

**STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)
Dayna Bochco (Coastal Commission Chair)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Natural Resources)
Karen Finn (Designated, Department of Finance)

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

No oversight members attended.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
Jack Judkins, Staff Counsel
Deborah Smith, Supervising Attorney General

LOCATION:

City of Fort Bragg Town Hall
363 North Main Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

1. ROLL CALL

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Dayna Bochco (Coastal Commission Chair)
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Natural Resources)
Karen Finn (Designated, Department of Finance)

- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy's September 28, 2018 public meeting.
Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Bosco asked the board if any consent items needed to be removed. The consent calendar was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

A. SALT MARSH SUSTAINABILITY IN HUMBOLDT BAY

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to two hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) in federal grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to augment an existing contract with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to expand the ongoing assessment of sediment supply, sediment contaminants, water quality, and salt marsh sustainability in Humboldt Bay. Prior to the Conservancy’s disbursement of funds, USGS shall submit for the approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer the names and qualifications of any subcontractors to be employed and evidence that all permits, approvals, and any access agreements necessary for the work have been obtained.”

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 (Coastal and Marine Resource Protection) and Section 31113 (climate change) of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

B. MATTHEW TURNER

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the Executive Officer to disburse \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) to Call of the Sea to construct the brigantine *Matthew Turner* for use as an educational ship.

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds, Call of the Sea shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:
 - a. A work program, including budget and schedule, and the names of any contractors to be hired.
 - b. A plan for public acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
 - c. Evidence that Call of the Sea has entered into any agreements determined by the Executive Officer to be necessary to protect the public interest in 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. Call of the Sea 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.”

C. CARPINTERIA RINCON COASTAL TRAIL

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby augments its December 2, 2010 authorization (Exhibit 2) to disburse \$50,000 to the City of Carpinteria (the City), by authorizing the disbursement of an additional one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the City to prepare design and additional environmental compliance documents for the Rincon segment of the California Coastal Trail in Santa Barbara County. Prior to the commencement of work and the disbursement of additional funds, the City shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a detailed work program, schedule and budget, and the names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the additional work.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization remains consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The project will serve greater than local needs.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the *Proposed Final Mitigated Negative Declaration Rincon Trail 15-1760-CUP/CDP (MND)* adopted by the City of Carpinteria on May 4, 2015 and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as mitigated avoids, reduces or mitigates the possible significant environmental effects and that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment.”

D. RAMONA GARDENS

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to

Community Conservation Solutions (CCS) to augment a previous Conservancy authorization to CCS to plan and design a multiple benefit green infrastructure park at the Ramona Gardens Housing Development in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of the city of Los Angeles, subject to the same conditions detailed in the February 2, 2017 staff recommendation (Exhibit 2).”

E. MALIBU COASTAL ACCESS PUBLIC WORKS PLAN

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby augments its December 6, 2012 authorization to provide an additional disbursement of up to six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for preparation of the Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan for selected sites in the City of Malibu, Los Angeles County, and authorizes its Executive Officer to take any other planning actions needed to further public access at these sites. This authorization is subject to the same conditions imposed by the December 6, 2012 authorization.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed project, as augmented, remains consistent with the Conservancy’s findings adopted on December 6, 2012 and with the staff recommendation of that same date, attached as Exhibit 2 to the accompanying staff recommendation, with respect to the Conservancy’s enabling legislation, Coastal Act and Local Coastal Program Policies, and the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. The proposed project, as augmented, is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, and updated Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives.”

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Amy Hutzal, Deputy Executive Officer, provided an update on the progress developing the new five-year (2018-2022) strategic plan for the Coastal Conservancy.

Mary Small, Deputy Executive Officer, provided the Conservancy annual financial report. An overall picture of the agency’s funding and a conceptual plan for funding over the next five years.

B. Approval of the 2018 Conservancy meeting schedule. Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

C. Amendment to the Conservancy’s conflict-of-interest code. Johanna Collins of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy approves amendments to its Conflict-of-Interest Code, codified at 14 California Code of Regulations § 13800, as shown in Exhibit 1 to the

accompanying staff recommendation, and directs the Executive Officer to take actions necessary to provide public notice of, finalize, and codify these amendments, or substantially similar amendments, to the code.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that amendment of the Conservancy’s conflict-of-interest code is necessary to reflect the current staff composition and duties and to implement the requirements of §§ 87300 through 87302, and § 87306 of the Government Code. These amendments are authorized by § 87306 of the Government Code, § 31102 of the Public Resources Code and 2 Cal. Code of Regs. § 18752.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

D. Deborah Ruddock, Legislative Affairs Specialist, presented the legislative report to the board.

NORTH COAST

5. ORICK MILL SITE RESTORATION PROJECT

Su Corbaley of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Christine Aralia, Project Manager at Save the Redwoods League

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to four hundred ninety-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$497,500) to Save-the-Redwoods League to prepare habitat restoration and enhancement designs and environmental review documents for the Orick Mill Site Restoration Project at the former Orick Mill Site in Humboldt County, subject to the condition that prior to the disbursement of funds, Save-the-Redwoods League shall submit for review and approval by the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a work program including a schedule and budget, and the names and qualifications of all contractors to be retained for 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 Section 31111 and 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.

3. The proposed project is located in an area identified in the Humboldt County Local Coastal Plan as requiring public action to resolve existing or potential resource protection problems.
4. Save-the-Redwoods League 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.

6. TEN MILE RIVER

Lisa Ames of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Dan Porter, California Forests Project Director of The Nature Conservancy.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to acquire a conservation easement over approximately 23,000 acres of the Lyme Redwood Forest Company property, Mendocino County Assessor Parcel Nos. that are shown on Exhibit 2 to the accompanying staff recommendation.

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of any Conservancy funds for the acquisition, TNC shall submit for review and approval by the Conservancy’s Executive Officer:
 - a. All relevant acquisition documents, including but not limited to an appraisal, terms of the conservation easement, environmental assessment, agreement of purchase and sale, escrow instructions, and documents related to title,
 - b. Evidence that it has obtained all funds necessary to complete the acquisition.
2. The property interests acquired with these funds shall be permanently protected for open space preservation, fish and wildlife habitat conservation, environmental restoration and sustainable timber production in a manner acceptable to the Conservancy’s Executive Officer.
3. TNC shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Conservancy’s Executive Officer.
4. The terms of the grant agreement with TNC and the conservation easement acquired with these funds shall be consistent with the Conservancy’s ‘Conservation Easement Standards and Practices Governing Grants for the Acquisition of Conservation Easements’.”

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. TNC is a nonprofit organization recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code whose purposes are consistent with the Conservancy’s enabling legislation (Division 21 of the Public Resources Code).”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

SOUTH COAST

7. PHASE 2 OF THE JUNIPERO SERRA MUSEUM INTERPRETIVE MASTER PLAN

Julie Elkin of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Julie Richards, Executive Officer of the San Diego River Conservancy.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to seven hundred ninety-nine thousand eight hundred forty five dollars (\$799,845) to the San Diego River Conservancy to implement Phase 2 of the *Junípero Serra Museum Interpretive Plan* subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of any Coastal Conservancy funds, the San Diego River Conservancy shall submit for review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Coastal Conservancy a work program including a detailed budget and schedule, and the names of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the work.
2. Coastal Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining at the project site or at other appropriate locations a sign or emblem, the design, placement and duration of which shall be approved by the Coastal Conservancy Executive Office.

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Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 7 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding urban waterfront restoration.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project SelectionCriteria and Guidelines.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

8. DEL AMO NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Julie Elkin of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to \$1,000,000 to Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (“the grantee”) to construct the Del Amo Neighborhood Park urban greening project located in the unincorporated neighborhood of West Carson in south Los Angeles County, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work program, including budget and schedule, any contractors to be employed for these work program tasks, and a plan for acknowledging Conservancy funding of the project and acknowledging Proposition 1 as the source of the funding, including signs;
2. Prior to the disbursement of funds, the grantee shall submit evidence that all funds required to complete project construction have been secured.
3. Prior to commencing the project, the grantee shall enter into and record an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(c) sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.
4. In implementing the project the grantee shall comply with all mitigation measures as well as monitoring and reporting requirements for the project that are identified in the Del Amo Neighborhood Park Mitigated Negative Declaration approved by the County of Los Angeles on July 11, 2017, attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4, and in any permits, approvals or additional environmental documents required for the project.”

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Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Section 31113, regarding impacts of climate change) and Chapter 5.5, regarding integrated coastal and marine resource protection, of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. Los Angeles Neighborhood Land 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 Public Resources Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Del Amo Neighborhood Park Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the County of Los Angeles on July 11, 2017 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as mitigated avoids, reduces or mitigates the possible 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 proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

9. SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL

Greg Gauthier of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed two million three hundred thousand dollars (\$2,300,000) to the Riverside County Regional Parks and Open Space District (District) for design, engineering and other studies, assessments, procedures and documentation needed for environmental review for the Santa Ana River Trail segment that is adjacent to the Green River Golf Course and connects to the Orange County Line.

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to disbursement of funds to the District, the Conservancy’s Executive Officer shall review and approve in writing a final work program, including a budget and schedule, and any contractors the District proposes to employ for the project.

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2. To the extent appropriate, the District 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 Santa Ana Trail segment design.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program and funding for recreational opportunities and trails, and with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the establishment of a system of public accessways to and along the California coast.
2. The proposed project will serve greater than local needs.
3. The proposed authorization is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

10. SANTA ANNA RIVER TRAIL ON TOP OF THE PRADO DAM

Greg Gauthier of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) to the Riverside County Regional Parks and Open Space District (District) for construction of a trail access ramp and sewer stub line for a future trailhead staging area for the Santa Ana River Trail on top of the Prado Dam auxiliary embankment.

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to disbursement of funds to the District, the Conservancy's Executive Officer shall review and approve in writing:
 - a. A final work program, including a budget and schedule, and any contractors that will be retained for the project.

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- b. Written agreements for implementation of the project improvements with the Orange County Flood Control District and with the City of Corona, which provide for the construction, maintenance and the use of the improvements for the Santa Ana River Trail and which protect the public interest in the improvements
2. The District shall ensure that the project improvements are consistent with the Conservancy's 'Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development' and with all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations and guidelines governing access for persons with disabilities.
3. In implementing the project, the District shall ensure compliance with 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"), attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3, or in any permits, approvals or additional environmental documentation required for 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 the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program and funding for recreational opportunities and trails, and with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the establishment of a system of public accessways to and along the California Coast.
2. The proposed project will serve greater than local needs.
3. The proposed authorization is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
4. The Conservancy has independently considered the IS/MND (attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3) adopted by the District on April 10, 2012, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (included in the attached Exhibit 3 to the staff recommendation) developed to mitigate potentially significant environmental effects, and finds that the project as designed 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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Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

11. PECTEN REEF HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Deborah Ruddock of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Josie Bennett, Ecologist with Laguna Canyon Foundation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of six hundred seventy-seven thousand four hundred dollars (\$677,400) to the Laguna Canyon Foundation (“Foundation”) for restoration of approximately 26 acres of wetland, riparian, transitional and upland habitat in the Pecten Reef area of Aliso Creek, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of Conservancy funds, the Foundation shall submit for review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a final work plan, including the names of any contractors to be used in completion of the project, a project schedule and budget, and evidence that the Foundation has obtained all necessary permits and approvals.
2. The Foundation shall enter into a written agreement with the county regarding operation and maintenance of the project.
3. The Foundation shall acknowledge Conservancy funding by erecting and maintaining a sign or signs on the property, the design and location of which has been approved by the Executive Officer.
4. In implementing the project the Foundation shall ensure compliance with all applicable mitigation measures for the project that are identified in the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (“IS/MND”) attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4, in the consultant memos attached as Exhibits 6 and 7, or in any permits, approvals or additional environmental documents required for 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 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Section 31220), regarding integrated coastal and marine resources.

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2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Foundation 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 information contained in the attached IS/MND developed to mitigate potentially significant environmental effects, pursuant to its responsibilities under the California Environmental Quality Act. The IS/MND identifies potentially significant effects from implementation of the project in the areas of biological, cultural, and paleontological resources. The Conservancy finds that the project as designed 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 will have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

12. BIG CANYON NATURE PARK

Evyan Sloane of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to six hundred forty thousand dollars (\$640,000) to the Newport Bay Conservancy to conduct feasibility studies and prepare designs, engineering, environmental analysis, and permit applications for the restoration of approximately 19.2 acres of coastal sage upland, riparian, and freshwater marsh habitats at Big Canyon Nature Park. Prior to the disbursement of funds, the Newport Bay Conservancy shall submit for review and written approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work program, including budget and schedule, and any contractors to be employed under the grant.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Section 31111 of the Public Resources Code regarding grants to undertake plans and feasibility studies, and with Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding enhancement of coastal resources.

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

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

13. WILDCAT CREEK

Avra Heller 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 three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) to the City of San Pablo to conduct riparian restoration and develop a portion of the Wildcat Greenway Trail on City property from Church Lane to Vale Road, in the City of San Pablo. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. The project shall not commence and no Conservancy funds shall be disbursed for the project until the Executive Officer of the Conservancy has reviewed and approved in writing:
 - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
 - b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
 - c. A signage plan that acknowledges Conservancy funding, and Proposition 1 as the source of that funding.
 - d. Documentation that the City of San Pablo has obtained all permits and approvals required for the project under federal, state, and local law.”

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.”

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Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

14. SUSCOL HEADWATERS PRESERVE

Jessica Davenport of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: John Woodbury, General Manager of the Napa Regional Park and Open Space District

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (“the District”) for acquisition of the final 298 acres (“the property”) of the 709-acre property known as Suscol Headwaters Preserve (Assessor Parcel Numbers 045-360-016 (part) and 045-360-017(part)), as shown in Exhibit 1. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to disbursement of any funds for acquisition of the property, the District 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) documentation that all other funds necessary for the acquisition have been obtained.
2. The District 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.
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 the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code Sections (31160 *et seq.*), regarding the Conservancy’s mandate to address the resource and recreational goals of the San

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Francisco Bay Area.

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

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

15. LIVING SCHOOLYARDS PROGRAM

Jessica Davenport of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed five hundred sixty-six thousand dollars (\$566,000) to the Trust for Public Land to design and implement a pilot project that will replace asphalt with climate-appropriate, native plantings, trees, vegetable gardening spaces, bioswales, and nature-based outdoor education and play areas on the grounds of five public schools serving disadvantaged communities, subject to the following conditions:

1. No Conservancy funds shall be disbursed for the project until the Executive Officer of the Conservancy has reviewed and approved in writing:
 - a. A final work plan, including a budget and schedule.
 - b. The name and qualifications of any contractors that the Trust for Public Land intends to retain to carry out the project.
 - c. A signage plan that acknowledges Conservancy funding.
 - d. A written agreement between the Trust for Public Land and the Oakland Unified School District, and any other necessary agreements, allowing the project to be implemented, maintained, and monitored, and protecting the public interest in the project.
2. The Trust for Public Land shall provide evidence that all necessary permits and approvals have been obtained.”

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.

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3. The Trust for Public Land 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

16. SOUTH BAY SALT POND RESTORATION PROJECT

Brenda Buxton of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy authorizes the disbursement of up to \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) to Save San Francisco Bay Association (Save the Bay) to design, propagate, translocate, and monitor native plant species in order to vegetate habitat transition zone constructed as part of Phase 2 of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project at the Ravenswood Ponds (Exhibit 2), as well as organize the volunteer implementation program subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of any Conservancy funds for the project, Save the Bay shall submit for the review and approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer: a work program for the project site including schedule and budget, the names of any contractors it intends to use to complete the improvements at that site, and a sign and acknowledgement plan.
2. Prior to commencing the project, Save the Bay shall enter an agreement with the landowner, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, which provides access to the property and designates entities responsible for operations and maintenance.
3. In carrying out the project, Save the Bay shall comply with all applicable mitigation and monitoring measures that are identified in the *Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report, South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project – Phase 2* and in the *2007 South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report* or that are required by any permit or approval.”

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 mandate to address the resource and recreational goals of the San Francisco Bay area.

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2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Conservancy considered and certified the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report, South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project – Phase 2 (Final Phase 2 EIS/R) and made findings pursuant to its duties as a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on May 26, 2016.
4. The proposed project in the Ravenswood Ponds is consistent with the project described in the Final Phase 2 EIS/R. The Final Phase 2 EIS/R analyzed impacts related to the creation of the habitat transition zone. The addition of plants to these habitat transition zones after they have been created is environmentally beneficial for reasons detailed in the accompanying staff recommendation. No further environmental analysis is required because the proposed project does not create any new significant environmental effects or substantially increase the severity of previously identified environmental effects.
5. Save the Bay 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.

17. REDWOOD CREEK

Kelly Malinowski 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 and fifty-nine thousand four hundred dollars (\$259,400) to Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet (“Acterra”) to restore a degraded reach of Redwood Creek, install interpretive signs, and conduct associated community engagement, in the City of Redwood City, San Mateo County, subject to the following condition:

1. The project shall not commence and no Conservancy funds shall be disbursed for the project until the Executive Officer of the Conservancy has reviewed and approved in writing:
 - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
 - b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
 - c. A plan for signage that acknowledges Conservancy funding.
 - d. Documentation that all permits and approvals required for the project under federal, state, and local law have been obtained.

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- e. Evidence that Acterra has entered into a written agreement with the City of Redwood City sufficient to enable Acterra to carry out 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.
3. Acterra 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.

18. BEL MARIN KEYS

Jeff Melby of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for implementation of the first phase of restoration of the Bel Marin Keys Unit V component of the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project and authorizes relocation of Novato Sanitary District’s pipeline easement across the Bel Marin Keys V property.”

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 Conservancy has reviewed the *Bel Marin Keys Wetland Restoration Phase 1 Project Addendum to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report Environmental Impact Statement for the Bel Marin Keys Unit V Expansion of Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project*, which has been completed in compliance with CEQA and reflects the Conservancy’s independent judgment and analysis, and concluded that the

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proposed first phase of restoration of the Bel Marin Keys Unit V component of the HWRP is substantially consistent with the restoration of BMKV as described in the *Final SEIR/S for the BMKV Expansion of the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project*, which was certified by the Conservancy on June 16, 2005, and will not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

STATEWIDE

19. EXPLORE THE COAST OF CALIFORNIA

Joel Gerwein of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to five hundred ninety-four thousand, one hundred twenty-four dollars (\$594,124) to the following nonprofit organizations and public agencies for 18 projects that facilitate and enhance the public’s opportunities to explore the coast of California (presented in alphabetical order):

- County of Santa Cruz: Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for recreation and education activities for underserved girls, Santa Cruz County.
- Crystal Cove Alliance: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for transportation, education, and stewardship activities for underserved youth, Orange County.
- Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy: Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for outreach and transportation for underserved populations, San Francisco, Marin, and San Mateo counties.
- Greater Farallones Association: Seventeen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$17,250) for transportation and educational activities for low-income youth, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties.
- Heal the Bay: Thirty-five thousand five hundred dollars (\$35,500) for transportation, outreach, education and recreation activities for low-income and underserved populations, Los Angeles County.
- LandPaths: Forty-nine thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars (\$49,820) for transportation, outreach, education, and recreation activities for underserved low-income, Latino, and wheelchair-bound residents, Sonoma County.
- Los Angeles Waterkeeper: Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for outreach and education activities for underserved and at-risk youth, Los Angeles County.

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- Lost Coast Camp: Eighteen thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$18,850) for transportation and recreation for low-income and underserved youth, Humboldt County.
- MeWater Foundation: Twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) for equipment, transportation, outreach, and recreation activities for underserved youth and families, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties.
- O'Neill Sea Odyssey: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for bus transportation and environmental education for underserved and disabled elementary school students, Santa Cruz County.
- Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for transportation, education and recreation activities for tribal youth and young adults, Los Angeles County.
- Point Bonita YMCA: Forty-nine thousand four hundred and twenty-six dollars (\$49,426) for transportation, outreach and education programs for underserved youth, Marin County.
- San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy: Forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$49,500) for transportation, outreach, education and stewardship activities for underserved students, San Diego County.
- Social Good Fund: Forty nine thousand six hundred and fifty-three dollars (\$49,653) for outreach and education for women and girls, San Mateo County.
- The B-Rad Foundation: Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for transportation, recreation, education and stewardship activities for at-risk youth, Sonoma County.
- The Ocean Foundation: Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for outreach, education, and recreation activities for underserved students, San Diego County.
- Ventana Wildlife Society: Thirty-six thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$36,125) for transportation, education, and recreation activities for underserved youth, Monterey County.
- Yurok Tribe: Thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) for outreach, transportation, education and recreation activities for underserved youth and the general public, Del Norte and Humboldt Counties.

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."

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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 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); 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 County of Santa Cruz’s “GIRLS Explore the Coast” project will bring underserved middle school girls from the Watsonville area to coastal locations for educational and coastal programs as part of a comprehensive program to provide them with educational support, and foster their social and emotional health and development, thus serving more than a local need.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

20. CLOSED SESSION

Public meeting closed at 12:09 P.M. for a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(A) to confer regarding *Russ, et al. v. California State Coastal Conservancy*, Humboldt County Superior Court, Case No. CV170269.

Meeting re-opened to the public at 12:22 P.M.

21. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Conservancy member comments.

22. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

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23. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 P. M