

State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report

May 26, 2016

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

South Coast

1. a grant of \$476,800 to the Trust for Public Land, of which \$374,300 will be reimbursed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Coastal Wetland Conservation grant program, to acquire fee title on 35.52 acres of open space adjacent to the San Luis Rey River in City of Oceanside, San Diego County, for purpose of protecting, restoring, and enhancing habitat.
2. a grant of \$350,000 for environmental services to prepare a restoration and public access plan for the Ormond Beach wetlands complex in Ventura County.

Central Coast

3. a grant of \$2,500,000 to the Big Sur Land Trust to acquire the 73-acre Carr Lake Property in Salinas, Monterey County, to preserve and enhance the natural resources of the property and to improve the water quality of Monterey Bay.
4. disbursement of \$1,672,463 of grant funds from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the Regents of the University of California for restoration of wetlands and connected uplands at Upper Devereux Slough, Santa Barbara County, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.
5. a grant of \$314,905 to Coastal Conservation and Research, Inc., to improve dunes adaptation to sea level rise at Salinas River State Beach Moss Landing, Monterey County.
6. a grant of \$117,500 to Trout Unlimited for design and permitting of fish passage improvements on Potrero Creek, a tributary to the Carmel River, Monterey County.
7. a grant of \$200,000 to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County for the construction of public access improvements at the Pismo Ranch Preserve, located adjacent to the City of Pismo Beach, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.

San Francisco Bay Area

8. certification of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report, South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project – Phase 2 (Final Phase 2 EIS/R); approval of the Preferred Alternative as defined in that Final Phase 2 EIS/R; adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; and authorization to: (1) disburse up to \$13,694,629 to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for implementation of two Phase 2 projects of the South Bay Salt Pond (SBSP) Restoration Project which

includes \$11,489,333 in reimbursable grant funds; (2) disburse up to \$100,000 to the Aquatic Science Center to maintain and manage www.southbayrestoration.org and the associated project data and information on this site for approximately two additional years; (3) disburse up to \$967,500 for engineering and environmental services, project management, and related activities to support implementation of Phase 2 of the SBSP Restoration Project, \$67,500 of which is reimbursable; and (4) enter into a Design Agreement with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for design of the project elements recommended in the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study.

9. a grant of \$250,000 to the Sonoma Resource Conservation District to design and implement conservation practices to increase water sustainability at four vineyards in the Sonoma Creek watershed in Sonoma County and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.
10. disbursement of \$68,250 of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant funds to Marin Audubon Society to prepare environmental analyses, designs, and other information needed for permit applications for restoration of a 5.2-acre site adjoining the Corte Madera Marsh Ecological Reserve in Marin County.

North Coast

11. a grant of \$1,000,000 to the City of Eureka for construction of three segments of the Eureka Waterfront Trail, creating approximately 3.75 miles of the California Coastal Trail in the City of Eureka, Humboldt County, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.
12. a grant of \$570,000 to the Mendocino Land Trust for the construction of 2.2 miles of new trail at Pelican Bluffs and a new coastal accessway at Newport and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.
13. a grant of \$500,000 to The Wildlands Conservancy to construct an ADA-accessible 30-space parking area and related improvements at the Jenner Headlands in coastal Sonoma County, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.
14. a grant of \$378,366 to the North Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council to:
1) develop conceptual designs for enhancement of at least two off-channel coho salmon habitat sites; 2) develop comprehensive water conservation plans on at least three priority agricultural properties; and 3) construct a 100,000 gallon rainwater catchment system in the Lower Green Valley Creek watershed in Sonoma County.
15. a grant of \$490,578 to Turtle Island Restoration Network to produce design plans, prepare permit applications, and provide environmental compliance for restoration of floodplain coho salmon rearing habitat on a one mile reach of Lagunitas Creek, Olema, Marin County.
16. a grant of \$250,000 to the Coastal Ecosystems Institute of Northern California to prepare construction design, environmental, and permit application documents for the Cochran Creek Fish Passage and Channel Restoration project on Fay Slough, near the City of Eureka, Humboldt County.

17. disbursement of \$35,000 of federal grant funds to the Northcoast Regional Land Trust for pre-acquisition studies to preserve working lands, coastal wetlands, and fish and wildlife habitat at Bessette Ranch, Klamath River Estuary, Requa, Del Norte County.
18. disbursement of \$500,000 of grant funds from the Natural Resources Agency to the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District to continue implementation of the White Slough Restoration Project in the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.
19. a grant of \$200,000 to The Wildlands Conservancy to complete final designs and implement six fish passage and habitat improvement projects in the East Branch of the Russian Gulch in coastal Sonoma County.

Statewide and General

20. disbursement of \$3,000,000 to the California Coastal Commission to fund Local Coastal Program grants.
21. disbursement of \$150,000 in grants of up to \$10,000 each to individual local public entities for the purpose of installing Coastal Trail Major Mile Markers in segments of the California Coastal Trail.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2016, in Eureka.