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To: Coastal Commissioners

From: Sara Wan, Chair, California Coastal Commission
Dick Wayman, Communications Director, Coastal ConservancySignificant Events at the March 14 Meeting of the Coastal Conservancy

1. The Conservancy approved a disposition plan for sale of the Cascade Ranch Farm in San Mateo County to the farm's agricultural tenant for its appraised fair market value, with an alternate plan for sale of the farm at public auction, and adopted a CEQA Negative Declaration for the farm's sale.
2. The Conservancy authorized acceptance of \$850,000 from the State Department of Parks and Recreation; disbursement of \$522,000 of these funds to Community Conservancy International for preparation of a schematic design for the development of a new Visitor Center Complex; and disbursement of \$328,000 of these funds for the planning and design of specific facilities for the Vista Pacifica property in the Baldwin Hills, including new public access to the park and adjacent areas; new connections between existing parks, trails, urban streams and habitat corridors and protection of water quality to Santa Monica Bay.
3. The Conservancy authorized acceptance of \$850,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and disbursement of up to \$650,000 of these funds to the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy for the San Elijo Lagoon Acquisition Program, San Diego County, approved by the Conservancy on June 25, 2001.
4. The Conservancy approved the Carpinteria Creek Hydrogeomorphic Restoration Design Project in Santa Barbara County under the Wetlands Recovery Project Small Grants Program approved by the Conservancy on June 25, 2001.
5. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
 - a. \$190,000 to the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District for the preparation of design and engineering specifications for environmental restoration of ranches in the Estero Americano watershed, Sonoma and Marin Counties.
 - b. \$1,870,000 to the City of Fullerton to implement Phase I of the Laguna Lake Park Lake Restoration Project and Master Plan.
 - c. \$28,000 in additional funds to the Cachuma Conservation Release Board for the Salsipuedes Creek Fish Passage Enhancement Project, south of the City of Lompoc, in Santa Barbara County.
 - d. \$75,000 to the County of Marin to conduct an assessment of barriers obstructing passage of anadromous fish within the coastal watersheds of Marin County.

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- e. \$30,000 to the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District to develop and prepare for implementation an Alcution Goose Wildlife Corridor Management Plan, designed for protection and enhancement of goose habitat extending from Crescent City to the Smith River Delta, in Del Norte County.
 - f. \$100,000 to the City of Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County, to help complete the Pilarcitos Trail project, which will provide a connection between downtown Half Moon Bay and the Coastal Trail, by constructing a pedestrian and bicycle bridge across Pilarcitos Creek. In conjunction with this grant, the Conservancy authorized transfer of an Open Space Easement from the Conservancy to the City of Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County, in order to allow the construction of the trail.
 - g. \$40,000 to the Point Reyes Bird Observatory in Marin County to develop a Habitat Conversion Model that will help guide wetland restoration project design.
 - h. \$100,000 to the Friends of Recreation and Parks to prepare final design and engineering plans for a landscaped trail connecting two windmills in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, and to create a conceptual design for interpretive exhibits related to the restoration of these windmills.
6. The Conservancy authorized acceptance, and possible future transfer, of two offers to dedicate (OTD) public access easements on Santa Catalina Island.
 7. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for San Francisco Bay projects:
 - a. \$200,000 to the Napa County Resource Conservation District to develop the Napa County Green Certification Program.
 - b. \$20,000 to Ecocity Builders to assess the feasibility of daylighting Strawberry Creek between downtown Berkeley and San Francisco Bay.
 8. The Conservancy authorized the Association of Bay Area Governments to disburse previously authorized Conservancy funds for three San Francisco Bay Trail projects, and disbursement of funds to KTEH-TV Foundation for development of a documentary about San Francisco Bay and the Bay Trail.
 9. The Conservancy authorized a Bay Area Ridge Trail Council project to complete approximately one mile of the Bay Area Ridge Trail in Jack London State Park in Sonoma County, pursuant to the Conservancy's December 2000 authorization.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2002.