airfield in Novato, Marin County, and disbursement of 25 percent of project costs (estimated at \$55.3 million) to the Corps for this purpose.
 7. The Conservancy authorized two San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail projects in accordance with the Conservancy's December 2000 funding award to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council: improvements to a section of the Ridge Trail along Coyote Creek in Santa Clara County, and construction of a new trail segment north of Lucas Valley Road in Marin County.
 8. The Conservancy approved a Resolution of Commendation for William Ahern, former Executive Officer of the Conservancy.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2001.