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To: Coastal Commissioners

From: Sara Wan, Chair, California Coastal Commission
Dick Wayman, Communications Director, Coastal Conservancy**Significant Events at the August 2 Meeting of the Coastal Conservancy**

1. The Conservancy authorized acceptance of five offers to dedicate public access easements near Schoefer Lane in Fort Bragg, Mendocino County.
2. The Conservancy authorized acceptance of five offers to dedicate public access easements in Mendocino, Orange, and San Diego counties.
3. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
 - a. \$500,000 to retain technical specialists for characterization of nearshore habitats of the San Diego coast needed to prioritize beach nourishment projects and reduce their adverse impacts.
 - b. \$3,916,446 for projects to implement the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan within Santa Monica Bay and its watershed.
 - c. \$275,000 to the City of Laguna Beach toward construction of Browns' Park Overlook.
 - d. \$500,000 to Orange County for preparation of final design and engineering plans for the Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project.
 - e. \$70,000 to the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority for acquisition of the approximately 37-acre Brown property in Los Angeles County, in accordance with the Upper Ramirez and Escondido Canyons Resource Enhancement Plan.
 - f. \$105,000 to Humboldt County to implement the Humboldt County Fish Barrier Removal Plan through the removal of seven fish-blocking culverts on fish-bearing streams.
 - g. \$180,000 to the Coastal Land Trust for the acquisition of approximately 6.5 acres adjacent to Seaside Beach in Mendocino County.
 - h. \$24,000 in additional funds to the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District to complete the preparation of an enhancement plan for the Arana Gulch watershed.
 - i. \$35,000 to the Urban Creeks Council to conduct a feasibility study for the ecological enhancement of Woodacre Creek in Marin County.

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4. The Conservancy received a report on the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project.
5. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for San Francisco Bay projects:
 - a. \$3,000,000 to the Trust for Public Land toward the acquisition of an approximately 3,870-acre portion of the Cowell Ranch property in eastern Contra Costa County.
 - b. \$701,500 to the Solano County Farmlands and Open Space Foundation to acquire a conservation easement over an approximately 367-acre portion of the Hoskins Ranch in northwestern Solano County and for related transaction costs, and \$15,000 to conduct a baseline survey of the property.
 - c. \$400,000 to the Port of San Francisco for construction of the Ferry Terminal Public Pier in San Francisco.
 - d. \$197,000 to the East Bay Regional Park District to restore mechanical components of the carousel at Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley.
 - e. \$50,000 to the Friends of Recreation and Parks to develop plans for public access improvements, restoration, and enhancement of an undeveloped parcel as part of the Visitacion Valley Greenway in the City of San Francisco.
 - f. \$25,000 to the Urban Creeks Council to complete a feasibility study and conceptual plan for the restoration of the mouth and lower portion of Rheem Creek in the City of Richmond.
6. The Conservancy authorized expenditures by the Association of Bay Area Governments of \$1,528,000 for fourteen San Francisco Bay Trail projects. The Conservancy had previously granted the funds to the Association, subject to Conservancy approval of projects using the funds.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2001.