

State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report**June 30, 2004****W19**

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

South Coast

1. A grant of \$500,000 to the City of Newport Beach to prepare final design and engineering plans, an environmental review document, and permit applications for the Big Canyon Creek Restoration Project.
2. A grant of \$650,000 to Environment Now to manage the Local Assistance, Public Participation, and Small Grants Programs of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project.
3. A grant of \$250,000 to the San Diego River Park Foundation to undertake final pre-project planning for the Lower San Diego River Habitat Restoration Demonstration Project as part of the Coastal Conservancy's actions to implement the San Diego River Park, using a portion of funds provided by the State Water Resources Control Board and a \$150,000 match of Conservancy funds.
4. Grants of \$142,320 to the City of Culver City for the Ballona Creek Water Quality Improvement Project, and \$381,700 to the Ballona Wetlands Foundation to develop final plans and environmental review for Phase I of the Ballona Outdoor Learning and Discovery (BOLD) project, to implement the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan approved by the Coastal Conservancy on August 2, 2001.
5. A grant of \$89,000 from the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Enhancement Special Deposit Fund to the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation for continued implementation of the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Enhancement Plan biological monitoring element.

Central Coast

6. A grant of \$1,085,000 to the Peninsula Open Space Trust towards its acquisition of the Strickler Property at Pillar Point Bluff, and to fund the planning and design of a 0.7-mile portion of the Coastal Trail in San Mateo County.
7. Adoption of the Port San Luis Urban Waterfront Restoration Plan (UWRP) and Environmental Impact Report; and award of a \$500,000 grant to the Port San Luis Harbor District to assist in the implementation of the Harford Landing Coastal Trail Gateway Project, part of the adopted UWRP for Port San Luis.
8. A grant of \$4,000,000 to the City of Goleta for acquisition of the Ellwood Mesa property in Santa Barbara County.

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9. A grant of \$180,000 to the City of Morro Bay to purchase and install an ice machine for fish storage.
10. A grant of \$30,000 to the County of San Luis Obispo for planning, preliminary design and environmental review of a pedestrian and bicycle accessway between the City of Morro Bay and Cayucos.

San Francisco Bay Area

11. A grant of \$110,000 to the East Bay Regional Park District to plan the development of two segments of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, at the Vargas Plateau property and at the Garin-Dry Creek Regional Park in Southern Alameda County.
12. A grant of \$518,500 to the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy for a comprehensive trail signage system through Golden Gate National Park properties in San Francisco and Marin Counties to improve the California Coastal Trail.
13. A grant of \$31,000 to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for planning the development of a staging area and a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail at the El Corte De Madera Regional Open Space Preserve in San Mateo County.
14. Amendment of the Conservancy's September 25, 2003, authorization to disburse funds from existing CALFED grants for the removal of invasive *Spartina* by authorizing the supplemental disbursement of up to \$119,500 of CALFED funds and up to \$50,000 of Conservancy funds as grants for expanded and additional *Spartina* control and treatment demonstration projects within the southern San Francisco Bay Estuary and for a signage program associated with the demonstration projects.
15. A grant of \$25,750 to the San Francisco Estuary Institute for a rapid assessment survey of invasive organisms in various habitats, including subtidal and intertidal areas in San Francisco Bay, and for publication of study results.
16. A grant of \$40,000 to the Muir Heritage Land Trust to carry out a program of watershed education for high school students in the City of Martinez, Contra Costa County, focusing on the restoration of Alhambra Creek.

North Coast

17. A grant of \$750,000 to the City of Arcata to acquire fee title to the 322-acre Bayview Ranch located within the Jacoby Creek/Gannon Slough Enhancement Area adjacent to Humboldt Bay for the purposes of resource enhancement.

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18. A grant of \$600,000 to the Marin Resource Conservation District to implement the Tomales Bay Watershed Enhancement Program.
19. A grant of \$4,187,000 to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to acquire the Willow Creek property in Sonoma County.
20. A grant of \$627,000, together with an additional amount of \$450,000 if awarded to the Conservancy by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to the Northcoast Regional Land Trust to acquire the 108-acre McNamara Ranch in Orick, Humboldt County.
21. A grant of \$750,000 to the Marin Agricultural Land Trust to acquire an agricultural conservation easement over the 714-acre Giacomini Ranch located on Tomales Bay in Marin County.
22. A grant of \$250,000 to the Redwood Coast Land Conservancy for acquisition of approximately two additional acres on the Hearn Gulch Headlands for public access, recreation, and open space and scenic protection purposes, Mendocino County.

Statewide

23. Acceptance of a \$7,000,000 grant from the State Water Resources Control Board for the Coastal Ocean Currents Monitoring Program, and awards of two grants of \$10,200,000 each to the Joint Institute for Marine Observations, U.C. San Diego, and San Francisco State University to implement the program.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2004, in Sonoma County.