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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Natural Resources)
Karen Finn (Designated, Department of Finance)
Sara Giroux Ramirez (Public Member)
Bob Merrill (Alternate Coastal Commission)

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

No oversight members attended.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
Amy Roach, Chief Counsel

LOCATION:

Wharfinger Building- Bay Room
#1 Marina Way
Eureka, CA 95501

1. ROLL CALL

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Natural Resources)
Karen Finn (Designated, Department of Finance)
Sara Giroux Ramirez (Public Member)
Bob Merrill (Alternate Coastal Commission)

- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy's May 24, 2018 public meeting.
Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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3. CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Bosco asked the board if any consent items needed to be removed. Item G – “Princess Street Coastal Access Trail” was removed from the consent calendar. The consent calendar was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

A. KALORAMA WETLANDS RESTORATION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to twenty nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$29,800) to the MERITO Foundation (the “grantee”) for a community-based natural resource restoration and enhancement project at the Kalorama Wetland in Ventura County, as more specifically described in the accompanying staff recommendation. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer:
 - a. A work program, including project tasks, schedule and budget;
 - b. Names and qualifications of all contractors to be employed on the project; and
 - c. Evidence that all necessary permits and approvals for the project have been obtained.
 - d. Evidence that the grantee has entered into a landowner agreement sufficient to enable the grantee to implement the project.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapters 3 and 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding undertaking educational projects for K-12 students relating to the coastal resources (Ch.3) and enhancement of coastal resources (Ch.6).
3. The MERITO Foundation is a nonprofit organization qualified under Section 501 (c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. The purposes of these nonprofit organizations are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

B. YELLOWJACKET CREEK FISH PASSAGE

Resolution:

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“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) to Trout Unlimited (“the grantee”) to restore 1.9 miles of salmon habitat through modification of an existing concrete weir, construction of a series of boulder step-pools, and installation of a fish screen, at Yellowjacket Creek, Sonoma County (Exhibit 2).

Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 1 as the source of that funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements with the landowner sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

Prior to commencing the project, the grantee and the landowner shall enter into and record an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(c) sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Conservancy’s authority to undertake projects restoring natural habitats and watersheds within the nine Bay Area counties surrounding San Francisco Bay.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. Trout Unlimited is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the 2016 Fish Habitat Restoration Project’s Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife on January 25, 2017 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation (Exhibit 3). The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382.”

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C. CANDLESTICK POINT OUTREACH PROJECT

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred seven thousand dollars (\$207,000) to the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy to implement a community engagement and outreach pilot project for the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area in the city and county of San Francisco.

Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

D. ISLAIS CREEK

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby approves modifying the grant to the Port of San Francisco authorized on December 6, 2012, by amending the scope of the project to delete preparation of design plans for the restoration of the Copra Crane at Islais Creek, San Francisco, and to add the development and installation of an interpretive program at Islais Creek that will display public information on the Copra Crane and the related natural and cultural history of the area, with no changes to the total authorized disbursement amount of \$616,534 and the other project element involving creosote pilings removal, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds, the Port of San Francisco shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:
 - a. A final work program, schedule and budget, including the updated scope of work for development and installation of the interpretive program.

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- b. The names, qualifications, and bid documents of contractors the Port intends to hire to implement the project.
 - c. A plan for acknowledging Conservancy and BCDC funding that includes provisions for displaying the logos of both agencies in a manner approved by the Executive Officer.
2. Prior to initiating construction, the Port of San Francisco shall provide written evidence to the Executive Officer that all permits and approvals necessary to the implementation and completion of the project under applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations have been obtained
 3. Prior to construction of interpretive panels, the Port of San Francisco shall enter into agreements with the owners of the project site (either or both of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission) to allow the Port to implement, manage and maintain the project.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The project’s conditions from the December 6, 2012 staff recommendation regarding creosote piers and pilings remain unchanged.
2. The proposed project remains consistent with Public Resources Code Sections 31160 et seq., regarding the Conservancy’s mandate to address the resource goals of the San Francisco Bay Area.
3. The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the Mitigated Negative Declaration: Port Prop A Open Space Improvements adopted by the City of San Francisco’s Planning Department on October 30, 2009, attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. The Conservancy finds that the design and installation of the proposed interpretive program, as mitigated, avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects of the program to a less-than-significant level and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the interpretive program, as mitigated, will have a significant effect on the environment.”

E. BAY TO ZOO TRAIL

Resolution:

“ The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000) to the City of Eureka (“the grantee”) for preliminary design and environmental review of the Bay to Zoo trail, which will connect the eastern half of the City of Eureka with the California Coastal Trail along Humboldt Bay, subject to the following conditions:

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1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer):
 - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
 - b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
 - c. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
2. To the extent appropriate, the grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy's 'Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development' and the requirements of all applicable federal and state laws governing barrier-free access for persons with disabilities into the Bay to Zoo trail."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding a system of public accessways.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The proposed project serves greater than local needs."

F. RUSSIAN RIVER FLOODPLAIN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an additional one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) received from the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) to the Endangered Habitats Conservancy (EHC) for a total disbursement not to exceed four hundred forty five thousand dollars (\$445,000) for the Russian River Floodplain Enhancement Project near Windsor in Sonoma County.

This authorization is subject to all of the conditions imposed upon EHC through the September 29, 2016 Conservancy authorization for this project attached as Exhibit 2 to this staff recommendation as well as the condition that EHC will assist the Conservancy in complying with the terms and conditions of the SCWA grant agreement."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding plans and feasibility studies and coastal resource enhancement."

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**G. PRINCESS STREET COASTAL ACCESS TRAIL
REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

**H. MARSH MIGRATION AND ESTUARY DYNAMICS STUDIES FOR THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RECOVERY PROJECT REGIONAL STRATEGY**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby approves disbursement of up to \$200,678 of funds received from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to augment the Conservancy’s February 2, 2017 authorization for marsh migration and estuary dynamics studies that will further the goals of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties. It is anticipated that the augmented funding will be disbursed as follows:

1. Up to seventy-eight thousand six hundred ninety-three dollars (\$78,693) to the University of California Davis;
2. Up to eight thousand one hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$8,127) to the U.S. Geological Survey;
3. Up to sixteen thousand one hundred twenty-two dollars (\$16,122) to the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project;
4. Up to thirty-one thousand four hundred three dollars (\$31,403) to Point Blue Conservation Science;
5. Up to five thousand nine hundred thirty-six dollars (\$5,936) to the Aquatic Science Center;
6. Up to thirty-seven thousand thirty-nine dollars (\$37,039) to the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association; and
7. Up to twenty-three thousand three hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$23,358) to the University of Southern California Sea Grant.

Prior to the disbursement of any funds to a grantee, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work program, including budget and schedule, and any contractors to be employed for the work program tasks.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding resource enhancement.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

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3. The USC Sea Grant, Point Blue Conservation Science and the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association are nonprofit organizations existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

I. GATEWAY OBSERVATION PLATFORM

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million one hundred thirty-six thousand four hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$1,136,459) to East Bay Regional Park District (“District”) to install public access visitor amenities at the Gateway Park Shoreline Observation Platform in the City of Oakland.

Prior to commencement of the project, the District shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program including plans, specifications, and bid documents, as well as schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A signage plan that includes acknowledgement of funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the District has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the District to implement, operate, and maintain the project.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

J. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF COASTAL HABITAT

Resolution:

“Consistent with the State Coastal Conservancy’s Coastal Conservancy Climate Change Policy, adopted on November 10, 2011, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby resolves to support coastal habitat protection, guided by science and collective action, that (1) maintains and enhances California’s coastal habitats in the face of sea level rise, other climate change induced challenges, and development, and (2) ensures a protected coast

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for future generations to enjoy that retains as much or more habitat and wildlife, as well as retains the social, economic and recreational benefits, that we have today.”

HEARING ON ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

PRINCESS STREET COASTAL ACCESS TRAIL

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, presented the staff recommendation and provided copies of several emails opposing the recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed thirty-eight thousand eight hundred sixty dollars (\$38,860) to the Environmental Center of San Diego to conduct planning and prepare designs for the Princess Street Coastal Access Trail in La Jolla, City of San Diego.

Prior to the disbursement of funds, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be engaged in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.

In addition, to the extent appropriate, Environmental Center of San Diego shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s ‘Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development,’ and the requirements of all applicable federal and state laws governing barrier-free access for persons with disabilities into the planning for the Princess Street Coastal Access Trail.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

3. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access to the coast.
4. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
5. The Environmental Center of San Diego is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Approval of the 2019 Conservancy Meeting Schedule. Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.
- B. Mary Small, Chief Deputy Executive Officer, gave the Conservancy Financial Report
- C. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, presented the legislative report to the board.
- D. Avra Heller, Project Manager presented a report on Sonoma Developmental Center Grant Condition.
- E. Amy Hutzal, Deputy Executive Officer, gave a report on the recent Federal Funding for Conservancy Projects.
- F. Amy Hutzal, Deputy Executive Officer, gave a report on the Conservancy's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

NORTH COAST

5. OLD SMITH RANCH

Lisa Ames of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred sixty-thousand dollars (\$260,000) to the Mendocino Land Trust (MLT) to construct a new segment of California Coastal Trail, a connecting riverfront trail, a parking lot and a picnic area on the Old Smith Ranch adjacent to the Ten Mile River Estuary in Mendocino County subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy the following:
 - a. A detailed work program, schedule and budget, and the names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
 - b. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
 - c. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
 - d. An agreement sufficient to protect the public interest in improvements constructed under this grant consistent with Pub. Res. Code § 31116(c).
- 2. MLT shall ensure the project is consistent with the Conservancy's “Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development” and with all applicable

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federal and state statutes, regulations, and guidelines governing access for persons with disabilities.

3. MLT shall install California Coastal Trail emblems provided by the Conservancy at locations to be determined in consultation with the Conservancy.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding a system of public accessways.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Mendocino Land Trust is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Negative Declaration for CDP 2016-0054 adopted by the County of Mendocino on April 26, 2018 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as designed does not have the potential for an adverse environmental effect, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

6. 366 ACRES OF COASTAL DUNE AND WETLAND HABITAT ON THE NORTH SPIT OF HUMBOLDT BAY

Su Corbaley of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Larry Oetker, Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District

Speaking in opposition of the Staff Recommendation: Uri Driscoll

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed six hundred seventy-three thousand, three hundred fifty dollars (\$673,350) to the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (the District) to acquire approximately 366 acres of coastal dune and wetland habitat, consisting of Humboldt County Assessor Parcel Numbers 401-011-010, 401-011-012, 401-011-018, 401-011-023, 401-021-011, 401-021-018, 401-021-027, 401-011-020, 401-011-001, 401-021-028, 401-021-029, and

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401-031-045, as shown on Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff recommendation, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, the District shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer):
 - a. All relevant documents for the acquisition including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
 - b. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. The District shall prepare a baseline conditions report and a monitoring and reporting plan for review and approval of the Executive Officer.
3. The District shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
4. The property acquired under this authorization shall be held, managed and operated for wildlife habitat protection and enhancement, open space preservation and public access. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
5. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property, the design and placement of which has been reviewed and approved by the Executive Officer.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 8 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding reservation of significant coastal resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

7. ELK RIVER ESTUARY

Joel Gerwin of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Aldaron Laird

Resolution:

“ The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed nine hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$980,000), to be reimbursed by a grant from

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the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), to the City of Eureka (City) for implementation of the Elk River Estuary/Inter-Tidal Wetlands Enhancement and Coastal Access Project on Humboldt Bay, which may be implemented in two phases.

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to disbursement of funds for the project or for a specific phase of the project, the City shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following items, either for the project overall or for the specific phase of the project for which funds are to be disbursed:
 - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
 - b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
 - c. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy and USFWS funding.
 - d. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
 - e. Evidence that all necessary funds for implementation of the project have been obtained.
2. Prior to commencing the project, the City and the Conservancy shall enter into and record an agreement sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements for the life of the project.
3. In addition, to the extent appropriate, the City shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy's 'Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development' and the requirements of all applicable federal and state laws governing barrier-free access for persons with disabilities into the project.
4. In implementing the project, the City shall ensure compliance with:
 - a. All applicable mitigation measures and monitoring and reporting requirements for the project that are identified in the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration ("IS-MND") and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan ("MMRP"), or in any permits, approvals or additional environmental documentation required for the project.
 - b. All requirements of the USFWS grant, including compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection projects, and is consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding a system of public accessways;

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2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines;
3. The proposed project serves greater than local needs.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

8. IMPROVEMENTS AT HAWK HILL

Peter Jarausch of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (“the grantee”) to preserve and restore natural resources, rehabilitate historic structures, and upgrade the public access amenities including the trail system and restrooms at Hawk Hill in Marin County. The proposed authorization is subject the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (“Executive Officer”) the following:
 - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
 - b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
 - c. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
2. Prior to disbursement of funds, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer
 - a. evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained, and
 - b. An agreement with the owner of the property on which the project will be carried out sufficient to enable the grantee to implement and maintain the project and to protect the public interest in the project.
3. To the extent appropriate, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s ‘Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development’ and the requirements of all applicable federal laws governing barrier-free access for persons with disabilities into the project.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

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1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding a system of public accessways.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”
3. Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

SOUTH COAST

9. SANTA MARGARITA RIVER

Greg Gauthier of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of Staff Recommendation: Al Gebhart – Fallbrook Public Utility District, David Meyers and Zack Kantor-Anaya – The Wildlands Conservancy.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed nine million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$9,750,000) to The Wildlands Conservancy for acquisition of approximately 1,390 acres along the Santa Margarita River, as shown in Exhibit 1, for conservation and recreation purposes. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to disbursement of any funds for acquisition of the property, The Wildlands Conservancy shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy: a) all relevant acquisition documents, including the appraisal, agreement of purchase and sale, escrow instructions, deeds, and documents of title; b) a baseline conditions report; c) a monitoring and reporting plan; and d) evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. The Wildlands Conservancy shall not pay more than fair market value for the property acquired pursuant to this authorization, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
3. The property shall be managed and operated for the purposes of watershed protection, habitat conservation, and public access. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer and recorded, in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 31116(b).

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4. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly-viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Wildlands Conservancy is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

10. A GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

Greg Gauthier of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of Staff Recommendation: Cindy Montanez – TreePeople

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) to TreePeople (“the grantee”) to plan, prepare final designs and permits for, and construct, a green infrastructure project in the City of San Fernando, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work program, including budget and schedule, and any contractors to be employed for these work program tasks.
2. Prior to commencement of construction, the grantee shall submit:
 - a. Evidence that it has entered into an agreement with the landowner sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project;
 - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
 - c. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 1 as the source of that funding.”

Findings:

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“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 regarding reducing contamination of waters within the coastal zone (Section 31220).
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. TreePeople is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY

11. BAY RESTORATION REGULATORY INTEGRATION TEAM

Amy Hutzel of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and/or San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (agencies) to operate the Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT) for a five year period subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of the BRRIT, each agency shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) a detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Each agency shall participate in the Policy and Management Team.
3. Each agency shall report annually on their ability to meet the performance measures set forth in Exhibit 1.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.

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2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

STATEWIDE

12. EXPLORE THE CALIFORNIA COAST

Fanny Yang of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to eight hundred twenty-four thousand, four hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$824,499) to the following nonprofit organizations and public agencies for 27 projects that facilitate and enhance the public’s opportunities to explore the California coast (presented in alphabetical order):

- City Surf Project: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a surfing and coastal stewardship program, San Francisco, San Mateo, Marin, and Santa Cruz Counties.
- Community Partners (Fiscal Sponsor for Bike San Gabriel Valley): Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a coastal field trip program via public transportation and bicycles, Los Angeles and Orange County.
- Earth Island Institute (Fiscal Sponsor for KIDS for the BAY): Forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for a field-trip based environmental education project for underserved students, Alameda and Contra Costa County.
- Earth Team: Seventeen thousand six hundred ten dollars (\$17,610) for a coastal hiking, kayaking and environmental education project for high school students, Alameda and Contra Costa County.
- Environmental Traveling Companions: Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for a sea kayaking, coastal recreation, and environmental education project for disabled and disadvantaged youth, Marin County.
- Friends of the Los Angeles River: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a field-trip based coastal watershed environmental education project for students in grades 2-12, Los Angeles and Orange County.
- Friends of the Santa Clara River: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a field-trip based coastal watershed environmental education project for students in grades 2-7, Ventura County.
- Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center: Forty-eight thousand one hundred one dollars (\$48,101) for a field-trip based, coastal environmental education project for Guadalupe elementary school students, Santa Barbara County.
- Lake Tahoe Community College: Eleven thousand six hundred twenty-two dollars (\$11,622) for a field-trip based, coastal environmental education program for community college students from eastern regions of the State, Marin County.

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- Northcoast Environmental Center DBA Humboldt Baykeeper: Thirty-four thousand seven hundred thirty dollars (\$34,730) for its Humboldt Bay Explorations Program, Humboldt County.
- Ocean Discovery Institute: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for its Ocean Science Exploration program, including bus transportation, for students from the community of City Heights, San Diego County.
- O'Neill Sea Odyssey: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for bus transportation and an ocean-based environmental education project for underserved and disabled elementary school students, Santa Cruz County.
- Outdoor Outreach: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for its Coastal Adventure Club Program involving coastal kayaking, surfing, biking, and other trips for disadvantaged youth, San Diego County.
- Outward Bound California: Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for its Educational Coastal Expeditions for Youth Leadership Development program, including backpacking and kayaking trips, San Francisco County.
- Pediatric-Adolescent Diabetes Research and Education (PADRE) Foundation: Sixteen thousand seven hundred dollars (\$16,700) for its Catalina Island Adventure Camp for youth with Type 1 diabetes, Los Angeles County.
- Redwood Community Action Agency: Twenty-seven thousand six hundred thirty-six dollars (\$27,636) for interpretive, docent-led bicycle trips along the Eureka waterfront, Humboldt County.
- Roosevelt Middle School: Three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200) for a coastal backpacking experience with an emphasis on stewardship for middle school girls, Marin County.
- Sempervirens Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Amah Mutsun Land Trust): Forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$49,500) for a summer camp program for Native American youth, San Mateo and Santa Cruz County.
- Sierra Club Foundation (Fiscal Sponsor for Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors): Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for a field-trip based, coastal environmental education and stewardship program for low-income youth and their families, Los Angeles and Orange County.
- Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management (Fiscal Sponsor for Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples): Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for coastal field trips as part of an environmental justice program for Native American youth, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and Sacramento County.
- Social Good Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Brown Girl Surf): Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a surfing and ocean education program for underserved women and girls, San Mateo County.
- Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation: Forty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$46,500) for an integrated recreation, education and leadership coastal experience for Sonoma County youth, Sonoma County.
- Surfrider Foundation Los Angeles Chapter: Seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$7,200) for a surfing and environmental education experience for low-income, inner-city youth, Los Angeles County.

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- The Wahine Project: Five thousand two hundred dollars (\$5,200) for a surfing and stewardship program for underserved girls, Monterey County.
- Trinidad Coastal Land Trust: Twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$26,500) for docent-led hikes for kindergarten to university age students as well as the general public, Humboldt County.
- Wildcoast: Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for a field-trip based Marine Protected Area education and stewardship project, San Diego County.
- YMCA of San Francisco: Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for its Y Rangers coastal environmental education overnight camp for underserved youth, Marin County.

The authorization is subject to the following condition:

Prior to the disbursement of funds, each grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Conservancy's Executive Officer a final work program, schedule, budget, names of any project contractors, a plan for acknowledging Conservancy funding, and any other applicable agreements determined necessary for the project by the Conservancy's Executive Officer."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapters 3, 4.5 and 9 of Division 21 (Sections 31000 et seq.) of the Public Resources Code, regarding undertaking educational projects for K-12 students relating to the coastal resources (Ch. 3); the resource and recreational goals in the San Francisco Bay Area (Ch. 4.5); and the establishment of a system of public accessways to and along the California coast (Ch. 9).
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The proposed nonprofit organization grantees are nonprofit organizations existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.
4. The proposed authorization is consistent with Section 31400.1 of the Public Resources Code, which authorizes the Conservancy to grant funds to local agencies in order to develop, operate, or manage lands for coastal access if the projects are determined to serve more than local public needs. The Sonoma County Regional Parks' "Youth Exploring the Sonoma Coast (Yes-Coast)" project will both bring youth from inland and/or underserved communities outside of the coastal zone to coastal locations for educational and coastal programs, thus serving more than a local need."

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

13. ADOPTION OF PROGRAMMATIC PERMITS FOR AQUATIC HABITAT RESTORATION

Joel Gerwin of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

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Speaking in favor of Staff Recommendation: Katie Haldeman – Sustainable Conservation

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) received from the California Natural Resources Agency, two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) received from the Delta Stewardship Council, and twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) received from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, for a total amount not to exceed three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000), to Sustainable Conservation to advance the adoption of programmatic permits for aquatic habitat restoration and water quality improvement projects. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.”

Findings

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. Sustainable Conservation is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Meeting closed at 9:37A.M. for a closed session.

The Conservancy held a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(A). During the closed session:

1. The Conservancy received legal advice and provided direction regarding *Pappas, et al. v. State of California, et al.* Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Case No. 1417388.

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2. The Conservancy authorized a settlement in *Ballona Wetlands Land Trust v. California State Coastal Conservancy*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BS171507

Meeting reopened to public at 10:50 A.M

15. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no member comments.

16. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jill Demers – Humboldt County Resource Conservation District

17. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 P. M