
STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY

MEETING REPORT

June 25, 2015

THE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
APPROVED THE FOLLOWING

SOUTH COAST

1. grant of \$400,000 to The Nature Conservancy to restore 238 acres of the Hanson property on the Santa Clara River in Ventura County.
2. grant of \$300,000 to the Aquatic Science Center for technical assistance needed to update the Regional Strategy for the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project.

CENTRAL COAST

1. grant of \$1,000,000 to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission towards design, engineering and environmental analysis of a portion of Segment 5 and all of Segment 7 of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail in northern Santa Cruz County.
2. grant of \$500,000 to the Trust for Public Land to acquire a 14.7-acre parcel in the lower Arroyo Burro watershed, Santa Barbara County.
3. grant of \$360,000 of Carmel River Settlement funds to the Carmel River Steelhead Association to install large woody debris in the Carmel River Lagoon to enhance rearing habitat for steelhead, Monterey County.
4. grant of \$75,000 to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County to prepare a county-wide conservation plan in cooperation with other conservation organizations and interested entities.
5. disbursement of an additional \$2.2 million of Conservancy funds to California-American Water Company for implementation of the San Clemente Dam Removal Project in Monterey County and authorization to increase the maximum contribution of State funds for the project to \$30 million.

6. grant of \$1,100,000 to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County for the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

1. disbursement of \$800,000 for final design, engineering, permitting, and other planning work necessary for restoration of the Bel Marin Keys Unit V component of the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project in Marin County.
2. grant of \$400,000 to Marin Audubon Society for the acquisition of a 5.2-acre property adjoined to the north, east, and south by the Corte Madera Marsh Ecological Reserve in Marin County.
3. grant of \$300,000 to the Marin County Open Space District to acquire the 16-acre Sky Ranch adjacent to the Bald Hill Open Space Preserve and Marin Municipal Water District land.
4. grant of \$145,000 to Urban Tilth for preparation of plans for restoring riparian and stream habitat on Wildcat and San Pablo creeks between Interstate 80 and San Pablo Bay wetlands in the City of San Pablo and the community of North Richmond in Contra Costa County.

NORTH COAST

1. grant of \$1,000,000 to The Wildlands Conservancy for the acquisition of the approximately 547-acre Estero Ranch in southwestern Sonoma County for the purposes of habitat protection, public access, and agricultural preservation.
2. grant of \$500,000 to the Trust for Public Land to acquire the 688-acre parcel known as the Richardson-Kashia property for the purposes of natural resource protection and public access in coastal Sonoma County.
3. a grant of \$475,000 to the Marin Agricultural Land Trust for the acquisition of a conservation easement over the 330-acre Gallagher Ranch in west Marin County.
4. grant of \$300,000 to the Save-the-Redwoods League to prepare habitat enhancement and public access conceptual designs for the Orick Mill Site Restoration Project in Humboldt County.
5. grant of \$200,000 to the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District to implement Phase 2B of the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project.
6. grant of \$50,000 to the Northwest California Resource Conservation and Development Council's Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program for the Sidney Gulch fish passage barrier removal project on the Trinity River in Trinity County.
7. grant of \$215,000 to the Sonoma Resource Conservation District to construct an off-channel irrigation pond to remove water diversion from Grape Creek and improve critical in-stream habitat for coho salmon.

8. authorization to enter into a joint powers agreement with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to enable the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to undertake property monitoring in the Eel River watershed in Mendocino and Lake Counties.

STATEWIDE AND GENERAL

1. grants totaling \$1,974,579 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.
2. disbursement of \$190,000 for consulting services to assist the Conservancy in maintaining and improving federal financial support for Conservancy projects.
3. adoption of a resolution to extend worker's compensation program benefits to State Coastal Conservancy volunteers.
4. adoption of Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines.
5. adoption of Strategic Plan update.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2015, in Fort Bragg.