

State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report

September 29, 2016

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

South Coast

1. a grant of \$5,000,000 to The Nature Conservancy for acquisition of the 561-acre Southland Sod Farm, part of the historic Ormond Beach wetlands in the City of Oxnard, Ventura County.
2. a grant of \$170,008 to California Trout to stabilize and regrade approximately 900 feet of streambed on Santa Paula Creek below Harvey Diversion Dam to restore fish passage, in the City of Santa Paula, Ventura County.
3. a grant of \$322,000 to the City of Encinitas for the planning and design of a dune restoration project at Cardiff State Beach in the City of Encinitas, San Diego County.
4. a grant of \$20,000 to The Ocean Foundation for the Ocean Connectors: Bird and Habitat Project located in the City of San Diego.
5. a grant of \$183,320 to the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation to conduct environmental review of the draft Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Enhancement Plan, and to develop a feasibility and restoration design study for a habitat restoration and water quality improvement project at Los Peñasquitos Lagoon in San Diego County.

Central Coast

6. a grant of \$33,645 to the Cachuma Resource Conservation District to conduct biological surveys and prepare information needed for permit applications and environmental review for removal of three fish passage barriers in San Jose Creek, Santa Barbara County.
7. a grant of \$1,053,126 to the Regents of the University of California to augment a Conservancy grant of \$1,672,463, authorized on May 26, 2016, for restoration of wetlands and connected uplands at Upper Devereux Slough, Santa Barbara County.

San Francisco Bay Area

8. a grant of \$1,700,000 to The Trust for Public Land to acquire a conservation easement to be held by the Land Trust of Napa County over the 7,286-acre Montesol Ranch, of which 6,184 acres are in northern Napa County and the remainder in Lake County, to preserve and enhance the watershed resources of the property and to protect the water quality of Lake Berryessa and its tributaries.
9. authorization to enter into a joint powers agreement with the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and the Association of Bay Area Governments.
10. authorization for the Association of Bay Area Governments to disburse up to \$180,000 of previously granted Conservancy funds to the Petaluma Small Craft Center for construction of improvements to facilities that will benefit users of non-motorized boats at the Petaluma

River Turning Basin in the City of Petaluma, Sonoma County, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.

11. a grant of \$125,000 to the City of Vallejo to complete planning for a 1.5-mile joint San Francisco Bay Trail/Bay Area Ridge Trail section along the Carquinez Straits in Solano County.
12. a grant of \$275,000 to the Bay Area Open Space Council to support conservation planning in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area by updating the Conservation Lands Network and conducting outreach among Bay Area land conservation entities and the public regarding conservation of the region's biodiversity and open space.

North Coast

13. a grant of \$1,000,000 to Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to acquire conservation and public trail easements over the 873-acre Stewarts Point Ranch on the northern Sonoma County coast.
14. a grant of \$550,000 to the City of Arcata to construct a three-mile section of the California Coastal Trail and Humboldt Bay Trail along the eastern shore of Humboldt Bay from Arcata to Brainard's Slough, adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act, and adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
15. a grant of \$345,000 to the Endangered Habitats Conservancy to prepare a reclamation plan, engineering designs, environmental documentation, and permit applications for restoration of the 357-acre Hanson Aggregates property located in the Russian River floodplain near the City of Windsor, Sonoma County.
16. a grant of \$160,000 to Sonoma County Regional Parks Department to prepare an access plan, trail designs, permit applications, and environmental documents for two trail segments along the coastal bluffs of the Kashia Coastal Reserve and the Stewarts Point Ranch.
17. a grant of \$187,000 to the Yurok Tribe to implement the Indian Creek Habitat Connectivity and Restoration Project, which will restore the connectivity for Coho and Chinook salmon between the upper and lower reaches of Indian Creek, a tributary to the Trinity River in Trinity County.
18. a grant of \$134,123 to the Smith River Alliance to identify restoration opportunities and design at least two salmonid habitat restoration projects for the Smith River Estuary in Del Norte County.
19. a grant of \$49,412 to Trout Unlimited to prepare designs for two fish passage improvement projects on Neefus Gulch, a tributary to the North Fork Navarro River in Mendocino County.
20. a grant of \$93,559 to California Trout to implement the Scott River Instream Habitat Restoration Project in Siskiyou County.
21. a grant of \$68,545 to the Northwest California Resource Conservation and Development Council to implement a fish passage barrier removal and water quality improvement project on Sharber-Peckham Creek in Trinity County, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Statewide and General

22. a \$35,000 augmentation of a Conservancy contract for information technology services originally authorized on July 16, 2014, for the Explore the Coast Web App for the State of California.
23. use of \$190,000 for consulting services to assist the Conservancy in maintaining and improving federal financial support for Conservancy projects.
24. adoption of an update to Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2016.