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To: Coastal Commissioners

From: Mike Reilly, Chair, California Coastal Commission
Dick Wayman, Communications Director, Coastal Conservancy

Significant Events at the October 23 Meeting of the State Coastal Conservancy in Ventura

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

South Coast

1. Reservation of \$23 million for the acquisition of properties at Ormond Beach for restoration of wetlands and related habitat; and adoption of a resolution honoring Roma Armbrust.
2. A grant of \$150,000 to the City of Manhattan Beach for the design of the reconstruction of The Strand walkway.
3. A grant of \$132,000 to the Ventura Resource Conservation District to implement a portion of the Ventura River Arundo Removal Demonstration Project.
4. A grant of \$7,200,000 to the San Diego River Park-Lakeside Conservancy and disbursement of \$7,420,000 to the Department of Fish and Game to acquire properties within the San Diego River and the Otay River watersheds in order to implement the San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan as part of the state's Natural Communities Conservation Planning (NCCP) Program, and to implement the San Diego River Park: Lakeside NCCP Program.

Central Coast

5. Disbursement of up to \$1,250,000 to the State Department of Parks and Recreation toward its acquisition of a 42-acre property for addition to Montana de Oro State Park, San Luis Obispo County.
6. A grant of \$453,000 to the County of Santa Barbara to prepare engineering designs, environmental documentation, and permit applications for fish passage improvement projects in coastal streams on the county's south coast.
7. A grant of \$300,000 to the Planning and Conservation League Foundation to develop a program to restore the resources of the Carmel River in conjunction with the removal or modification of the San Clemente Dam.
8. A grant of \$200,000 to the Cambria Community Services District for the acquisition of a 1.6-acre parcel in the community of Cambria, San Luis Obispo County.

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9. A grant of \$106,500 to the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District to develop Phase 2 of the Permit Coordination Program for Santa Cruz County.
10. A grant of \$88,000 to Oikonos Ecosystem Knowledge to carry out habitat restoration on Año Nuevo Island, San Mateo County.

San Francisco Bay Area

11. A grant of \$650,000 to the California State Parks Foundation to complete Phase II of the design for the Yosemite Canal Wetland Restoration and Public Access Project at Candlestick State Recreation Area, including detailed designs, engineering specifications, technical studies and field tests, CEQA compliance and permitting for approximately 34 acres of restored tidal marsh and public access improvements, and engineering for a nature center.
12. A grant of \$500,000 to the Muir Heritage Land Trust to acquire the 158-acre Dutra Ranch in Contra Costa County.
13. A grant of \$400,000 to Literacy for Environmental Justice to construct a greenhouse classroom in San Francisco as a model for ecological design, sustainable energy technology, and self-contained wastewater treatment.
14. A grant of \$233,000 to Acterra, acting through the San Francisquito Watershed Council, to design modifications to fish barriers, eradicate invasive non-native plants, and design and produce materials for watershed stewardship in the San Francisquito Creek Watershed, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.
15. A grant of \$200,000 to the Point Reyes Bird Observatory to refine and implement an avian Habitat Conversion Model that will help guide decisions on design of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, in Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties.
16. Authorization for the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to disburse previously authorized Conservancy funds to construct a Bay Trail segment in Martinez.
17. A grant of \$19,000 to the California Exotic Pest Plant Council to prepare, publish, and distribute a "Wildland Weed Workers Handbook for the San Francisco Bay Area."

North Coast

18. A grant of \$300,000 to the Harmony Union School District for the creation of a "green magnet school" to include construction of a creek observation deck, a nursery, an outdoor classroom and a nature trail; preparation of a design plan for a community resource center, a trail feasibility study, a public access plan and a forestry management plan; and enhancement of a riparian corridor and a wetland area.

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19. A grant of \$713,000 to the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District for project planning, design, and implementation in the Navarro River watershed, Mendocino County, pursuant to the Navarro River Restoration Plan, adopted by the Conservancy on August 6, 1999.
20. A grant of \$100,000 to the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District to develop engineering feasibility studies, environmental documentation, and permit applications for the rehabilitation of the Shelter Cove breakwater facility.
21. A grant of \$70,000 to the Mattole Restoration Council to complete the Conservancy's funding for Phase I of the Mattole River Watershed Enhancement Program to implement salmonid habitat improvement projects in the estuary and artificial rearing facilities.

The Conservancy received a report on Wildlife Conservation Board funding for Bay Area wetlands

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for December 11.