

State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report Sept 23, 2021

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

NORTH COAST

1. Authorization to transfer fee title to nine Conservancy-owned parcels in the [Bodega Bay](#) area to the County of Sonoma; approval of the implementation/disposition plans for the property transfer; and authorization to disburse up to \$34,000 to Sonoma County Regional Parks to prepare surveys and Phase 1 environmental site assessments of the parcels.

CENTRAL COAST

2. A grant of up to \$165,000 to Trout Unlimited to augment an existing Conservancy grant authorized on May 24, 2018, to replace a concrete creek crossing with a fish-friendly box culvert on [Cachagua Creek](#), a tributary to the Carmel River in Monterey County.
3. A grant of up to \$216,636 to the Regents of the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) to conduct invasive plant removal to [enhance native riparian habitat on the Santa Clara River](#) in Ventura County.
4. A grant of up to \$980,000 awarded to the Conservancy by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under its National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation to augment a Conservancy grant authorized on December 19, 2019 to complete Phase 2 of the [Elkhorn Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project](#) in Elkhorn Slough, Monterey County.
5. A grant of up to \$212,812 to San Mateo County Harbor District to construct new public restrooms, realign a small segment of the California Coastal Trail, reconfigure the parking lot, and install other visitor-serving amenities at [Pillar Point Harbor](#) adjacent to Surfer's Beach in San Mateo County.
6. A grant of up to \$100,000 to the County of Santa Cruz to develop a facilities and management plan for public access and natural resource protection for the [north coast region of Santa Cruz County](#).

7. A grant of up to \$755,820 to Earth Island Institute to remove two fish barriers, replace them with bridges, and restore habitat on [Davy Brown Creek](#), located in the Santa Maria River watershed, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.
8. A grant of up to \$825,000 to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County for the acquisition of three [conservation easements on the 7,681-acre Attiyeh Ranch](#) in northern San Luis Obispo County.

SOUTH COAST

9. A grant of up to \$200,000 to San Diego Botanic Garden (SDBG) to [enhance and restore 4.6 acres of riparian upland habitat](#) at Ocean Knoll Canyon in the City of Encinitas, San Diego County.
10. A grant of up to \$35,780 to Orange County Coastkeeper to conduct monitoring and outreach to protect endangered bird species and associated habitat located near the [Santa Ana River Mouth](#) in the cities of Newport Beach and Huntington Beach.
11. A grant of up to \$180,680 to the Environmental Center of San Diego to prepare environmental assessments, permit applications, and draft engineering designs to provide additional [public access at Princess Street](#) in La Jolla, San Diego.
12. A grant of up to \$3,500,000 to augment the Conservancy grant of \$4,900,000, previously authorized to the Crystal Cove Conservancy to restore 17 historic cottages on [North Beach of the Crystal Cove](#) Historic District at Crystal Cove State Park in Orange County.
13. A grant of up to \$200,000 to the Sierra Health Foundation to work with tribal entities to conduct planning to further tribal access, tribal participation in land management, and land acquisition by [tribal entities at multiple sites in Orange County](#).
14. A grant of up to \$330,040 to Amigos de los Rios to implement the [Monrovia High School Watershed Discovery Project](#) in Monrovia, Los Angeles County.
15. Authorization to terminate the Coastal Conservancy's [Calleguas Creek Watershed In-lieu Fee Program](#) by disbursing \$2,453,773 million for the purchase of 58.11 jurisdictional wetland and riparian buffer credits from the Santa Paula Creek Mitigation Bank.

16. A grant of up to \$495,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to prepare final engineering designs and construction specifications, and prepare and submit permit applications needed to: 1) update and repair existing public beach access amenities, including two beach stairways, and to 2) install new Americans with Disabilities Act compliant public access amenities, including a restroom, at [Lechuza Beach](#) in the City of Malibu.
17. A grant of up to \$1,342,500 to the Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District for construction of a segment of the [Santa Ana River Trail](#) as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Prado Dam Alcoa Dike construction project, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.
18. A grant of up to \$310,000 to Coastal Quest to conduct stakeholder [outreach and engagement for coastal resiliency planning for state parks](#) on the San Diego County coast.

STATEWIDE

19. \$1,721,088 to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for 45 projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to [explore the California coast](#). Participants are drawn from throughout the State and will visit coastal locations from Del Norte County south to San Diego County.

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- A. [Legislative Report](#)
- B. Consideration and possible approval of [Project Selection Criteria](#)
- C. [Coastal Access Standards](#)
- D. Update on Coastal Stories Grant Program
- E. Update on proposed [Endless Summer License Plate](#)
- F. Update on [2019 Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan](#)
- G. Consideration and possible approval of the [2022 Conservancy meeting schedule](#)

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2021 and will (probably) be held via teleconference.