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To: Coastal Commissioners

From: Mike Reilly, Chair, California Coastal Commission  
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**Significant Events at the September 25 Meeting of the State Coastal Conservancy in San Pedro****South Coast**

1. The Conservancy approved a \$10,000,000 disbursement for the acquisition by the Wildlife Conservation Board of 193 acres of the historic **Ballona Wetlands** complex in Los Angeles.
2. The Conservancy approved a \$10,000,000 disbursement to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to acquire the approximately 2,900-acre property commonly known as the **Ahmanson Ranch** located in the Malibu Creek Watershed, Ventura County.
3. The Conservancy appointed Paul Morabito to the Governing Board of the **Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission**, with the Executive Officer of the Conservancy, or his designee, to serve as Designated Representative.

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4. The Conservancy certified the "Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report, San Francisco Estuary Invasive *Spartina* Project: *Spartina* Control Program," and authorized: 1) implementation of the ***Spartina* Control Program**; 2) acceptance of \$50,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as an augmentation of a 1999 CALFED grant to the Conservancy; 3) disbursement of up to \$700,000, consisting of the \$50,000 in augmented 1999 CALFED grant funds and \$650,000 of Conservancy funds, for the purchase of equipment and for environmental consulting services needed to operate and manage the *Spartina* Control Program; and 4) disbursement of up to \$180,600 in funds, available under the 1999 CALFED grant and an additional 2001 CALFED grant to the Conservancy, as separate grants to ten organizations for *Spartina* treatment and removal demonstration projects.

The next Coastal Conservancy meeting is scheduled to take place on October 23, 2003.