

State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report

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The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

South Coast

1. a grant of \$650,000 to Earth Island Institute to provide funding for the Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program, a program of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project, for community-based restoration projects in Southern California coastal wetlands and watersheds.
2. a grant of \$160,000 to the Laguna Canyon Foundation to develop and implement a signage program for the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park for the purpose of supporting, managing and enhancing public access, Orange County.

Central Coast

3. 1) disbursement of the \$4.5 million previously authorized on May 19, 2011, for implementation of the San Clemente Dam Removal Project in Monterey County to California American Water (CAW) instead of the California Ocean Protection Council; 2) disbursement of an additional \$27.5 million to CAW for the Project; 3) execution of a grant agreement with CAW for the Project; and 4) certification of a supplemental environmental impact report for the Project.
4. a grant of \$404,162 to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation to prepare final engineering and bid documents, reconstruct a damaged levee, and relocate and expand a dock at the Whistlestop Lagoon in Elkhorn Slough, Monterey County.

San Francisco Bay Area

5. disbursement of \$920,000 of grant funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and an additional \$1,250,000 of Conservancy funds to East Bay Regional Park District to implement a wetland restoration project at Breuner Marsh in the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline, Contra Costa County.
6. a grant of \$291,870 to the Solano Resource Conservation District to restore approximately 53 acres of riparian and upland habitat along approximately 1.5 miles of Blue Rock Springs Creek in the City of Vallejo.
7. an increase by \$200,000 to the Conservancy's prior grant amount to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for the Middle Bair Island Wetlands Restoration Project in San Mateo County by redirecting cost savings gained from the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Phase I Implementation Project at Eden Landing Ponds E8A/9/8X in Alameda County.

8. a grant of \$200,000 to the Marin Audubon Society to complete the restoration of tidal wetlands located at the Bahia Lagoon, Marin County.
9. a grant of \$200,000 to Point Reyes Bird Observatory Conservation Science for its Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) Program to undertake native plant restoration at the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project, Marin County.
10. acceptance of \$739,910 in mitigation funds from the Port of Oakland and disbursement of those funds for the Invasive Spartina Project for one year of revegetation project planning, mapping, and implementation and up to five years of monitoring activities at nine sites in the San Francisco Estuary.

North Coast

11. a grant of \$60,000 to the Mendocino Land Trust to construct approximately .75 miles of coastal trail within four existing public access easements and on the Hare Creek Beach property, Mendocino County.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2012, in Eureka.