

## State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report

January 29, 2015

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

### South Coast

1. a grant of \$3,399,500 to the County of San Bernardino to construct a 3.8-mile segment of the Santa Ana River Parkway Trail.
2. a grant of \$1,000,000 to the California Department of Transportation for environmental assessment and design of a wildlife crossing near the interchange of U.S. 101 and Liberty Canyon Road in the City of Agoura Hills, Los Angeles County, and authorization to enter into a joint powers agreement with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.
3. a grant of \$270,000 to the San Diego River Conservancy for Phase I of the 2013 Junípero Serra Museum Interpretive Master Plan and the City of Santee's San Diego River Trail Mural Project in San Diego County.
4. acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Landscape Conservation Cooperative and disbursement of a grant of \$200,000 to the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project for the Climate-Smart Adaptive Strategies for Wetlands Recovery in Coastal Southern California Project.
5. creation of an advisory group for the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program.

### Central Coast

6. a grant of \$646,500, including \$510,222 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Program, to the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District to acquire and prepare a restoration plan for the 82-acre Morrissey Ranch located along lower Los Osos Creek in the Morro Bay watershed in San Luis Obispo County.
7. a grant of \$450,000 to the Peninsula Open Space Trust to acquire the 21-acre Thompson property on Pillar Point Bluff, just north of Half Moon Bay in San Mateo County, to provide public access and preserve the property's natural resources.
8. a grant of \$300,000 to the Regents of the University of California, on behalf of UCSB, to construct an education and research center at Coal Oil Point Natural Reserve in southern Santa Barbara County.
9. a grant of \$200,000 to the Sempervirens Fund to develop a reuse plan to convert the closed CEMEX cement plant in Davenport, Santa Cruz County, into more suitable uses, to serve as a hub for public recreation and economic activity.

### **San Francisco Bay Area**

10. a grant of \$400,000 to Napa County to remove a fish passage barrier located at Greenwood Avenue at its intersection with the Napa River north of the city of Calistoga.
11. a grant of \$262,500 to the Muir Heritage Land Trust for acquisition of the West Hills Farm property near the City of Martinez and adjacent to the John Muir National Historic Site in Contra Costa County.
12. a grant of \$220,000 to San Mateo County, and direct expenditure by the Conservancy of up to \$280,000, to complete a sea level rise vulnerability assessment within San Mateo County for the San Francisco Bay shoreline and Pacific Ocean coastline from Half Moon Bay north.
13. a grant of \$50,000 to the Association of Bay Area Governments for the purpose of organizing and presenting the State of the Estuary Conference in September 2015.
14. adoption of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Accessibility Plan.

### **North Coast**

15. acceptance of \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and disbursement of up to \$960,000 of these funds to The Nature Conservancy to acquire a working forest easement over the 2,419 acre Parker Ranch, located adjacent to the Ten Mile River, Mendocino County, to preserve open space and fish and wildlife habitat and for sustainable timber production.
16. acceptance of \$200,000 from the State Water Resources Control Board and a grant of those funds plus \$200,000 of Conservancy funds to the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust to implement and evaluate water quality improvement projects in the Klamath River watershed.

### **Statewide and General**

17. grants totaling \$2,246,289 to 11 nonprofit organizations and public agencies for Climate Ready projects that sequester greenhouse gases and/or address the effects of climate change on coastal resources.
18. authorization for public comment and to hold public hearings on draft Proposition 1 Guidelines.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2015, in Napa.