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To: Coastal Commissioners

From: Sara Wan, Chair, California Coastal Commission
Dick Wayman, Communications Director, Coastal Conservancy**Significant Events at the May 23 Meeting of the Coastal Conservancy**

1. The Conservancy authorized disbursement of up to \$9,700,000 for the acquisition of approximately 265 acres of property at Ormond Beach, Ventura County, to implement a portion of the Wetland Resources Enhancement Plan for Southern California Edison Coastal Properties approved by the Conservancy on February 24, 2000.
2. The Conservancy authorized the City of San Diego to prepare engineering plans, permits, and environmental review documents for enhancements along Segments 2 and 8 of Chollas Creek, San Diego County, as part of the Chollas Creek Enhancement Program, approved by the Conservancy on June 25, 2001.
3. The Conservancy authorized acceptance, and possible future transfer, of one Offer to Dedicate a public access easement in Ventura County.
4. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for coastal projects:
 - a. \$250,000 (reimbursable) to the City of Santa Cruz to 1) design and reconstruct a public restroom with improved accessibility at the southern end of the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf, and 2) investigate the feasibility of modifying the wharf to provide disabled access to fishing.
 - b. \$99,600 to the City of Newport Beach to replace invasive, exotic plants with native vegetation, improving wildlife habitat at the 17-acre Castaways Park, which overlooks the south end of Upper Newport Bay.
 - c. \$2.75 million to the City of Laguna Woods to acquire approximately 10 acres to enlarge Laguna Coast Wilderness Park.
 - d. \$30,500 to the Redwood Community Action Agency to develop a Humboldt Bay Interpretive Signing Manual to serve access projects to and around Humboldt Bay.
 - e. \$16,000 to the Westport Village Society for design, engineering, and permitting of a public accessway across the Westport headlands and down to the beach, in Mendocino County.
 - f. \$18,000 to Sonoma County to obtain title reports and property surveys for seven Offers to Dedicate public access easements.

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5. The Conservancy authorized the following grants for San Francisco Bay projects:
 - a. \$334,000 to Greenbelt Alliance, acting through the Bay Area Open Space Council, to further the natural resource and recreational goals of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
 - b. \$1,733,600 to the City of San José for public recreation and access enhancements to the Guadalupe River Park in downtown San José.
 - c. \$2,100,000 to the Trust for Public Land to increase the Conservancy's August 2, 2001, authorization for the acquisition of approximately 3,870-acres of the Cowell Ranch property in eastern Contra Costa County.
6. The Conservancy authorized the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to disburse previously authorized Conservancy funds for three San Francisco Bay Trail projects, as follows: 1) \$18,000 for a planning and feasibility study for creation of a spur trail to connect Paden Elementary School in Alameda with the Bay Trail; 2) \$60,000 for a feasibility study for a new Bay Trail alignment across Corte Madera Creek with connections to the Larkspur Ferry Terminal; and 3) \$12,000 for a Bay Trail supplement to *Bay Nature* magazine.
7. The Conservancy heard a report on the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program for Santa Cruz County.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2002.