# State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report

# September 15, 2004

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

### South Coast

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- 1. Disbursement of up to \$1,900,000 for planning and technical studies for the <u>Comfield and</u> <u>Taylor Yard State Parks</u> along the Los Angeles River in the City of Los Angeles.
- 2. Disbursement of up to \$550,000 for the preparation of a restoration feasibility study for the <u>Santa Clara River Parkway</u>, Ventura County.
- 3. A grant of \$500,000 to the Malibu Coastal Land Conservancy to complete construction of the <u>Malibu Creek Steelhead Barrier Removal Project</u>, Los Angeles County, to implement the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan.
- 4. A grant of \$200,000 to the Ventura Hillsides Conservancy to prepare acquisition planning and feasibility studies for the <u>Ventura Hillsides</u>, Ventura County.
- 5. A grant of \$100,000 to Trout Unlimited to continue testing and planning for an exotic aquatic and terrestrial animal and plant species management program in the <u>San Mateo Creek</u> watershed, San Diego County.

## Central Coast

- 6. A grant of \$34,500,000 to the State Wildlife Conservation Board for real property conveyances designed to conserve the <u>Hearst Ranch</u> in San Luis Obispo County both east and west of Highway 1, with the funds directed toward: 1) acquisition of a conservation easement by a nonprofit organization over approximately 80,000 acres east of Highway 1, and 2) acquisition of interests in the 906-acre Junge Ranch east and west of Highway 1 by a nonprofit organization and the State, through use of tax credits or otherwise.
- A grant of \$1,000,000 to the Monterey County Agricultural and Historical Land Conservancy to acquire a conservation easement over 163 acres of the <u>Moro Cojo Slough</u> at Dolan Ranch near Castroville.
- 8. A grant of \$525,000 to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation for the enhancement of the <u>Azevedo</u> <u>Marshes</u> at Elkhorn Slough in Monterey County.
- A grant of \$200,000 to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Foundation to implement projects under the <u>Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Water Quality Protection Program</u> in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Luis Obispo counties.

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- 10. Adoption of an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for repairs to an access road on the Coastal Conservancy's property in <u>Victorine Ranch</u>, Monterey County, and authorization to augment a previously authorized disbursement by an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to complete the repairs.
- 11. A grant of \$28,000 in additional funds to the Community Environmental Council for the <u>Mission Creek Museum Area Restoration Project Design</u>, Santa Barbara County.
- 12. A grant of \$160,000 to Oikonos Ecosystem Knowledge to implement further habitat restoration on <u>Año Nuevo Island</u>, San Mateo County.

#### San Francisco Bay Area

- 13. A grant of \$1,200,000 to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District for acquisition of a 242-acre portion of the 960-acre <u>Bear Mountain property</u> near Santa Rosa, and for the creation of a management plan to identify restoration and recreational opportunities at Bear Mountain.
- 14. A grant of \$3,800,000 to the Association of Bay Area Governments for a variety of projects to extend the <u>San Francisco Bay Trail</u>.
- 15. A grant of \$300,000 to Arc Ecology, a nonprofit organization, to prepare a master plan for a shoreline park at the former <u>Hunters Point Naval Shipyard</u> in San Francisco.
- 16. A grant of \$400,000 to the Novato Sanitary District for design of relocated dechlorination facilities, and disbursement of up to \$1,100,000 for engineering, technical studies, planning and other work associated with implementation of the <u>Hamilton/Bel Marin Keys Wetland</u> <u>Restoration Project</u> in Marin County.
- 17. A grant of \$279,400 to the Napa County Resource Conservation District to complete detailed engineering designs, environmental review documents, and permit applications for the restoration of the <u>Rutherford Reach of the Napa River</u>.
- 18. Disbursement of up to \$300,000 to prepare a <u>Watershed Management/Habitat Protection and</u> <u>Restoration Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area</u>.
- 19. A grant of \$70,000 to the City of San José to plan a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail in <u>Kelley Park</u> as an extension of the Coyote Creek trail system, Santa Clara County.
- 20. (1) A grant of \$650,000 of previously authorized Conservancy funds to the Coastal Conservancy Association for science support associated with the <u>South Bay Salt Pond</u> <u>Restoration Project</u>, and (2) acceptance of \$500,000 from the Santa Clara Valley Water

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District and disbursement of these funds for planning and technical work associated with the project, in Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Mateo counties.

21. A grant of \$80,000 to the City of Berkeley for the preparation of construction bid documents for an approximately 2,700-foot <u>Bay Trail spur segment</u> between the existing Bay Trail and the city's shoreline parks, Alameda County.

#### North Coast

- 22. A grant of \$215,000 to Sonoma County for Phase II river public access improvements at <u>Steelhead Beach River Park</u> on the Russian River.
- 23. A grant of \$2,140,600 to the Point Cabrillo Light Keepers Association to complete the restoration of the <u>Point Cabrillo Light Station</u>, and for management of public use improvements onsite, Mendocino County.

#### Statewide and General

- 24. Disbursement of funds received from the California Resources Agency and the California Department of Fish and Game to complete a digital inventory of statewide wetlands focused on <u>mapping coastal wetlands</u>, and a grant of \$35,000 to the San Francisco Estuary Institute to provide science support to the wetlands mapping effort.
- 25. A grant of \$60,000 to the San Francisco State University Romberg Tiburon Center to provide technical assistance to the Conservancy in the preparation of an acquisition priorities plan for the federal <u>Coastal and Estuarine Lands Conservation Program</u>.
- 26. A grant of \$290,000 to the Coastal Conservancy Association for the production of <u>Conservancy publications</u>, including *California Coast & Ocean* magazine, program publications, and special public information and project-related documents.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2004.