

State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report

October 18, 2012

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The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

South Coast

1. a grant of \$1,506,000 to the City of Laguna Beach, Orange County, for acquisition of the 56-acre McGehee property adjacent to the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park for open space, public access, and habitat preservation.

Central Coast

2. a grant of \$1,000,000 to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District to acquire the 317-acre Whisler Wilson Ranch near Point Lobos, Monterey County, for natural resource protection and public access.
3. a grant of \$300,000, including \$100,000 of grant funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to the City of Santa Barbara to implement fish passage improvements in lower Mission Creek in southern Santa Barbara County.
4. a grant of \$40,000 to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to prepare final design, permit, and environmental review documents for the future development of a campground at the Piedras Blancas Motel site within Hearst San Simeon State Park, San Luis Obispo County.

San Francisco Bay Area

5. a grant of \$3,189,500, including \$992,000 to be reimbursed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Program and \$1,232,500 to be reimbursed by the California Department of Water Resources Integrated Regional Water Management Program, to the Sonoma Land Trust for implementation of the Sears Point Wetland and Watershed Restoration Project in Sonoma County.
6. a grant of \$750,000 to the East Bay Regional Park District for acquisition of a 1,368-acre property to expand the Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park in Alameda County.
7. a grant of \$500,000 to the East Bay Regional Park District for acquisition of up to 51 acres of the 148-acre Pacific Custom Materials Property to expand and improve Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline between Martinez and Port Costa in unincorporated Contra Costa County.
8. a grant of \$750,000 to the Peninsula Open Space Trust for acquisition of a 490-acre property adjacent to Mount Madonna County Park in Santa Clara County.

9. a grant of \$250,000 to the Peninsula Open Space Trust for acquisition of a 358-acre property adjacent to Uvas Reservoir County Park near the City of Morgan Hill in unincorporated Santa Clara County.
10. a grant of \$500,000 to the City of Richmond, Contra Costa County, to implement a creek daylighting, restoration, and public access greenbelt project at Baxter Creek within the Miraflores Green Housing Project.
11. a grant of \$250,000 to The Exploratorium to construct exhibits for the Bay Observatory and Public Promenade at the new Exploratorium location on Piers 15/17 in San Francisco, and to develop future exhibit concepts and a related program series.
12. a grant of \$162,000 to Sonoma Land Trust to complete final engineered designs, environmental review, and permitting for three priority fish passage improvements on Stuart Creek and for public access improvements on the Stuart Creek Run property near Glen Ellen, Sonoma County.
13. a grant of \$175,000 to the Alameda County Resource Conservation District to plan and implement a minimum of four wildlife-friendly pond restoration projects as part of the Alameda County Wildlife-Friendly Pond Restoration Program.
14. a grant of \$125,000 to the East Bay Regional Park District for construction of approximately three miles of the Bay Area Ridge Trail known as Martinez Feeder Trail #1 and for surveying of an additional 0.7-mile segment of the same trail, west of the City of Martinez in unincorporated Contra Costa County.
15. a grant of \$545,562, including \$465,562 to be reimbursed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, for a comprehensive program of mercury studies as part of adaptive management of the South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Project in San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Alameda counties.

North Coast

16. a grant of \$2,350,000 to the Crescent City Harbor District to construct a promenade around the Inner Boat Basin, a new approximately half-mile-long section of the California Coastal Trail, and other public access improvements at the Crescent City Harbor, Del Norte County.
17. modification of the Conservancy's March 29, 2012, authorization by approval of an additional disbursement of up to \$1,574,000, received by the Conservancy from the California Department of Transportation, to the Marin Agricultural Land Trust for: (a) acquisition of a conservation easement over 204 acres of the 1,194-acre Barboni Ranch in Marin County, (b) pre-acquisition planning activities, and (c) an endowment for the perpetual management of California red-legged frog dispersal habitat on the ranch.

18. a grant of \$235,000 to the City of Arcata, Humboldt County, to restore and enhance the McDaniel Slough wetlands.
19. adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Public Trails Project and a grant of \$220,000 to the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council for implementation of public access improvements in the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness, Mendocino County.
20. a grant of \$1,362,000 to the City of Fort Bragg, Mendocino County, for the construction of the Ka Kahleh Coastal Trail and associated facilities on Noyo Headlands Park, the former Georgia Pacific Mill Site, for natural resource enhancement on a portion of the site, and for acquisition of the four-acre Johnson Property, anticipated to be the location of a portion of the trail.
21. a grant of \$263,000 to the Marin Resource Conservation District to implement habitat enhancement projects in the Tomales Bay Watershed in western Marin County.
22. a grant of \$250,000 to the Coastal Ecosystems Institute of Northern California to prepare a sea level rise adaptation plan for the Humboldt Bay Region, Humboldt County.
23. a grant of \$78,750 to Save the Redwoods League to complete planning, design, and permitting for a new approximately two-mile section of the California Coastal Trail on the Usal-Shady Dell Creek Property in northern Mendocino County.
24. a grant of \$90,000 to the Redwood Community Action Agency to prepare conceptual plans for a new section of the California Coastal Trail from Little River State Beach to Scenic Drive in Humboldt County.

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25. a grant of \$300,000 to Coastwalk California, Inc. to: (a) develop a California Coastal Trail Association, (b) implement the Coastal Trail signing program, and (c) promote public use of and support for the California Coastal Trail.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2012, in Avila Beach, San Luis Obispo County.