

State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report

March 26, 2015

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

South Coast

1. a grant of \$150,000 to the City of Encinitas for the development of the Cardiff State Beach Living Shoreline Conceptual Plan, San Diego County.
2. augmentation by \$300,000 of previous Conservancy grants to the Maritime Museum Association of San Diego toward the construction of a replica of the historic ship *San Salvador* and deletion of a repayment requirement of \$500,000.

Central Coast

3. authorization: 1) to transfer three parcels owned by the State on behalf of the Conservancy at Pedro Point Headlands, City of Pacifica, to San Mateo County for open space preservation, natural resource protection, and public access; 2) to reserve from that transfer approximately 0.6 acres for sale at fair market value to an adjacent private landowner to settle an encroachment dispute; and 3) for the Executive Officer to take all necessary steps to implement the transfer and sale.

San Francisco Bay Area

4. a grant of \$5,030,000, including \$1,000,000 from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and \$1,280,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, to Reclamation District 2137 for construction of the Emerson and Gilbert parcels of the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project in Contra Costa County.
5. a grant of \$165,000 to the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District for construction of the Pinole Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project in the City of Pinole.
6. a grant of \$775,000, including \$475,000 in federal grant funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for three years of planning, design, implementation, and monitoring activities for Phase Two of the San Francisco Bay Living Shorelines Project in the San Francisco Estuary at seven candidate sites (in San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Marin counties), one of which will be selected for implementation of a one-acre pilot project, and for one additional year of monitoring at the Living Shorelines Project site on the San Rafael shoreline (Marin County).
7. a grant of \$37,000 to the Sonoma Resource Conservation District to prepare the Sonoma County LandSmart Environmental Document to facilitate implementation of conservation practices throughout Sonoma County watersheds to improve water quality, reduce soil loss, and protect fish and wildlife habitat.

8. use of an additional \$100,000 toward completion of the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study.
9. a grant of \$1,580,000 for planning, management, treatment, and monitoring to implement the Invasive Spartina Project within the San Francisco Estuary in 2015.

North Coast

10. a grant of \$950,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and an additional \$500,000 in Conservancy funds to the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District to implement the White Slough Restoration Project and to adopt the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project within the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
11. a grant of \$326,000 to the Smith River Alliance for the Hamilton Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project, which provides for the removal of a fish passage barrier located at the intersection of Picnic Road and Hamilton Creek in Del Norte County and the purchase a modular bridge that can be installed as needed to maintain vehicular access to the area.
12. a grant of \$200,000 to California Trout, Inc., to prepare designs and permit applications for the Mad River Floodplain Restoration and Public Access Project in Humboldt County and to implement an adjacent pilot floodplain biofiltration project.
13. a grant of \$150,000 to the City of Healdsburg to develop a public access plan for Fitch Mountain in Sonoma County.
14. acceptance of \$75,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and two grants of these funds of \$25,434 to the Friends of the Dunes and \$47,075 to the Redwood Community Action Agency to implement the Humboldt Bay Dunes and Marsh Restoration Project.
15. a grant of \$85,000 to the Northcoast Regional Land Trust to implement the Freshwater Farms Nature Trail Project and related improvements in Humboldt County.

Statewide and General

16. authorization to increase the maximum cost of consent items that the Executive Officer may place on public meeting consent calendars from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2015, in Sacramento.