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To: Coastal Commissioners

From: Mike Reilly, Chair, California Coastal Commission  
Dick Wayman, Communications Director, Coastal Conservancy**Significant Events at the August 14 Meeting of the State Coastal Conservancy in Oakland**

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

**South Coast**

1. A \$208,065 grant to the International Community Foundation to conduct feasibility studies and design plans for an erosion control and stormwater management program in Los Laureles Canyon of Tijuana, Mexico, for the protection of the Tijuana River Valley, San Diego County.
2. A \$200,000 grant to San Diego EarthWorks for preparation of an assessment of existing conditions and opportunities and constraints for habitat protection, habitat restoration, and public access improvements in the lower Rose Creek watershed in the City of San Diego.
3. A \$38,500 grant to the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy to complete enhancement design, environmental review documents, and permits for the Manchester Enhancement Project in San Diego County.
4. A \$160,000 grant to Orange County to design improvements for wheelchair accessible restrooms, food concession and county lifeguard administrative office at Aliso Beach.
5. A \$180,000 grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to complete the Lower Topanga Canyon Arundo and Non-native Plant Eradication Project, Los Angeles County, to implement the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan approved by the Conservancy on August 2, 2001.
6. \$600,000 for consultant services to prepare a wetland restoration feasibility study for Ormond Beach in Ventura County.
7. A \$250,000 grant to the California State Parks Foundation to develop the Coast Alive! Education Program for San Diego, Orange, and Los Angeles counties.

**Central Coast**

8. A \$1,550,000 grant of Conservancy and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funds to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County to restore and enhance the 33 acres of coastal wetlands and associated uplands at Carpinteria Salt Marsh known as "Basin 1 and South Marsh," and to develop new public access to the site.

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9. A \$100,000 grant to the University of California, Santa Barbara to conduct technical studies and prepare detailed engineering plans needed for wetland restoration and creation at the Campus Lagoon Natural Area.
10. A \$1,500,000 grant to the Morro Bay Foundation for acquisition of a conservation easement on the 1,860-acre John Maino Ranch in the Morro Bay watershed in San Luis Obispo County, and for preparation and implementation of an easement monitoring program.
11. A \$273,463 grant to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation for the acquisition of the Tottino Property in the Moro Cojo Slough watershed of Monterey County.
12. A \$300,000 grant to Santa Cruz County to reconstruct a beach access stairway at the foot of 26th Avenue.
13. A \$250,000 grant to O'Neill Sea Odyssey to construct an elevator in the O'Neill Sea Odyssey building, Santa Cruz County, to enable disabled access to its marine education center, and to fund costs associated with the kindergarten through 12th grade education project of the marine education center during construction.

**San Francisco Bay Area**

14. A \$6,000,000 grant to the Peninsula Open Space Trust to acquire the 1,293-acre Wool Ranch, a portion of the 3,681-acre Driscoll Ranch in San Mateo County.
15. A \$5,000,000 grant to the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) toward its acquisition of the Bolsa Point Ranches in San Mateo County.
16. A \$375,000 grant to Sustainable Conservation for development of a streamlined permitting roadmap for the construction and management of off stream ponds in San Mateo County for resource protection and agricultural purposes.
17. A \$750,000 grant to the City of Pacifica, San Mateo County, to implement the first phase of the San Pedro Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan.
18. A \$750,000 grant to the Friends of Recreation and Parks for renovation, restoration, engineering, public access construction, and educational content development for exhibits in and around the South Windmill in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.
19. Authorization for the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to disburse \$50,000 of previously authorized Conservancy funds for a San Francisco Bay Trail project, located in the Mission District of San Francisco; and delegation to the Executive Officer of approval authority for certain projects developed under Conservancy-approved ABAG block grants.

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20. Certification of the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project's Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) regarding the Remedial Action Plan for the Hamilton Airfield Parcel; authorization to accept title to the Hamilton Airfield Parcel in Marin County as a no-cost public benefit transfer from the Department of the Army; authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of the Army for Hamilton Implementation; and authorization to disburse up to \$900,000 for purchase of environmental insurance.
21. A \$585,000 grant to the Marin Agricultural Land Trust to acquire an agricultural conservation easement over the 870-acre Grossi Ranch property in Marin County.
22. A \$150,000 grant to the Sonoma County Water Agency to implement the Mumford Dam Fish Passage and Riparian Habitat Restoration project on the west fork of the Russian River in Mendocino County.
23. A \$60,000 grant to the Sotoyome Resource Conservation District for the development, publication and distribution of a grazing management plan for southwestern Sonoma County.
24. A total of \$665,000 in grants to 14 nonprofit organizations for restoration projects as part of environmental education programs for students grades K-12 in the San Francisco Bay Area, counties of San Mateo, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, Sonoma, and Marin.

**North Coast**

25. A \$125,000 grant to the City of Fort Bragg to conduct planning and feasibility studies for restoration and reuse of the Georgia-Pacific former mill site on the Fort Bragg waterfront in Mendocino County.
26. A \$78,400 grant to the Mendocino Land Trust to develop an interim management plan for the Big River Unit of Mendocino Headlands State Park in Mendocino County.
27. A \$38,500 grant to the Redwood Coast Land Conservancy to construct the second phase of the Gualala Blufftop Trail in Mendocino County.
28. A \$215,000 grant to the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District to conduct a feasibility analysis and perform technical studies necessary to evaluate the opportunities for ecosystem restoration along the Salt River in Humboldt County.
29. A \$218,000 grant to the Crescent City Harbor District in Del Norte County to prepare a harbor access and revitalization plan.

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30. A \$400,000 grant to Trinity County to design, permit, and prepare for implementation fish-passage improvement projects within the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Trinity.

**Statewide**

31. A \$275,000 grant to Commonwealth for planning and design of the statewide Coastal Ocean Currents Monitoring Program.

The Conservancy received a recently prepared report on barriers to fish passage.

The Conservancy was presented with its approved strategic plan.