

State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report

December 2, 2004

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The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

South Coast

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1. Use of \$750,000 for technical studies, planning, data collection, and other analysis associated with planning the restoration and enhancement of the Ballona Wetlands in Los Angeles.
2. A grant of \$200,000 to the City of Port Hueneme to implement the fourth phase of the Hueneme Beach Fishing Pier restoration project in Ventura County.
3. Grants of \$400,000 to the Santa Monica BayKeeper and \$200,000 the California CoastKeeper Alliance for the Southern California Bight Regional Kelp Restoration Program to initiate the second three-year phase of the program, restoring kelp resources within Santa Monica Bay and other locations within the Southern California Bight marine ecosystem.
4. A grant of \$9,700,000 to the Nature Conservancy to acquire fee and conservation easement interests in the 4,400-acre Monte Vista Ranch in the upper San Diego River watershed in order to implement the San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP), as part of California's Natural Communities Conservation Planning (NCCP) Program.
5. A grant of \$35,000 to Access For All for a variety of site design tasks necessary to develop public coastal accessways in Malibu.
6. A grant of \$300,000 to Heal the Bay to prepare a final restoration plan and final site plans for Malibu Lagoon, using a portion of funds provided by the State Water Resources Control Board.
7. A grant of \$188,250 to the Wishtoyo Foundation to implement the San Nicholas Canyon Creek Restoration Project in order to implement the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan, adopted by the Conservancy on August 2, 2001.

Central Coast

8. A grant of \$285,000 to the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District to plan and implement erosion control projects and to prepare a watershed enhancement and flood management plan for Arroyo Grande Creek in San Luis Obispo County.
9. A grant of \$2,000,000 to the American Land Conservancy to acquire for public access purposes 20-plus acres west of Highway 1 currently occupied by the Piedras Blancas Resort in northern San Luis Obispo County.

10. A grant of \$40,000 to the Community Environmental Council to prepare engineering designs, environmental documentation, and permit applications for the removal of three barriers to fish passage on Gobernador Creek in Santa Barbara County.
11. Authorization to delegate authority to the Executive Officer to accept coastal estuaries training grant funding from NOAA and disburse these funds to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation to develop and manage the coastal training program for the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve in Monterey County.

San Francisco Bay Area

12. A grant of \$1,500,000 to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the acquisition of the 12,575-acre Lauffs Ranch in Napa County.
13. (1) Acceptance of \$989,477 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the United States Department of Commerce for the acquisition of historic tidelands and watershed lands draining to the San Pablo Bay; (2) a grant of \$500,000 available under the NOAA grant to the Sonoma Land Trust (SLT) to acquire the 1,679-acre North Point Joint Venture property in Sonoma County for wetland restoration, open space preservation, and public access; and (3) a grant of \$25,000 of Conservancy funds to SLT, for acquisition-related expenses.
14. A grant of \$250,000 to the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department to assist in the completion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail at the Coyote Hellyer County Park.
15. A grant of \$1,200,000 to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to carry out planning necessary for completing gaps in the Bay Area Ridge Trail.
16. A grant of \$100,000 to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council for construction of approximately 1.6 miles of Ridge Trail at Tuteur Ranch and the Skyline Wilderness Park in southeastern Napa County.
17. A grant of \$125,000 to the Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration to evaluate the potential of San Francisco Bay's streams for steelhead restoration and to identify restoration projects in at least seven of the watersheds most critical for steelhead fisheries.
18. A grant of \$75,000 to the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department for the development of a Trail Master Plan for Sanborn County Park, to include the planning of a six-mile segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail in western Santa Clara County.
19. Use of \$2,000,000 of Conservancy funds, which will be reimbursed by the Wildlife Conservation Board, to undertake work associated with the South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond restoration planning effort.

20. A grant of \$200,000 to the Solano Land Trust toward its acquisition of the 905-acre Vallejo Swett Ranch in Solano County, in connection with acquisition of the adjacent Eastern Swett Ranch, as authorized by the Conservancy on May 27, 2004, and for possible extension of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

North Coast

21. A grant of \$1,000,000 to the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT) to acquire an agricultural conservation easement over the 1,125-acre Pozzi Ranch in the Walker Creek watershed in west Marin County.

22. A grant of \$650,000 to the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District for the implementation of resource restoration projects on ranches in the Estero Americano watershed in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

23. A grant of \$109,000 to the Mendocino Land Trust to construct access improvements and open to the public Navarro Point in Mendocino County.

24. A grant of \$600,000 to the City of Fort Bragg to construct access improvements at Pomo Bluffs Park, Mendocino County.

25. Adoption of updated California Environmental Quality Act findings for the City of Eureka's Phase IA enhancement activities at the Palco (Eureka) Marsh, Humboldt County.

26. A grant of \$5,200 to the Redwood Coast Land Conservancy to repair and maintain the Gualala Blufftop Trail in Mendocino County.

27. A grant of \$38,000 to Marin County to obtain surveys of 11 public access easements around Tomales Bay.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2005, in San Diego.