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To: Coastal Commissioners

From: Mike Reilly, Chair, California Coastal Commission
Dick Wayman, Communications Director, Coastal Conservancy**Significant Events at the February 19 Meeting of the State Coastal Conservancy**

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

South Coast

1. A grant of \$700,000 to the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors to construct beach access improvements at Dan Blocker Beach in Malibu.
2. A grant of \$400,000 to Heal the Bay to undertake riparian and fisheries habitat restoration and enhancement activities along Malibu Creek within the Malibu Creek watershed in Los Angeles County.
3. A grant of \$450,000 to the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy for acquisition of interests in the Confluence property as part of the Ventura River Parkway in Ventura County.
4. Adoption of findings regarding Laguna Coast Wilderness Park in Orange County, allowing reallocation of Proposition 12 funding to include the South Coast Wilderness.

Central Coast

5. A grant of \$350,000 to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County to prepare engineering designs, environmental documentation, and permit applications for fish passage improvement projects in San Luis Obispo County coastal streams.
6. Disbursement of \$1,160,000 to the Wildlife Conservation Board for acquisition of the 289-acre Buena Vista Property in the Watsonville Slough watershed, Santa Cruz County.
7. A grant of \$300,000 to the County of Santa Cruz to conduct site studies and environmental analysis, and to prepare applications to the State Water Resources Control Board for permits to appropriate water from streams on the Coast Dairies property in Santa Cruz County for the irrigation of farmland.
8. A grant of \$75,000 to Greenbelt Alliance to develop a regional plan and map for land conservation in collaboration with Central Coast land trusts.

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San Francisco Bay Area

9. Disbursement of \$160,000 to the California Wildlife Conservation Board for the acquisition of the 242-acre Stanly Ranch Wetlands Property along the Napa River in Napa County.
10. A grant of \$2,200,000 to the East Bay Regional Park District toward its acquisition of the 673-acre Gleason property adjacent to Las Trampas Regional Wilderness in Contra Costa County.
11. Disbursement of \$300,000 of California Bay Delta Authority grant funds to the Natural Heritage Institute for restoration planning activities as part of the Dutch Slough project in Contra Costa County.
12. A grant of \$16,500 to Greenbelt Alliance to undertake a feasibility study, including a detailed scope of work and budget, for an upland habitat goals analysis for the San Francisco Bay Area.

North Coast

13. Authorization to redirect the balance of funds previously authorized to the Coastal Land Trust in June 2001 for acquisition of a parcel at Seaside Beach (known as Seaside Meadow), to conduct management planning and design tasks for Seaside Beach and Meadow, Mendocino County.
14. Authorization for the Mattole Restoration Council to expand the scope of Conservancy-funded enhancement activities in the Mattole River watershed, in southern Humboldt and northern Mendocino Counties, to include implementation of upslope habitat-improvement projects.

Statewide

15. A grant of \$250,000 to the Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration to prepare the Central and South Coast Fishery Habitat Inventory for use in the development of strategic salmonid recovery projects in the counties of Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego.
16. \$50,000 to Adopt-A-Watershed to carry out a program of watershed education designed for students in grades kindergarten through 12.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2004, in Newport Beach.