

**STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

January 17, 2008

9:00 a.m.

The Avila Beach Community Center  
Avila Beach, Ca

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ann Notthoff (Public Member), Vice Chair

Jeremy Hallisey (Public Member)

Marisa Moret (Public Member)

Karen Finn (Designated Representative, Department of Finance)

Bryan Cash (Designated Representative, Resources Agency)

**OVERSIGHT LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

There were no Oversight Legislative members present

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer

Pat Peterson, Deputy Attorney General

Glenn Alex, Staff Counsel

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved and seconded: the minutes of the December 13, 2007 public meeting were approved without change, 5-0.

**3. PARADISE BEACH**

Moira McEnespy of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Bob Hill, Conservation Director, Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County gave a power point presentation.

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Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Kathie Matsuyama, Guadalupe-Nipomo Dune Collaborative; Ronn Carlentine, Real Estate Manager, County of Santa Barbara.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million two hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,270,000) to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County (“LCSLO”) for acquisition of the 143-acre Paradise Beach Property (also commonly known as the “Gragnani parcel,” Santa Barbara County Assessor Parcel Number 113-160-005, as more particularly described in Exhibit 2 which is attached to the accompanying staff recommendation) for conservation of open space and dunes habitat, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of any Conservancy funds for acquisition, the LCSLO shall:
  - a. Submit for review and approval by the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (“Executive Officer”) all relevant acquisition documents including but not limited to the appraisal, agreement of purchase and sale, escrow instructions, and documents of title.
  - b. Dedicate the Paradise Beach Property for open space and habitat conservation in a manner acceptable to the Executive Officer.
  - c. Obtain all other necessary funds to complete the acquisition.
2. The LCSLO shall pay no more than fair market value for the Paradise Beach Property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
3. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign that has been reviewed and approved by the Executive Officer.
4. The LCSLO may convey the Paradise Beach Property to the County of Santa Barbara for management as part of its Point Sal Reserve Management Area. If the County of Santa Barbara takes title to the Paradise Beach Property, the County shall manage the Paradise Beach Property consistent with the Point Sal Reserve Management Plan (as amended and updated), and coordinate management of the Paradise Beach Property with The Dunes Collaborative so that management of the property is consistent with management of the greater Nipomo-Guadalupe Dunes public landholdings.
5. On request of the Conservancy and if consistent with the acquisition purposes, the LCSLO and its successors-in-interest shall permit alignment and development of a segment of the California Coastal Trail on the Paradise Beach Property and, through an instrument acceptable to the Executive Officer, shall permanently dedicate the necessary portion of the property for use as a segment of the California Coastal Trail, as aligned. The LCSLO shall also provide, install and maintain, or permit the placement of, signs identifying the property as a segment of the California Coastal Trail. The design, number, and placement of the signs shall be approved by the Executive Officer.”

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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 Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, last updated by the Conservancy on September 20, 2007.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the enhancement of coastal resources.
3. The area in which the Paradise Beach Property is located has been identified in the certified local coastal program for Santa Barbara County as requiring public action to resolve existing or potential resource protection problems.
4. The Paradise Beach Property has resource, scenic and access values of statewide significance and will thus serve greater than local public needs.
5. The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County is a nonprofit organization existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue code, whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

**4. EAST SWEET SPRINGS PROPERTY**

Tim Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Karen Frankel, Trust for Public Land

Speaking in opposition to the Staff Recommendation: Jeff Edwards, Resident, Los Osos; Julie Tacker, Resident, Los Osos.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby 1) authorizes disbursement of up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000), including five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Program, to the Morro Coast Audubon Society (Audubon) to acquire fee title to an 8-acre property (San Luis Obispo County Assessor Parcel Number 074-229-009), as shown on Exhibit 5 to the accompanying staff recommendation; 2) approves of the transfer to the Audubon ten contiguous undeveloped lots located near south Morro Bay shoreline (San Luis Obispo County Assessor Parcel Number 74-141-020) as shown in Exhibit 3 to the accompanying staff recommendation; 3) approves the implementation plan for the lot transfer as shown in Exhibit 4 to the accompanying staff recommendation; and 4) authorizes disbursement of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to Audubon to manage and restore these properties. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

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1. Prior to disbursement of any funds for acquisition, the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) shall review and approve all relevant acquisition documents, including the appraisal, agreement of purchase and sale, escrow instructions, deeds and documents of title, and evidence of the availability of all additional funds necessary to the acquisition of the property.
2. The Audubon 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 Audubon shall permanently dedicate these properties, in accordance with the requirements of Public Resources Code 31116(b), for habitat and open space preservation, resource enhancement and management, and for public access consistent with these purposes.
4. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining on the properties a sign that 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 project is consistent with the guidelines and criteria in Chapter 6 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31251-31270) regarding the enhancement of coastal resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with Public Resources Code Section 31107 regarding the transfer to the Audubon of the Conservancy’s ten contiguous undeveloped lots pursuant to an approved implementation plan.
3. The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Project Selection Guidelines and Criteria adopted by the Conservancy on January 24, 2001, and updated on September 20, 2007.
4. Protecting lands in the project area has been identified in the San Luis Obispo County Estero Area Local Coastal Plan as requiring public action to resolve existing or potential resource protection problems, consistent with Public Resources Code Section 31252.
5. The Morro Coast Audubon Society is a nonprofit organization existing under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code.”

At the request of Ms. Finn and Mr. Cash, a condition was added to the proposed resolution directing staff to report back to the Conservancy about the issues raised by the speakers and to provide additional details of the proposed expenditure of \$100,000 to Audubon for managing and restoring the properties.

Moved and seconded. Approved as amended by a vote of 5-0.

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**5. POINT SAN LUIS LIGHTSTATION**

Tim Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Andrew Merriam, Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) to the Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers (Keepers) to renovate the Point San Luis Lightstation and to reconstruct a beach accessway, Point San Luis, San Luis Obispo County, subject to the following conditions:

Prior to the disbursement of any Conservancy funds for construction, the Keepers shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:

1. A work program, including project schedule and budget, and the names of any contractors and/or subcontractors to be employed on the project.
2. Evidence that all permits and approvals necessary to implement the project have been obtained.
3. A signing plan for the project acknowledging Conservancy funding for the project and alignment of the Coastal Trail.
4. Evidence that the project design is consistent with the Conservancy’s “Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development.”
5. The Keepers shall enter into an agreement with the Conservancy sufficient to protect the public interest in any improvement or development constructed as part of this proposed project in accordance with the requirements of Public Resources Codes Section 31116(c).”

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 purposes and criteria of Sections 31119, 31400-31409 of the Public Resources Code regarding coastal resource education and coastal access.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines adopted by the Conservancy last updated September 20, 2007.
3. The Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers 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 project will serve greater than local needs.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

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**6. MORI POINT COASTAL TRAIL**

Janet Diehl of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Kate Bickert and Sharon Farrell, Golden Gate National Park Conservancy staff.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (GGNPC) for the construction of the California Coastal Trail and connecting trails and for habitat restoration on the National Park Service’s Mori Point property in Pacifica, San Mateo County and further adopts the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) adopted by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area on October 3, 2006 under the National Environmental Policy Act, and attached to the accompanying as Exhibit 4 to this staff recommendation and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of any Conservancy funds, GGNPC shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:
  - a. Evidence that GGNPC has obtained all necessary permits and approvals, and all other funds necessary to complete the project.
  - b. A work program, budget, schedule, and names of any contractors or subcontractors to be employed to carry out the work program.
  - c. A signing plan for the project acknowledging Conservancy participation, and the site’s function as a segment of the California Coastal Trail.
2. The project shall be consistent with the Conservancy’s ‘Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development.’
3. In carrying out the project, GGNPC shall comply with all applicable mitigation and monitoring measures of the project that are included in the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) adopted by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area on October 3, 2006 under the National Environmental Policy Act and attached as Exhibit 4 to this staff recommendation, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan accompanying the FONSI, and with all mitigation, monitoring and other measures that are required by any permit or approval for this 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 Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, last updated by the Conservancy on September 20, 2007.

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2. The proposed project is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access to the coast.
3. The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is a nonprofit organization existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Finding of No Significant Impact and Mitigation and Monitoring Program adopted by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area under the National Environmental Policy Act and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4, and finds that there is no substantial evidence that the project as mitigated will have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 California Code of Regulations Sections 15074 and 15382.
5. The proposed project serves greater than local needs.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

**7. CARMEL RIVER PARKWAY ACQUISITION**

Trish Chapman of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Big Sur Land Trust (BSLT) for the acquisition of the McWhorter property (Assessor Parcel Number 169-171-008) for inclusion in the Carmel River Parkway, as shown on Exhibit 2 to the accompanying staff recommendation, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for acquisition, BSLT shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy all relevant acquisition documents, including but not limited to the appraisals, environmental assessments, purchase agreements, escrow instructions, and documents of title necessary to the acquisition of the property.
2. BSLT shall dedicate the property to habitat restoration, resource protection, open space preservation, public access and education in a manner acceptable to the Executive Officer.
3. BSLT shall pay no more than fair market value for the McWhorter property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
4. BSLT shall acknowledge Conservancy funding by erecting and maintaining on the property a sign that has been reviewed and approved by the Executive Officer.”

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

1. The proposed project is consistent with the purposes and criteria in Chapters 5.5 and 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31220 and 31400-31409) regarding integrated marine and coastal resource enhancement and public access.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, last updated by the Conservancy on September 20, 2007.
3. The proposed project is consistent with local watershed management plans and water quality control plans.
4. The proposed project will serve greater than local needs.
5. BSLT is a nonprofit organization existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue code, whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

**8. SANTA MONICA BAY WATERSHED**

Kara Kemmler of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation

Speaking favor of the Staff Recommendation: Joyce Siesen, Manager, Heal the Bay

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to Heal the Bay for its Stream Team program to perform habitat restoration and collect data in the northern Santa Monica Bay watershed. Prior to the disbursement of any funds, Heal the Bay shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work program, budget, and schedule; the names of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the work; and evidence of its right to access the project sites to accomplish the purposes of this authorization.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed project is consistent with Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31251-31270) regarding enhancement of coastal resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, last updated by the Conservancy on September 20, 2007.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

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**9. BLAIR RANCH ACQUISITION**

Jeff Melby of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Patrick Congdon, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (presented a Google Fly Over)

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed four million three hundred forty thousand dollars (\$4,340,000) to the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (SCCOSA) for the purpose of acquiring the Blair Ranch property (Santa Clara County Assessor Parcel Number 742-23-002, and portions of APNs 742-23-001 and 742-24-005) consisting of approximately 868 acres for habitat preservation, open space protection, public access and incidental agricultural use, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, SCCOSA shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:
  - (a) All relevant acquisition documents, including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase agreement, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment and title report.
  - (b) Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. SCCOSA shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as approved by the Conservancy, based on an appraisal of the property.
3. SCCOSA shall repay to the Coastal Conservancy two million dollars (\$2,000,000), without interest accruing, on the terms and conditions established by the Executive Officer of the Coastal Conservancy but in no event later than March 31, 2011.
4. SCCOSA shall permanently dedicate the property for habitat preservation, open space protection, public access and incidental agricultural use through an irrevocable offer to dedicate the property or other instrument approved by the Executive Officer of the Coastal Conservancy.
5. Coastal Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property, the design and location of which 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 project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

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2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code Sections 31160-31165, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

**10. SMITH-MADRONE PROPERTY**

Amy Hutzel of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation

Speaking favor of the Staff Recommendation: Peter Colby, Save the Redwoods League

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to Save-the-Redwoods League for the purpose of acquiring a conservation easement over the 120-acre Smith-Madrone Property (Napa County Assessor Parcel Nos. 020-300-075, 020-300-077 and 020-300-078) and, subsequently, for acquiring fee title to a 55-acre portion of the same property, subject to the following conditions:

- i. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition of the conservation easement or the fee interest, Save-the-Redwoods League shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy with respect to the specific acquisition:
  - (a) All relevant acquisition documents, including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase agreement, conservation easement and associated baseline conditions report and monitoring and reporting plan, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment and documents of title.
  - (b) Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
- ii. Save-the-Redwoods League shall pay no more than fair market value for the conservation easement or fee interest in the property based on an appraisal of the property.
3. Save-the-Redwoods League shall permanently dedicate the property for habitat preservation, open space protection, agricultural protection, and public access, through an irrevocable offer to dedicate an interest in the property or other instrument approved by the Executive Officer in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 31116(b).
4. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property, the design and location of which has been approved by the Executive Officer.”

Findings:

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

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1. The proposed project is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code Sections 31160-31165.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, last updated by the Conservancy on September 20, 2007.
3. Save-the-Redwoods League is a non-profit organization existing under 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 by a vote of 5-0.

**11. QUAIL RIDGE RESERVE**

Betsy Wilson of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed four hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars (\$485,000) to the Regents of the University of California (“the University”) for the acquisition of Napa County Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 019-250-002 and 032-320-003 (“the property”), consisting of approximately 157 acres located on the Quail Ridge peninsula of the south shore of Lake Berryessa, Napa County as shown in Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff recommendation. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, the University shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (“the Executive Officer”) all relevant acquisition documents, including but not limited to escrow instructions, a current appraisal, environmental assessment, purchase agreement, title report, and documents of title necessary to the acquisition of the property.
2. The University shall pay no more than fair market value for the property.
3. The University shall permanently dedicate the property for habitat preservation, open space protection, and research, through an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer. Promptly after acquiring each of the parcels, the University shall incorporate them into the existing Quail Ridge Reserve, for the benefit of the University of California Natural Reserve System.
4. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property, the design and location of which has been approved by the Executive Officer.”

Findings:

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

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1. The proposed project is consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, last updated by the Conservancy on September 20, 2007.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding 31160-31165.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

**12. GREEN VALLEY CREEK**

Deborah Hirst of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to \$125,000 to the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (GRRCD) to assess limiting factors for salmonids, conduct landowner outreach and prepare an integrated watershed plan to improve anadromous fish habitat in Green Valley Creek in western Sonoma County, subject to the condition that prior to disbursement of Conservancy funds, the GRRCD shall submit for the review and approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work program, including a final budget, and the names of all contractors that the GRRCD intends to use to complete 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 Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, last updated by the Conservancy on September 20, 2007.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding enhancement of coastal resources.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

**13. CONSENT ITEMS:**

**A. MORRO BAY HARBORWALK**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an additional amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to the City of Morro Bay for construction of a waterfront boardwalk, subject to the condition that the City install Coastal Trail signs to be provided by the Conservancy along existing Coastal Trail segments within its jurisdiction.”

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Findings:

“The proposed project remains consistent with the authorization and findings made in the Conservancy’s May 27, 2004 authorization (File No. 04-022), attached as Exhibit 4.”

**B. AVILA BEACH MARINE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an additional amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the Port San Luis Marine Institute (the “Institute”) to fabricate and install marine education displays in its education center in Avila Beach, subject to the following conditions:

Prior to the disbursement of any Conservancy funds, the Association shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:

1. A revised work program, including project schedule and budget, and the names of any contractors and/or subcontractors to be employed on the project.
2. Evidence that all permits and approvals necessary to implement the project have been obtained.
3. A signing plan for the project acknowledging Conservancy funding for the project.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that the proposed project remains consistent with the authorization and findings made in the Conservancy’s March 10, 2005 authorization (File No. 05-033), attached as Exhibit 3 to the accompanying staff recommendation.”

**C. POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed eighty-four thousand nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$84,925) to the Point Reyes National Seashore (“PRNS”) to implement the Helping Hands Restoration Project, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to disbursement of any funds, PRNS shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a work plan, schedule, budget, and the names of any contractors to be employed for implementation of the project.
2. PRNS shall acknowledge Conservancy funding by erecting and maintaining signs that have been reviewed and approved by the Executive Officer.”

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Findings:

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

1. The proposed project is consistent with Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31251-31270) regarding the enhancement of coastal resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines adopted by the Conservancy on September 20, 2007.”

**D. MALIBU CREEK**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed fifty-two thousand seven hundred eight-five dollars (\$52,785) to the Mountains Restoration Trust (MRT) for removal and control of *Arundo donax* and other invasive plant species along Malibu Creek to implement the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan, approved by the Conservancy on August 2, 2001. This authorization is subject to the condition that prior to the disbursement of any funds, the MRT shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work program, budget, and schedule and the names of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the work.”

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 purposes and criteria of Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31251-31270) regarding enhancement of coastal resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines adopted by the Conservancy on January 24, 2001.
3. The project area has been identified in the certified Local Coastal Program of Los Angeles County as requiring public action to resolve existing or potential resource protection problems.
4. The Mountains Restoration Trust 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 California Public Resources Code.”

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**E. COMPTON CREEK**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) to augment a previous Conservancy authorization to the San Gabriel & Los Angeles Rivers Watershed Council (Council) to complete a technical design report focusing on the feasibility of habitat enhancement and trail access improvement projects along a 2.8 mile section of Compton Creek in Los Angeles County. Prior to the disbursement of any additional funds, the Council shall submit for review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a revised work plan, budget and project schedule.”

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 purposes set forth in Chapters 6 and 9 of Division 21 of the California Public Code (Sections 31251-70 and 31400-09) and with the authority of the Conservancy under Public Resources Code Section 31111 to award grants to non-profit organizations for these purposes.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines adopted by the Conservancy on September 20, 2007.
3. The Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council is a nonprofit organization existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

**F. ROSE CREEK WATERSHED**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred thirty seven thousand six hundred dollars (\$237,600) to San Diego EarthWorks (also known as San Diego Earth Day) for completion of an analysis of the hydrologic, hydraulic, sediment transport, and geomorphic conditions of the Rose Creek watershed and development of restoration alternatives, subject to the condition that, prior to the disbursement of any funds, San Diego EarthWorks shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work program, including scope of work, budget and schedule, and the names of any contractors it intends to use to carry out the project.”

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

1. The proposed project is consistent with the purposes and criteria of Chapter 6 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31251-31270) regarding the enhancement of coastal resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, last adopted by the Conservancy on September 20, 2007.
3. San Diego Earth Day (also known as San Diego EarthWorks) 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.”

**G. GUALALA ACCESS TRAILS**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby revises the Gualala Trails public access project approved by the Conservancy on May 18, 2005 by removing the planned construction of cable steps and trail improvements to the beach at St. Orres in Gualala, Mendocino County, and adding the construction of up to two viewing platforms with interpretive panels above the highly erosive bluff at Saint Orres Creek.”

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 Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, last updated by the Conservancy on September 20, 2007.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the implementation of a system of public accessways to and along the state’s coastline.
3. The Redwood Coast Land Conservancy is a private 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 project will serve greater than local needs.”

**H. KLAMATH RIVER**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to evaluate water-quality benefits associated with dam removal,

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to refine studies regarding the likely biological impacts of dam removal and their avoidance or offset, and to develop a dam-removal plan."

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 (Section 31251 *et. seq.*) of Division 21 of the Public Resource Code regarding the enhancement of coastal resources.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines adopted by the Conservancy on September, 2007."

Moved and seconded. All consent items were approved by a vote of 5-0.

**14. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Executive Officer, Sam Schuchat provided the following updates:

1. EIR/EIS – South Bay Salt Ponds completed December 28, 2007. Congratulations to Bay Staff
2. Klamath River Dam Removal – grant approved with agreement by Tribes, Water users, Pacific Corp and Department of Fish and Game
3. Trish Chapman provided an update on the San Clemente Dam Update removal project.

**15. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT**

No report was given

**16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no board comments

**17. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment

**18. CLOSED SESSION**

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The Conservancy conferred with staff negotiators regarding the possible acquisition of interests in real property around the San Clemente Dam on the Carmel River in Monterey County. The session was closed to the public pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(7).

**19. CLOSED SESSION**

The Conservancy conferred with staff counsel regarding *Sonoma Land Trust v. Port Sonoma Associates et al.*, Sonoma County Superior Court Case No. SCV-239392. The session was closed to the public pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e).

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.