
State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report May 16, 2019

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

SAN FRANCISCO BAY

1. Authorization to 1) disburse up to \$600,000 to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for final construction planning and design of Phase 2 South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project actions proposed for ponds between Old Alameda Creek and Alameda Creek Flood Control Channel at Eden Landing Ecological Reserve, Alameda County, 2) disburse up to \$284,760 to environmental services contractors to design a gravel beach and berm for the bayfront levee at Eden Landing Ecological Reserve, and 3) add Eden Landing Ecological Reserve to the sites available for placement of dredged sediment from the Redwood City Harbor; and adoption of findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorization to disburse up to \$4,763,009, of which a total of \$3,563,009 will be reimbursed by grants and mitigation funds, including: a \$2,151,548 grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, a \$943,711 grant from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service North American Wetlands Conservation Act, a \$400,000 grant from the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and \$67,750 in BCDC mitigation funds, for the planning, management, treatment, monitoring, and restoration activities of the San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project, and vegetation mapping for the South Bay.

CENTRAL COAST

1. Authorization to disburse up to \$45,300 to Pie Ranch for the preparation of plans, permit applications, and environmental documentation for improvements to their visitor-serving barn, including two public restrooms and improvements to increase accessibility for people with physical disabilities, in southern San Mateo County.
2. Authorization to disburse up to \$419,100 to Trout Unlimited for demolition of a concrete ford and construction of a bridge on No-Name Creek to improve fish passage on San Clemente Creek, a tributary to the Carmel River, Monterey County.
3. Authorization to disburse up to \$3.9 million to the City of Goleta for enhancement of monarch butterfly and other wildlife habitat at Ellwood Mesa, Santa Barbara County, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.

SOUTH COAST

1. Authorization to disburse up to \$300,000 to Santa Clara River Conservancy to develop a restoration and public access plan for the former California Watercress property on the Santa Clara River in Ventura County.
2. Authorization to disburse up to \$1,049,991 to the Newport Bay Conservancy to prepare final designs and implement Phase 2A of the Big Canyon Creek Restoration project within the 60-acre Big Canyon Nature Park in the City of Newport Beach and County of Orange, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. Authorization to disburse up to \$184,700 to one public entity and six nonprofit organizations for seven community-based natural resource restoration and enhancement projects in Southern California coastal wetlands and watersheds in Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties.
4. Authorization to disburse up to \$800,000 to the Trust for Public Land for the acquisition of 136 acres of undeveloped land at the headwaters of the north fork of Arroyo Sequit Creek in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area in Los Angeles County.

STATEWIDE

1. Authorization to disburse up to \$510,000 for consulting services to assist the Conservancy in maintaining and improving federal financial support for Conservancy projects.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2019 in the San Francisco Bay Area.