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State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Report May 5, 2022

The Coastal Conservancy approved the following:

NORTH COAST

1. Authorization to: 1) enter into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the Great Redwood Trail Authority (GRTA) for the purposes of developing the [Great Redwood Trail Master Plan](#) and community engagement process and providing interim staffing and technical support to the GRTA; and 2) spend up to \$3,500,000 (see: Addendum: [Great Redwood Trail Master Plan](#)) of funds appropriated to the Conservancy specifically for the Great Redwood Trail to support the purposes of the JPA for the advancement of the trail in Mendocino, Trinity, and Humboldt Counties.
2. A grant of up to \$200,000 to The Wildlands Conservancy for grazing infrastructure improvements to enhance native coastal prairie habitat, manage invasive plants, and reduce wildfire risk at the [Jenner Headlands Preserve](#) in Sonoma County.
3. A grant of up to \$508,400 to [Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center \(JCFNC\)](#) to build cabins, additional campground bathroom facilities and related infrastructure on the JCFNC property located in the community of Caspar, Mendocino County.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

1. A grant of up to \$3,161,921 of grant funds from the Association of Bay Area Governments to Santa Clara Valley Water District for implementation of the [South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project](#) in the community of Alviso, City of San José, Santa Clara County.
2. A grant of up to \$987,000 to the Port of San Francisco, to be reimbursed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program, for wetland enhancement and nature-based shoreline stabilization of [Heron's Head Park](#) in the City and County of San Francisco.

3. A grant of up to \$988,000 of grant funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to East Bay Regional Park District to restore wetland and riparian habitat and install interpretive panels on 159-acres of the [Coyote Hills Regional Park](#) in the City of Fremont, Alameda County, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.

CENTRAL COAST

4. A grant of up to \$950,000 to Sempervirens Fund to acquire a conservation easement on the approximately 915-acre [YMCA Camp Jones Gulch](#) property in the Santa Cruz Mountains in unincorporated San Mateo County for natural resource and watershed protection, habitat restoration, open space protection, education, and recreation.
5. A grant of up to \$850,000 to the University of California, Berkeley, to replace a concrete ford with a bridge spanning [Finch Creek](#), located within the University of California's Hastings Natural History Reservation in Monterey County.
6. A grant of up to \$596,000 to California American Water to [remove or seal 1.3 miles of legacy water pipeline](#) and its support structures from the Carmel River floodplain, Monterey County, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.
7. A grant of up to \$379,374 to Trout Unlimited to remove a fish passage barrier on [Potrero Creek](#), in the Carmel River watershed, in Monterey County, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.
8. A grant of up to \$48,000 to Pacifica Land Trust to augment an existing Conservancy grant authorization of \$41,800 for community-based habitat restoration and trail enhancement at [Pedro Point Headlands](#) in San Mateo County.
9. A grant of up to \$290,000 to the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County to replace a concrete ford with a steel bridge on [Cachagua Creek](#), a tributary to the Carmel River, and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.
10. A grant of up to \$2,300,000 to contract for services to prepare environmental review documents, a cultural and tribal resource survey, and a property appraisal for the [Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program](#), in Santa Barbara County.
11. A grant of up to \$260,000 to the City of Pacifica to repair the [Pacifica Pier](#) located in northern Pacifica, San Mateo County.

SOUTH COAST

12. A grant of up to \$11,500,000 to the Trust for Public Land to acquire 384 acres of the [Banning Ranch property](#) in Newport Beach and unincorporated Orange County.
13. A grant of up to \$1,000,293, of which \$967,114 was awarded to the Conservancy by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through its National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program, to The Nature Conservancy for the first phase of restoration work at [Ormond Beach](#).
14. A grant of up to \$150,000 to the YMCA of San Diego County to prepare designs and environmental review documents for amenities at the [YMCA Camp Surf](#) facility including a restroom, equipment storage, classroom space, an outdoor kitchen, and outdoor showers to support on-beach camping at Imperial Beach in San Diego County.

STATEWIDE

15. A grant of up to \$540,000 for consulting services to assist the Conservancy in [maintaining and improving federal financial support](#) for Conservancy projects.
16. A grant of up to \$100,000 to Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (BORP) to update and host [Wheeling Cal's Coast](#), an online guide to wheelchair accessible parks and trails along the California coast and San Francisco Bay.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

- a. [Legislative Report](#).
- b. [Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program](#).

There were a number of comments on the Ballona wetlands during Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

The next Conservancy meeting is scheduled for September 22 in the North Coast.