

COASTAL CONSERVANCY

Staff Recommendation

September 6, 2018

EXPLORE THE COAST GRANTS PROGRAM – 2018-2019

Project No. 18-024-01

Project Manager: Trish Chapman/Mary Small

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorization to disburse up to \$824,499 to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for 27 projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore the California coast throughout the State.

LOCATION: Various locations along the California coast (Exhibit 1)

PROGRAM CATEGORY: Coastal Education and Public Accessways

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: [Project Locations](#)

Exhibit 2: [Explore the Coast Grant Announcement & Application](#)

Exhibit 3: [Project Letters](#)

RESOLUTION AND FINDINGS:

Staff recommends that the State Coastal Conservancy adopt the following resolution pursuant to Sections 31119 and 31400-31410 of the Public Resources Code:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to eight hundred twenty-four thousand, four hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$824,499) to the following nonprofit organizations and public agencies for 27 projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore the California coast (presented in alphabetical order):

- City Surf Project: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a surfing and coastal stewardship program, San Francisco, San Mateo, Marin, and Santa Cruz Counties.
- Community Partners (Fiscal Sponsor for Bike San Gabriel Valley): Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a coastal field trip program via public transportation and bicycles, Los Angeles and Orange County.
- Earth Island Institute (Fiscal Sponsor for KIDS for the BAY): Forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for a field-trip based environmental education project for underserved students, Alameda and Contra Costa County.
- Earth Team: Seventeen thousand six hundred ten dollars (\$17,610) for a coastal hiking, kayaking and environmental education project for high school students, Alameda and Contra Costa County.

- Environmental Traveling Companions: Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for a sea kayaking, coastal recreation, and environmental education project for disabled and disadvantaged youth, Marin County.
- Friends of the Los Angeles River: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a field-trip based coastal watershed environmental education project for students in grades 2-12, Los Angeles and Orange County.
- Friends of the Santa Clara River: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a field-trip based coastal watershed environmental education project for students in grades 2-7, Ventura County.
- Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center: Forty-eight thousand one hundred one dollars (\$48,101) for a field-trip based, coastal environmental education project for Guadalupe elementary school students, Santa Barbara County.
- Lake Tahoe Community College: Eleven thousand six hundred twenty-two dollars (\$11,622) for a field-trip based, coastal environmental education program for community college students from eastern regions of the State, Marin County.
- Northcoast Environmental Center DBA Humboldt Baykeeper: Thirty-four thousand seven hundred thirty dollars (\$34,730) for its Humboldt Bay Explorations Program, Humboldt County.
- Ocean Discovery Institute: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for its Ocean Science Exploration program, including bus transportation, for students from the community of City Heights, San Diego County.
- O'Neill Sea Odyssey: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for bus transportation and an ocean-based environmental education project for underserved and disabled elementary school students, Santa Cruz County.
- Outdoor Outreach: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for its Coastal Adventure Club Program involving coastal kayaking, surfing, biking, and other trips for disadvantaged youth, San Diego County.
- Outward Bound California: Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for its Educational Coastal Expeditions for Youth Leadership Development program, including backpacking and kayaking trips, San Francisco County.
- Pediatric-Adolescent Diabetes Research and Education (PADRE) Foundation: Sixteen thousand seven hundred dollars (\$16,700) for its Catalina Island Adventure Camp for youth with Type 1 diabetes, Los Angeles County.
- Redwood Community Action Agency: Twenty-seven thousand six hundred thirty-six dollars (\$27,636) for interpretive, docent-led bicycle trips along the Eureka waterfront, Humboldt County.
- Roosevelt Middle School: Three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200) for a coastal backpacking experience with an emphasis on stewardship for middle school girls, Marin County.

- Sempervirens Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Amah Mutsun Land Trust): Forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$49,500) for a summer camp program for Native American youth, San Mateo and Santa Cruz County.
- Sierra Club Foundation (Fiscal Sponsor for Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors): Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for a field-trip based, coastal environmental education and stewardship program for low-income youth and their families, Los Angeles and Orange County.
- Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management (Fiscal Sponsor for Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples): Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for coastal field trips as part of an environmental justice program for Native American youth, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and Sacramento County.
- Social Good Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Brown Girl Surf): Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a surfing and ocean education program for underserved women and girls, San Mateo County.
- Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation: Forty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$46,500) for an integrated recreation, education and leadership coastal experience for Sonoma County youth, Sonoma County.
- Surfrider Foundation Los Angeles Chapter: Seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$7,200) for a surfing and environmental education experience for low-income, inner-city youth, Los Angeles County.
- The Wahine Project: Five thousand two hundred dollars (\$5,200) for a surfing and stewardship program for underserved girls, Monterey County.
- Trinidad Coastal Land Trust: Twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$26,500) for docent-led hikes for kindergarten to university age students as well as the general public, Humboldt County.
- Wildcoast: Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for a field-trip based Marine Protected Area education and stewardship project, San Diego County.
- YMCA of San Francisco: Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for its Y Rangers coastal environmental education overnight camp for underserved youth, Marin County.

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."

Staff further recommends that the Conservancy adopt the following 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, 4.5 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); the resource and recreational goals in the San Francisco Bay Area (Ch. 4.5); 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 Sonoma County Regional Parks' "Youth Exploring the Sonoma Coast (Yes-Coast)" project will both bring youth from inland and/or underserved communities outside of the coastal zone to coastal locations for educational and coastal programs, thus serving more than a local need."

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The proposed authorization is to provide up to \$824,499 to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for 27 projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore the coast of California under the Conservancy's Explore the Coast (ETC) grants program. The purpose of the ETC grants program is to support activities that allow more people to visit California's spectacular coast and/or enhance visitors' experiences. The ETC grants program includes projects that enhance visitors' ability to learn about natural, recreational, cultural, and historic resources of the California and San Francisco Bay shorelines. A wide range of activities are eligible for ETC grants including transportation for underserved communities to the coast for a variety of experiences, and educational events and programming. The ETC grants program solicitation was released in February 2018 and was widely distributed. (See Exhibit 2.)

By the April 16, 2018 submission deadline, the Conservancy received 74 project proposals, requesting over \$2.7 million in Conservancy funding. Of the 74 proposed projects submitted, 27 are recommended for funding under this grant round. In making its funding recommendation, staff considered each project's needs, its overall benefits, and the extent of competing demands for funds. Projects recommended for funding meet one or more of the following priorities:

- Provides a coastal experience for people that may face challenges getting to or enjoying the coast (such as lower-income people, people with disabilities, English as a Second Language (ESL) communities, and students from Title 1 schools).
- Creates opportunities for people to visit the coast for the first time.
- Provides a valuable recreational, environmental, cultural, or historic learning experience.
- Increases stewardship of coastal resources.

In addition, priority was given to non-capital improvement projects generally not eligible for bond funding.

Staff estimates that the proposed 2018-2019 ETC grant program will engage approximately 18,260 people through the proposed fieldtrip projects. Project partners estimate that nearly 9,000 of these people will take their first trip to the California Coast through the program. It's also estimated to serve over 15,000 low-income Californians and 8,800 people for whom English is not their first language.

Staff recommends funding the following 27 projects for the 2018-2019 ETC grants program. The projects are arranged alphabetically by grantee. Each individual project summary includes the grantee; project name; recommended funding amount; geographic region; a brief project description; and information on the consistency of the proposed project with the Conservancy's proposed funding source, its enabling legislation, and its Strategic Plan. In addition, each project summary provides relevant information for project compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

CITY SURF PROJECT

\$40,000

Surfing 101 Program Expansion

San Francisco Bay Area

The City Surf Project (CSP) connects underserved youth from San Francisco with the ocean through surf clinics. CSP works with the San Francisco Unified School District as well as multiple non-profit partners to provide full-supported opportunities for students to surf and learn about their local coastline. Along with technical aspects of surfing, CSP clinics teach teenagers about water safety, fitness, and ocean stewardship. By learning to become comfortable in the ocean, CSP students build self-confidence and discover tools necessary to overcome boundaries, both in and out of the water. CSP surf classes include transportation, equipment, instruction and supervision in and out of the water. Students are accompanied in the water by CSP staff and volunteers, where they learn to surf, at first by being pushed into waves and then eventually learning to paddle into them on their own. While at the beach, students are instructed on ocean conditions, tides and conservation practices. CSP expects to serve approximately 400 youth, with 99% from low income households or Title 1 schools.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of San Francisco's Ocean Beach, the Hook and Pleasure Point in Santa Cruz, Point Reyes National Seashore, and Bolinas Beach.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by providing lower-income students with surfing lessons and an ocean stewardship program.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The City Surf Project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by bringing students, many of whom have never seen the ocean, to the ocean and teaching concepts of ocean stewardship.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the beaches that will be visited with no expansion of use.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS (Fiscal Sponsor for Bike San Gabriel Valley)
#GoCoastal | Ride to the Sea

\$40,000
South Coast

The “#GoCoastal” program will introduce residents of the San Gabriel Valley’s most pollution-burdened and park-poor communities to the coast via a series of transit and active transportation day trips. #GoCoastal will take families and students on participatory, educational day tours including Transit-to-the-Sea day trips via Metro and Metrolink and Active Transit Bike Ride Adventures along the region’s greenway network (including the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel River Paths). The bike rides will be led by nationally-certified bicycle safety instructors and supported by certified mechanics. Participants will also have the opportunity to borrow an electric-assist bicycle for the ride to the beach via the San Gabriel Valley Bicycle Education Center. The bilingual program will offer residents of some of the state’s highest need and most pollution-burdened communities the opportunity to experience California’s iconic coastline in a manner they can later replicate on their own. Program organizers will integrate watershed education into each tour, utilizing rest stops and transit time to share information about the waterways and coastal conservation issues.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of Junipero Beach in Long Beach, Seal Beach Pier and Beach, Santa Monica Pier and Beach, and Doheny State Beach.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by organizing trips to the coast for families and students via public transportation and active transportation such as bicycles.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The Bike San Gabriel Valley Project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by bringing families and students to the coast for participatory, educational day trips, that will include teaching concepts of ocean stewardship.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the beaches and waterfronts that will be visited with no expansion of use.

EARTH ISLAND INSTITUTE (Fiscal Sponsor for Kids for the Bay) \$45,000
Watershed Action Program - Coastal Connections Project San Francisco Bay Area

The Watershed Action Program – Coastal Connections Project will facilitate environmental education and hands-on experiences for approximately 600 underserved students from urban schools in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Students will learn how their neighborhood watershed connects with the San Francisco Bay watershed and the Pacific Ocean. Classroom lessons and action projects will focus on understanding the local watershed ecosystem and how students can become environmental stewards. Field trips will bring students to local creeks, the San Francisco Bay, and the Pacific Ocean where they will engage in hands-on science and stewardship activities. Students will experience nature firsthand and see how their actions as a watershed steward can make a difference in their own neighborhood and the greater Bay Area.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described below and is thus consistent with the use of California Environmental License Plate Fund.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with Chapter 3, Section 31119(a)(1) regarding Coastal Education because it will provide coastal and bay watershed education and field trips to local creeks, the San Francisco Bay, and Pacific Ocean. The proposed project is also consistent with the Chapter 4.5: San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, Section 31165 because it provides environmental education about the bay and coast.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The Watershed Action Program-Coastal Connections project will facilitate Bay and Coastal education and stewardship through classroom activities and site visits.

San Francisco Bay Plan: The San Francisco Bay Plan includes policies to promote public access to and recreation along the San Francisco Bay Shoreline, with particular emphasis on the public being able to discover and experience the Bay’s natural resources. The proposed project is consistent with these policies because it will provide environmental education and encourage stewardship of Bay and marine resources by providing hands-on, onsite experiences at the Bay, local creeks, and the Pacific Ocean.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15322 (Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes) since it is an education program that involves no physical alteration to the affected areas.

EARTH TEAM

LEAF'19 Hiking Series

\$17,610

San Francisco Bay Area

Earth Team will lead a series of seven trips to different coastal locations to promote California coast exploration and stewardship. Students from low-income, east bay high schools will participate in eight teams of fourteen students, each led by Earth Team staff. Some trips will be day long and others will be overnight field trips to selected coastal destinations, including hiking segments of the California Coastal Trail. Participants will learn about coastal resources while also developing hiking, sea kayaking, and leadership skills.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of Point Reyes National Seashore, Tomales Bay State Park, Sausalito Bay, Muir Beach, and Wild Tender Ranch.

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 4.5: San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, Section 31162(a) because it improves public access to the bay and coast by organizing trips to the coast for low-income high school students. The proposed project is also consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because these trips will expand coastal access and enjoyment.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objective:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The project improves public understanding of coastal resources by providing coastal hiking and kayaking opportunities and environmental education for high school students that don’t typically have environmental education and camping opportunities.

San Francisco Bay Plan: The San Francisco Bay Plan includes policies to promote public access to and recreation along the San Francisco Bay Shoreline, with particular emphasis on the public being able to discover and experience the Bay’s natural resources. The proposed project is consistent with these policies because it will provide environmental education through hiking and kayaking trips around the Bay.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the beaches and bays that will be visited with no expansion of use.

ENVIRONMENTAL TRAVELING COMPANIONS

\$50,000

AccessAbility – ETC Bay Adventures

San Francisco Bay Area

This project will increase the capacity of Environmental Traveling Companions Sea Kayak Program to provide for approximately 375 Bay Area residents with disabilities and under-resourced youth with one- to three-day accessible and educational kayak trips. On each paddling adventure, participants will learn sea kayaking and safety techniques; gain a sense of place through maps and tide/current charts; receive outfitting with adaptive equipment as needed; paddle on Richardson or Tomales Bay; and enjoy lunch at a beach location with scenic vistas. Through “teachable moments,” on and off water, participants will learn about marine mammals and birds, local human history, and ocean health.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described below and is thus consistent with the use of California Environmental License Plate Fund.

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project will provide sea kayaking adventures in Tomales Bay and San Francisco Bay for people with disabilities and low-income youth and is thus consistent with the Chapter 4.5: San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, Sections 31162(a) and 31165 because it improves public access to the Bay for recreational and educational purposes. It is also consistent with Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because expands coastal access and enjoyment.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 2, Objective A:** The project expands opportunities for barrier-free access to and along the coast through the programs offered.
- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The project improves public understanding of coastal resources by providing kayaking opportunities for people with disabilities and low-income youth that would often not have these opportunities.
- **Strategic Plan Goal 13, Objective L:** The project expands opportunities for barrier-free access to natural areas in the San Francisco Bay Area

San Francisco Bay Plan: The San Francisco Bay Plan includes policies to promote public access to and recreation along the San Francisco Bay Shoreline, with particular emphasis on the public being able to discover and experience the Bay’s natural resources. The proposed project is consistent with these policies because it will provide environmental education and encourage stewardship of Bay and marine resources by providing hands-on, onsite experiences at the Bay.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves normal operations of the State Parks and other coastal locations that will be visited with no expansion of use.

FRIENDS OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER **\$40,000**
LA River Watershed Education and Coastal Exploration **South Coast**

Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) will engage about 750 students from Title 1 schools and their families through participation in the LA River Watershed Education and Coastal Exploration Project. Students will learn about the Los Angeles River watershed in their classrooms and both students and family members will go on field trips to the Long Beach Aquarium and the Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge. In addition, student will give Los Angeles River tours to their family members and participate in FoLAR’s 30th annual Great Los Angeles River CleanUp.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described below and is thus consistent with the use of California Environmental License Plate Fund.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with Chapter 3, Section 31119(a)(1) regarding Coastal Education because it will provide environmental education to students in grades 2-12 regarding coastal resources and their relationship to a coastal watershed.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project increases public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by educating students about the Los Angeles River and bringing students to the coast for educational and stewardship activities.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15322 (Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes) since it is an education program that involves no physical alteration to any structures.

FRIENDS OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER **\$40,000**
Santa Clara River Scholars **South Coast**

Friends of the Santa Clara River will lead 72 field trips to the Santa Clara River Estuary and the beach for school classes within the watershed. The field trips will be tailored for different elementary grade school grades. The project will provide 24 classes with one field trip per year for three years. All of the field trips will be preceded by an in-class presentation and will be led by experienced adult guides. Field trips include both environmental education and outdoor recreation. Trips will be provided to schools asking to be included in the grant program and approximately 2,150 students will participate in this program. The teachers requesting to participate in the program estimate 75%-90% of the students have never been to the coast.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described below and is thus consistent with the use of California Environmental License Plate Fund.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with Chapter 3, Section 31119(a)(1) regarding Coastal Education because it will provide environmental education to students in grades 2-7 regarding coastal resources and their relationship to a coastal watershed.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project increases public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by providing educational field trips to the Santa Clara River Estuary and other spots along the river.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15322 (Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes) since it is an education program that involves no physical alteration to any structures.

GUADALUPE-NIPOMO DUNES CENTER **\$48,101**
Environmental Education for Elementary School Students **Central Coast**

The Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center will provide approximately 155 grade students in Guadalupe with an experiential environmental education program. The program will explore the characteristics of watersheds, coasts, and oceans. Students will participate in 12 classroom science-based experiments and interactive activities. Participating students will also go on three coastal field trips: to the Monterey Bay Aquarium; to Santa Cruz Island; and to Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Channel Islands National Park, Oso Flaco Lake Natural Area Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve, and the Santa Maria River Estuary. The proposed project is also consistent with the Conservancy's Enabling Legislation as described below and is thus consistent with the use of California Environmental License Plate Fund.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with Chapter 3, Section 31119(a)(1) regarding Coastal Education because it will provide environmental education project to elementary students regarding coastal watersheds, coastal resources and oceans. The proposed project is also consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by providing environmental education field trips to the coast for low-income students.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by providing environmental education field trips to the coast for low-income students.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15322 (Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes) since it is an education program that involves no physical alteration to any structures.

**LAKE TAHOE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LTCC Student Club Retreat**

**\$11,622
North Coast**

The Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC) Student Club will transport students to Point Reyes for a 3-night stay that includes interpretive programs, hiking, and a kayak trip. The program will focus on participation of low-income students, people with disabilities, and English language learners (ELL). The collaborative, student-driven trip will enable participants to interact with the coastal environment in an educational manner with a strong emphasis on stewardship, recreation, and confidence building. Although LTCC is located in a center for recreational activity, most of the low-income and ELL students have never experienced the outdoors due to financial and confidence barriers. In some instances, cultural barriers have also prevented these students from accessing and feeling comfortable on outdoor excursions. The trip will create opportunities for students to participate in outdoor recreation in a safe and supervised environment.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of Point Reyes National Seashore and Tomales Bay State Park.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by organizing educational field trips to the coast for community college students from eastern regions of California.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by bringing students to the coast for an experiential learning experience about coastal resources with a strong emphasis on stewardship.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the beaches and bay that will be visited with no expansion of use.

NORTHCOAST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER DBA HUMBOLDT BAYKEEPER

**\$34,730
North Coast**

Explore the Bay / Explora la Bahía

Humboldt Baykeeper will lead a set of public outings focused on creating opportunities for underserved residents to experience Humboldt Bay. Targeted participants include low-income families, English as Second Language students, foster youth and at risk teens. The program will include: kayak tours, motorboat tours, docent led coastal walking tours, teen fishing lessons, kayak-based clean-ups and coastal trail citizen science projects. This program is an expansion of Humboldt Baykeeper's ongoing, successful community outreach efforts involving free Bay tours, which began in 2005. They anticipate serving approximately 1,000 people with this grant.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of Hikshari' Trail kayak launch, Eureka Waterfront Trail, Bay Trail North, Indian Island, Arcata Marsh and wildlife Sanctuary, Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Freshwater Farms Preserve, and Humboldt Botanical Gardens. The proposed project is also consistent with the Conservancy's Enabling Legislation as described below and is thus consistent with the use of California Environmental License Plate Fund.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by organizing trips in and along Humboldt Bay students and families some of whom face significant barriers to accessing the coast.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by bringing students and families to the coast for recreational and educational experiences in and along Humboldt Bay.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the waterfront, trails and bay that will be visited with no expansion of use.

OCEAN DISCOVERY INSTITUTE

\$40,000

Ocean Science Exploration: Connecting Underserved Young People to the Coast

South Coast

The Ocean Discovery Institute will continue to run its “Ocean Science Explorers” program that provides standards-based ocean science education to 3rd through 8th grade public school students in the community of City Heights in San Diego. Program staff will visit participating classes between four and six times to implement three core components: hands-on experiential learning in the classroom, exploration at the coast to reinforce science concepts, and a local environmental service-learning project to empower students to make a difference. The program will also provide professional development and resources for the classroom teachers.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of the La Jolla Tide Pools, Children’s Pool Beach, Cuvier Park, South San Diego Bay Marine Biology Study Area, Mission Bay and Cabrillo National Monument.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by providing bus transportation for lower-income students to participate in a coastal science and environmental education program.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objective:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by providing field trips to study the coastal environment.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15322 (Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes) since it is an education program that involves no physical alteration to any structures.

O’NEILL SEA ODYSSEY

\$20,000

Transportation for Ocean Stewards

Central Coast

O’Neill Sea Odyssey (OSO) engages 4th - 6th grade youth with a hands-on science and environmental education field trip on a 65-foot catamaran on Monterey Bay and in a shore-side

education center. In addition, OSO provides standards-aligned, ocean-based curriculum for use in the classroom. The ETC grant will provide transportation to enable over 1,000 students to participate in the field trip. The catamaran includes three onboard learning stations: navigation, including compasses and triangulation; marine ecology, including the kelp forest, marine mammals, and human impacts on Monterey Bay; and marine biology, specifically examining and learning about plankton. These stations are complemented by three stations at an education center on land: navigation, including reading and plotting navigational charts; marine ecology, covering the water cycle, watersheds, and ocean pollution from land-based activities; and marine biology, where the plankton samples collected on the boat are examined further using microscopes. Teachers are provided with additional lessons they can implement at school before and after the trip. Participation is free of charge, but participating classes earn their trip by first completing an approved community service project such as the incubation of steelhead eggs, cleaning and restoring wetlands, or restoring sand dunes.

Funding: The project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of the OSO's catamaran and education center.

Enabling Legislation: The project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by enabling over 1,000 students to participate in an ocean-based educational fieldtrip.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objective:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by providing environmental education field trips onto Monterey Bay.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under Section 15322 (Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes) because it involves an educational program that will not physically alter the area affected.

OUTDOOR OUTREACH

Coastal Adventure Club Program

\$40,000

South Coast

Outdoor Outreach will provide about 200 coastal recreation and stewardship programs for approximately 1,000 vulnerable and disadvantaged youth in San Diego who face barriers to accessing or enjoying the coast. The programs will introduce young people to the coast through kayaking, surfing, biking, hiking. ETC funds will allow Outdoor Outreach to reduce barriers for young people to access and enjoy the coast, including providing transportation, equipment, and guided exploration by instructors who represent the diversity of the participants. Outdoor Outreach provides at-risk youth with a chance to explore their world, challenge themselves, discover their strengths, and with the opportunity to connect with positive peers and mentors who believe in their potential. Outdoor Outreach also provides a pathway to job and leadership opportunities including becoming instructors and peer mentors for other youth in the program.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of multiple State and local beaches in San Diego County, Batiqitos Lagoon, the Bayshore Bikeway, Crown Cove Aquatic Center, Chula Vista Bayfront

Park, Tijuana River Valley Regional Park, Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve, Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve, and the City of San Diego's Waterfront Park.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by providing coastal kayaking, surfing, biking, and other trips for disadvantaged youth.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by providing coastal experiences for disadvantaged youth.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the beaches and waterfronts that will be visited with no expansion of use.

OUTWARD BOUND CALIFORNIA **\$25,000**
Educational Coastal Expeditions for Youth Leadership Development **San Francisco Bay Area**

Outward Bound California (OBC) offers a portfolio of outdoor recreation programs in partnership with local schools and nonprofits in the San Francisco Bay Area. OBC's programs are arranged in progressions and customized to the needs of the partner organizations and their students. Students participate in one-day educational adventures, such as: hiking in the Marin Headlands; teambuilding activities at Baker Beach; or kayaking to Angel Island from Sausalito. Other students participate in a four- to five-day backpacking trips in Point Reyes National Seashore or Big Basin State Park. These expeditions involve a significant amount of physical challenge and teamwork, culminating with a final challenge--usually the students navigating their own way back to the trailhead without the direction of instructors. The program serves low-income youth of color, 100% of the participants will come from Title 1 schools. Participating youth will learn about natural, recreational, cultural, and historic resources of the California coast and San Francisco estuary while developing leadership skills and experience backpacking and kayaking.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Enabling Legislation as described below and is thus consistent with the use of California Environmental License Plate Fund.

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 4.5: San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, Section 31162(a) because it improves public access to the bay and coast by providing hiking, kayaking, and backpacking trips for underserved youth to the bay and coast. The proposed project is also consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because these trips will expand coastal access and enjoyment.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding of coastal resources by providing hiking, kayaking, and backpacking trips for underserved youth to the bay and coast.

San Francisco Bay Plan: The San Francisco Bay Plan includes policies to promote public access to and recreation along the San Francisco Bay Shoreline, with particular emphasis on the public being able to discover and experience the Bay’s natural resources. The proposed project is consistent with these policies because it will provide hiking and kayaking discovery trips to the Bay for underserved youth.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves normal operations of the beaches, State Parks and other coastal locations that will be visited with no expansion of use.

PEDIATRIC-ADOLESCENT DIABETES RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION

\$16,700

2019 Catalina Island Adventure Camp

South Coast

Pediatric-Adolescent Diabetes Research and Education (PADRE) Foundation’s Catalina Island Adventure Camp provides a medically supervised opportunity for youth with Type 1 diabetes to experience a three-day marine science camp on Catalina Island. The camp offers a rare combination of recreation, marine education, and education to prepare youth to confidently managing their Type 1 diabetes as an adult. Parents have assurance the event is medically supervised by professionals qualified in Type 1 diabetes care. Up to 105 participants, ages 11-17, will increase their knowledge and self-confidence with regard to specific aspects of diabetes self-management, such as insulin injection, use of an insulin pump, glucose monitoring, nutrition and exercise. The event also features marine life educational sessions led by the Long Beach Marine Institute, nature hikes, snorkeling, kayaking, tide pool study, squid dissection, astronomy and a variety of opportunities for personal growth. Participating youth build friendships with peers who have similar challenges and gain strength and support from each other.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of Campus by the Sea on Catalina Island.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by providing an overnight camping trip to Catalina Island for youth with Type 1 diabetes.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by providing a marine science camp experience for youth.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the camp and other coastal locations that will be visited with no expansion of use.

REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

\$27,636

Bikes on the Bay

North Coast

The Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) will coordinate with Eureka City Schools’ after-school bike clubs to develop a series of docent-led bicycle tours of the new waterfront trail.

Local bike outfitters, community groups, businesses, organizers and enthusiasts will be brought together to get low-income families and the community at large on bikes and enjoying our newest waterfront trail through these interpretive tours. Working with the Eureka City School and local bike clubs, RCAA will design the tours, and recruit and train docents. This will be done in part through educational programming at the schools and on the trail. RCAA will also work with social service providers to organize family and community tours. All participants on these half-day waterfront rides will be outfitted with bikes.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of the Eureka Waterfront Trail.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by organizing interpretive, docent-led bicycle trips along the Eureka waterfront.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by providing interpretive, docent-led bicycle trips along the Eureka waterfront.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the Eureka Waterfront Trail with no expansion of use.

ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL **\$3,200**
Getting Girls Run Roosevelt Into the Great Outdoors **San Francisco Bay Area**

Girls Run Roosevelt is an organization created to increase opportunities for girls at Roosevelt Middle School to play sports. Roosevelt Middle School is a Title 1 school in Oakland, CA. This ETC grant would expand the existing program and fund 12 girls to participate in a 3-night backpacking trip in Point Reyes. In addition to the backpacking experience, the girls will receive instruction in coastal ecology and will participate in a beach clean-up. A high percentage of the girls are immigrants and refugees from Sri Lanka, Vietnam, China, Latin America, Thailand, Yemen and Afghanistan.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 4.5: San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, Section 31162(a) because it improves public access to the coast by providing a coastal backpacking trip for low-income youth. The proposed project is also consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because the trip will expand coastal access and enjoyment.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding of coastal resources by providing an educational backpacking experience with an emphasis on stewardship for low-income youth.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves normal operations of the Point Reyes National Seashore with no expansion of use.

SEMPERVIRENS FUND (Fiscal Sponsor for Amah Mutsun Land Trust) \$49,500
Amah Mutsun Land Trust Coastal Stewardship Summer Camp Central Coast

The Amah Mutsun Land Trust will continue its summer camp program for Native American youth, ages 12-17, on the San Mateo/Santa Cruz coast. Over two years, approximately 72 underserved tribal youth will participate in a meaningful opportunity to enjoy their coastal backyard and ancestral territory and contribute to the revitalization of traditional ecological knowledge and cultural practices among tribal members. Participants will experience hands-on cultural learning and recreational activities that promote an appreciation for and connection to the coastal environment and their cultural identity. Tribal youth will learn how coastal plants and animals were used for indigenous food, medicine, and crafts, and will participate in conservation activities such as invasive species removal, beach cleanups at California State Beaches, and stabilization of archaeological sites.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of Año Nuevo State Park, Pescadero State Beach, and Bean Hollow State Beach.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by reconnecting tribal youth of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band with their ancestral territory.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objective:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding of coastal resources by providing an overnight camp experience focused on coastal stewardship for Native American youth.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves normal operations of Año Nuevo State Park, Pescadero State Beach, and Bean Hollow State Beach with no expansion of use. Invasive species removal activities are also categorically exempt under CCR Section 15304 (Minor Alterations of Land) because it is a maintenance landscaping activity that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

SIERRA CLUB FOUNDATION (Fiscal Sponsor for Angeles Inspiring Connections \$15,000
Outdoors) South Coast
Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors

Los Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors (LAICO) is an environmental education program of the Sierra Club that will conduct 30 trips for students, parents, and teachers at Title 1 Schools in Los Angeles County to parks, beaches, and wetlands along the coast from Pt. Mugu State Beach in southern Ventura County down to Crystal Cove State Park in Orange County. LAICO trips create safe and enjoyable outdoor experiences for young people. Outings will include day hikes to coastal sage scrub habitats, beach visits and barbecues, beach clean-ups, and nature education.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of several coastal facilities including Pt. Mugu State Park, Leo Carrillo State Park, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Malibu Lagoon State Beach, Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, White Point Nature Preserve, Abalone Cove Ecological Reserve, Portuguese Bend Reserve, Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, Crystal Cove State Park, and Catalina Island. The proposed project is also consistent with the Conservancy's Enabling Legislation as described below and is thus consistent with the use of California Environmental License Plate Fund.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it will expand coastal access by organizing 30 coastal outings for lower-income students and their parents.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objective:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding of coastal resources by providing trips with an emphasis on environmental education and stewardship to coastal parks, beaches, and wetlands for low-income youth and their families.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of coastal beaches and parks that will be visited with no expansion of use.

**SIERRA HEALTH FOUNDATION: CENTER FOR HEALTH PROGRAM
MANAGEMENT (Fiscal Sponsor for Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples)**

\$40,000

Indigenous Youth Environmental Justice Program

South Coast

Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples' Indigenous Youth Environmental Justice (IYEJ) Program connects Indigenous youth at Sherman Indian School in Riverside and Indigenous youth at Semillas Community Schools in East Los Angeles with resources and opportunities. The program builds student relationships with traditional cultural practitioners, environmental justice and conservation leaders while increasing coastal access for underserved youth and their families. Throughout the 16-month program, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of coastal and environmental justice issues from a variety of perspectives and through site visits to Orange and Los Angeles Counties, including community-science MPA cruises. Participants will meet coastal conservation professionals, marine scientists, Native American leaders and environmental justice activists. The majority of the activities scheduled are one-day or half-day activities, but the Indigenous Surf Camp and Pimu Catalina Camping Trips will be overnight trips. Students will also collaborate on two day-long coastal educational gatherings at Sherman School in Riverside County.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of Nicholas Canyon Wishtoyo Chumash Village, Dockweiler State Beach, Pimu Catalina Island Camp, Aquarium of the Pacific, and Crystal Cove State Park.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by organizing trips to the coast for Native American youth from Riverside County for a variety of coastal experience.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by providing coastal experiences with an emphasis on environmental and stewardship education Native American youth from Riverside County.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the beaches and facilities that will be visited with no expansion of use.

**SOCIAL GOOD FUND (Fiscal Sponsor for Brown Girl Surf)
Surf Sister Program**

**\$40,000
Central Coast**

Brown Girl Surf’s Surf Sister Program is both a community building program and a leadership program designed to help girls and women of all ages connect to the ocean through the sport of surfing. The program introduces approximately 130 girls and women of all ages, color, and incomes to the ocean and surfing in Half Moon Bay through 12 Community Surf Sister Saturday learn-to-surf days. In addition, the grantee will continue to build their Leadership Crew of around 25 girls and women that are empowered to further develop their skills in surfing, ocean safety, and leadership and become ambassadors during Community Surf Sister Saturdays, sharing their skills teaching others. In the Leadership Crew, Brown Girl Surf pairs adult and youth members in a big sister/little sister model to help build the leadership of the youth members.

Funding: The project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of Miramar and Surfer’s Beaches in Half Moon Bay, and Muir Beach.

Enabling Legislation: The project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by providing a surfing experience for lower-income and underserved girls and women in the Bay Area/ Central Coast while also increasing the number of people visiting the coast.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by through surfing and educational games and activities on ocean ecology.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the beaches that will be visited with no expansion of use.

**SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS FOUNDATION
Youth Exploring the Sonoma Coast (YES-Coast)**

**\$46,500
North Coast**

The YES-Coast project will connect about 300 underserved youth from inland Sonoma County to their coastline by providing a series of outings interweaving themes of local history and ecology. The year-long series will include six one-day trips, including hiking the Coastal Trail,

visiting the Bodega Marine Lab, kayaking in Jenner, and a living history experience at Fort Ross. In addition to a nature and conservation focus, the program will integrate people’s relationships with the ocean, including topics such as maritime culture and economy past and present, Kashia traditional practices on the coast, and young people’s personal connections with the ocean. The program focuses on youth ages 13-18 from under-resources neighborhoods in Santa Rosa. During the first year of the YES-Coast program, all participants visited a coastal park for the first time.

Funding: The project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of multiple coastal location in Sonoma including Doran Regional Park, Sonoma Coast State Beaches (Wrights Beach to Goat Rock), Fort Ross Historic State Park, Stillwater Cove Regional Park, Gualala Point Regional Park, and the Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by enabling lower-income students from inland communities to participate in coastal and environmental education programs.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objective:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by providing an integrated recreation, education and leadership coastal experience for Sonoma County youth that never or rarely see the Pacific Ocean.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the coastal beaches and parks in Sonoma County that will be visited with no expansion of use.

**SURFRIDER FOUNDATION LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
One Watershed**

**\$7,200
South Coast**

Surfrider- LA’s One Watershed Program works with inner-city junior high and high schools in Los Angeles County to bring at-risk students to their local beaches for surf lessons, beach enjoyment, and conversations in coastal conservation. The program seeks to empower youth, build confidence and teach them about the importance of protecting our ocean ecosystems and watersheds. Surfrider-LA will work with Los Angeles Unified School District and youth-based community groups such as the Boys & Girls Club, and Los Angeles Police Department Cadets, to host 12 One Watershed events for youth from East, South, and South Central Los Angeles. Each event will include about 20 participants, with a Surfrider-LA volunteer surf instructor for each participating child.

Funding: The project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of Santa Monica State Beach, Venice State Beach, and Zuma Beach County Park.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by providing surf lessons and an environmental education program for low-income, inner-city youth.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objective:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by providing a surfing and environmental education experience for low-income, inner-city youth.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the coastal beaches that will be visited with no expansion of use.

THE WAHINE PROJECT
El Proyecto de Wahine Sur

\$5,200
Central Coast

The Wahine Project will provide transportation for about 80 underserved girls ages 7-17 from East Salinas and South Monterey County to participate in the Wahine Project at Casa Verde Beach in Monterey for one semester (5-8 visits). These girls will become empowered as water women and environmental stewards through ocean activities, environmental stewardship curriculum, and mentorship with California State University Monterey Bay students. Ocean activities may include surfing, boogie boarding, and other activities. Participants will develop a sense of leadership and environmental/social responsibility in addition to an understanding of the coastal environment.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of Del Monte Beach.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by providing a coastal experience for lower-income and underserved girls from South Monterey County.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objective:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by providing a beach day and environmental education experience for low-income girls from southern Monterey County.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of Del Monte Beach with no expansion of use.

TRINIDAD COASTAL LAND TRUST
Fostering Coastal Connections

\$26,500
North Coast

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust’s (TCLT) Fostering Coastal Connections project will improve upon its’ successful “Connecting Coast to Community” program, started in 2017 via an ETC grant. With this grant, TCLT will develop “Ride to the Wild” walk opportunities timed to work with public transportation schedules, bilingual guided walks in Spanish and English, summer Boys and Girls Club camps, a new ‘All-Abilities Coastal Explorations’ experience (designed for those who have physical challenges that can be barriers to connecting to the coast), and a California Coastal National Monument Festival, celebrating the rich ecological and cultural significance of the area.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of Patrick’s Point State Park, Trinidad Head and Harbor, Baker

Beach (Trinidad), Luffenholtz County Beach, Trinidad State Beach, Houda Point Beach, and Old Home Beach.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by organizing docent-led coastal walks and stewardship activities for youth and families in Del Norte County.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 2, Objective A:** The proposed project expands opportunities for barrier-free access to and along the coast through the “All-abilities Coastal Explorations” experience designed for people with physical challenges that general create a barrier to coastal access.
- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by organizing trips and stewardship activities for a wide variety of community members from throughout the County.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the beaches and facilities that will be visited with no expansion of use. Stewardship activities will include invasive species removal and minor trail repair. These activities are categorically exempt under CCR Section 15304 (Minor Alterations of Land) because both are a maintenance landscaping activity that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

WILDCOAST
“Explore My MPA” Project

\$30,000
South Coast

WILDCOAST will provide educational, recreational and stewardship activities at five of San Diego’s Marine Protected Areas (MPA) for approximately 200 at-risk high school students from San Diego County underserved communities. WILDCOAST will lead the youth participants in a series of MPA-related activities including coastal ecology trainings and cleanups in conjunction with recreational kayaking activities. Student will participate in hands-on learning activities focused on local ecology, MPA monitoring with citizen science, and outdoor recreation. WILDCOAST will work directly with schools and youth programs in park poor areas and Native American communities to recruit student programs for the project.

Funding: This proposed project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because involves operation of San Diego-Scripps Coastal State Marine Conservation Area, Matlahuayl State Marine Reserve, La Jolla Cove, Batiquitos Lagoon Marine Protected Area, Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Enabling Legislation: This proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by environmental education through experiential marine-based recreation activities for inner-city youth.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objective:

- **Goal 9, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources through its environmental education and conservation stewardship programming for students.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under Section 15322 (Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes) because it involves an educational program that will not physically alter the area affected.

**YMCA OF SAN FRANCISCO
Y Rangers**

**\$25,000
North Coast**

The YMCA of San Francisco will provide three-day, two-night outdoor education trips to its facility at Point Bonita in the Marin Headlands for low income or underserved youth. Participants will develop meaningful and lasting connections with the coast by participating in hands on science, stewardship and community building activities. The YMCA of San Francisco has a proven track record running an excellent program. The program serves the community from ten bay area YMCA branches, providing experiences for underserved communities. Based on surveys of past participant, about half of the campers are first time coastal visitors and three quarters come from low income families.

Funding: The project is consistent with the use of Coastal Access Account funds because it involves operation of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Marine Mammal Center, and Point Reyes National Seashore.

Enabling Legislation: The project is consistent with the Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways because it expands coastal access and enjoyment by providing overnight coastal experiences for low-income and underserved Bay Area youth with an emphasis on environmental education and stewardship.

Strategic Plan: This proposed project will further the following strategic objectives:

- **Goal 4, Objective A:** The proposed project improves public understanding and promotes stewardship of coastal resources by providing overnight coastal experiences for low-income and underserved Bay Area youth.

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt under CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the beaches and facilities that will be visited with no expansion of use.

Site Description: All of the projects will take place along the coast of the State and San Francisco Bay. See Exhibit 1 for regional maps depicting the location of the projects.

Project History: In 2013, the Conservancy launched the Explore the Coast Grant Program with the two main goals of supporting activities that allow more people to explore California's spectacular coast and/or enhancing visitors' experiences. The latter includes projects that enhanced visitors' ability to learn about natural, recreational, cultural and historic resources of the California and San Francisco Bay shorelines. ETC grants were envisioned to support a wide range of activities including funding transportation for coastal experience for communities less familiar with the coast, communication and outreach, economic development related to coastal tourism, and development of interpretive information and/or education materials. The program was designed as a "small grants" program with a maximum award of \$50,000.

To date, the Conservancy has provided over \$4.7 million to fund 162 projects. The project has been hugely successful in meeting the ETC goals. Funded projects include several programs to bring students from Title 1 (low-income) schools to the coast, development of interpretive content for the Explore the Coast and San Francisco Bay Trail web applications, funding for kite, tall ship, and open street festivals; and different environmental education and community stewardship projects.

The current staff recommendation is for the fifth ETC grant round.

PROJECT FINANCING

Coastal Conservancy	\$824,499
Other funds (matching funds excluding in-kind)	\$1,581,750
Project Total	\$2,406,249

Two sources of Conservancy funding are expected to be used for the ETC grants program. The first funding source is an appropriation from the Conservancy’s Coastal Access Account, which consists of coastal development permit application fees required by the California Coastal Commission. (Public Resources Code Sections 30620.1(b) & 30620.2) Coastal Access Account funds may be used for grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for the development, maintenance, and operation of new or existing facilities that provide public access to the coast, excluding San Francisco Bay. Use of the Coastal Access Account funds is appropriate for all of the proposed projects listed below because each will develop, maintain, or operate an existing facility that provides access to the coast. Please refer to the “Project Summary” section, above, for more information on the specific facility(ies) associated with each proposed project.

- Earth Team (LEAF'19 Hiking Series)
- Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center (Environmental Education for Elementary School Students)
- Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC Student Club Retreat)
- Northcoast Environmental Center DBA Humboldt Baykeeper (Explore the Bay / Explora la Bahía)
- Ocean Discovery Institute (Ocean Science Exploration: Connecting Underserved Young People to the Coast)
- O'Neill Sea Odyssey (Transportation for Ocean Stewards)
- Outdoor Outreach (Coastal Adventure Club Program)
- Pediatric-Adolescent Diabetes Research and Education (PADRE) Foundation (2019 Catalina Island Adventure Camp)
- Redwood Community Action Agency (Bikes on the Bay)
- Sempervirens Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Amah Mutsun Land Trust) (Amah Mutsun Land Trust Coastal Stewardship Summer Camp)
- Sierra Club Foundation (Fiscal Sponsor for Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors) (Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors)

- Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management (Fiscal Sponsor for Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples) (Indigenous Youth Environmental Justice Program)
- Social Good Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Brown Girl Surf) (Surf Sister Program)
- Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation (Youth Exploring the Sonoma Coast)
- Surfrider Foundation Los Angeles Chapter (One Watershed)
- The Wahine Project (El Proyecto de Wahine Sur)
- Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (Fostering Coastal Connections)
- Wildcoast (“Explore My MPA” Project)
- YMCA of San Francisco (Y Rangers)

The other expected source of funds for the ETC grants program proposed projects is an appropriation from the California Environmental License Plate Fund, derived from sales and renewal of personalized license plates. Funds in the California Environmental License Plate Fund are available upon appropriation for purposes outlined in Public Resources Code Section 21190. These purposes include funding environmental education programs. Please refer to the “Project Summary” section, above, and the “Consistency with Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation” section, below, for more information on how each proposed project is consistent with Division 21.

Project partners will provide over \$1.5 million in matching funds for the 2018-2019 ETC grants. In addition, they will provide \$460,000 in-kind services. Much of this is a result of the hundreds of hours of volunteer time that will support ETC projects and is a reflection of how important these projects are to the communities they serve.

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY’S ENABLING LEGISLATION:

Staff recommends the Conservancy find that the 27 proposed projects are consistent with the Conservancy’s enabling legislation, Division 21 of the PRC (Sections 31000-31414) as described in the “Project Summary” section, above. Below is a list of the proposed projects that staff recommends the Conservancy find consistent with the relevant section of the Conservancy’s enabling legislation.

Chapter 3: General Conservancy Powers (includes Coastal Education)

Pursuant to PRC Section 31119(a)(1), the Conservancy is authorized to award grants to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and public agencies to undertake educational projects and programs for students in kindergarten–twelfth grade, relating to the preservation, protection, enhancement and maintenance of coastal resources. Consistent with this section, the proposed authorization will award grants to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and public agencies to undertake the proposed projects listed below.

- Earth Island Institute (Fiscal Sponsor for KIDS for the BAY) (Watershed Action Program - Coastal Connections Project)
- Friends of the Los Angeles River (LA River Watershed Education and Coastal Exploration)
- Friends of the Santa Clara River (Santa Clara River Scholars)

- Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center (Environmental Education for Elementary School Students)

Consistent with PRC Section 31119(b), the Conservancy will not be using any of the funds provided to these proposed projects (or any of the 2018-2019 ETC proposed projects) for Conservancy costs to administer the projects and no general fund money is being granted to a local public educational institution.

Chapter 4.5 San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program

The proposed projects listed below will be undertaken pursuant to Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the PRC, Sections 31160-31165, regarding recreational and resource goals in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Pursuant to Section 31162(a), the Conservancy is authorized to award grants to projects located in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area that will help improve public access to, within, and around the bay, coast, ridgetops and urban open spaces... through completion and operation of regional bay, coast, water and ridge trail systems, and local trails connecting to population centers and public facilities. Pursuant to Section 31162(d), the Conservancy is authorized to award grants that promote, assist and enhance projects that provide open space and natural areas that are accessible to urban populations for recreational and educational purposes. The projects listed below are consistent with these sections as they all help to achieve at least one of these goals, as more particularly described in the “Project Summary” section, above.

- Earth Team (LEAF'19 Hiking Series)
- Environmental Traveling Companions (AccessAbility – ETC Bay Adventures)
- Outward Bound California (Educational Coastal Expeditions for Youth Leadership Development)

Pursuant to Section 31165, the Conservancy is authorized to award grants for activities that are compatible with the preservation, restoration, or enhancement of ocean, coastal, bay, or watershed resources, or that facilitate environmental education related to these resources. The proposed project listed below is consistent with this section as the proposed project is for compatible activities, as more particularly described in the “Project Summary” section, above.

- Earth Island Institute (Fiscal Sponsor for KIDS for the BAY) (Watershed Action Program - Coastal Connections)

In addition, all of the proposed projects listed above meet the criteria established in Section 31163(c) as the proposed projects serve a regional constituency, can be implemented in a timely way, provide opportunities for education, access, and restoration that would be lost if not quickly implemented, and include matching funds.

Chapter 9: System of Public Accessways

The proposed projects listed below will be undertaken pursuant to Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the PRC, Sections 31400 *et seq*, regarding public access to and enjoyment of coastal resources.

Section 31400 states the Legislature’s intent that the Conservancy play a principal role in the implementation of a system of public accessways to and along the state’s coastline, including San Francisco Bay. All of the proposed projects listed below will be funded by the Conservancy to implement public access objectives, as more specifically described in the paragraphs below.

Section 31400.1 authorizes the Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to develop, operate, or manage lands for public access purposes to and along the coast; for grants to local agencies, the subject accessway must serve more than local public needs. Section 31400.3, authorizes the Conservancy to provide such assistance as is required to aid public agencies and nonprofit organizations in establishing a system of public coastal accessways, and related functions necessary to meet the objectives of this division. All of the proposed projects listed below are consistent with these sections, as more specifically described in the “Project Summary” section, above.

Consistent with Section 31400.2, staff recommends approval of the proposed projects below after evaluating the amount of funding provided by the Conservancy in light of the total amount of available funds for coastal access projects, the fiscal resources of the grantees, the urgency of the proposed projects relative to other eligible projects, and the Conservancy's Project Selection Criteria & Guidelines.

- City Surf Project (Surfing 101 Program Expansion)
- Community Partners (Fiscal Sponsor for Bike San Gabriel Valley) (#GoCoastal | Ride to the Sea)
- Earth Team (LEAF'19 Hiking Series)
- Environmental Traveling Companions (AccessAbility – ETC Bay Adventures)
- Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center (Environmental Education for Elementary School Students)
- Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC Student Club Retreat)
- Northcoast Environmental Center DBA Humboldt Baykeeper (Explore the Bay / Explora la Bahía)
- Ocean Discovery Institute (Ocean Science Exploration: Connecting Underserved Young People to the Coast)
- O'Neill Sea Odyssey (Transportation for Ocean Stewards)
- Outdoor Outreach (Coastal Adventure Club Program)
- Outward Bound California (Educational Coastal Expeditions for Youth Leadership Development)
- Pediatric-Adolescent Diabetes Research and Education (PADRE) Foundation (2019 Catalina Island Adventure Camp)
- Redwood Community Action Agency (Bikes on the Bay)
- Roosevelt Middle School (Getting Girls Run Roosevelt Into the Great Outdoors)
- Sempervirens Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Amah Mutsun Land Trust) (Amah Mutsun Land Trust Coastal Stewardship Summer Camp)
- Sierra Club Foundation (Fiscal Sponsor for Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors) (Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors)
- Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management (Fiscal Sponsor for Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples) (Indigenous Youth Environmental Justice Program)
- Social Good Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Brown Girl Surf) (Surf Sister Program)
- Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation (Youth Exploring the Sonoma Coast)
- Surfrider Foundation Los Angeles Chapter (One Watershed)
- The Wahine Project (El Proyecto de Wahine Sur)

- Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (Fostering Coastal Connections)
- Wildcoast (“Explore My MPA” Project)
- YMCA of San Francisco (Y Rangers)

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY’S 2018-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL(S) & OBJECTIVE(S):

The 27 projects proposed for funding assist the Conservancy in meeting a number of its Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives. Relevant Goals and Objectives are listed below, along with the names of the proposed projects that meet each goal. Please see the “Project Summary” section, above, for how each proposed project meets the relevant goal(s) and objective(s).

Consistent with **Goal 2, Objective A**, which seeks to develop projects that expand opportunities for barrier-free access to and along the coast and coastal trails, the following proposed projects will contribute to this goal:

- Environmental Traveling Companions (AccessAbility – ETC Bay Adventures)
- Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (Fostering Coastal Connections)

Consistent with **Goal 4, Objective A**, which seeks to support educational programs and interpretive events that improve public understanding and promote stewardship of coastal resources, all of the proposed 2018-2019 ETC projects will contribute to this goal.

Consistent with **Goal 13, Objective L**, which seeks to implement projects that expand opportunities for barrier-free access to natural areas in the San Francisco Bay region, the following proposed project will contribute to this goal:

- Environmental Traveling Companions (AccessAbility – ETC Bay Adventures)

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY’S PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA & GUIDELINES:

The proposed projects are consistent with the Conservancy’s Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, last updated on October 2, 2014, in the following respects:

Required Criteria

1. **Promotion of the Conservancy’s statutory programs and purposes:** See “Consistency with Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation”, above.
2. **Consistency with purposes of the funding source:** See “Project Financing”, above.
3. **Promotion and implementation of state plans and policies:** The ETC grants program is consistent with the San Francisco Bay Plan (see “Consistency with Bay Plan”, below) as well as the California Coastal Act (Public Resources Code Sections 30000 *et seq*) (“Coastal Act”).

The Coastal Act indicates in Section 30001.5(c) that it is the state’s goal to “maximize public access to and along the coast...” Section 30210 requires that “maximum access, which shall be conspicuously posted, and recreational opportunities shall be provided for all the people.”

Section 30530 expresses the intent of the Legislature that a program to maximize public access to and along the coastline be prepared and implemented “consistent with the provisions of Chapter 9 of Division 21.” (See “Consistency with Enabling Legislation,” above).

Similarly, the Coastal Act includes several references to the need to increase public knowledge of access opportunities and to involve community organizations in such efforts. Section 30214(c) directs the Coastal Commission and other public agencies to “... encourage the utilization of innovative access management techniques including, but not limited to, agreements with private organizations which would minimize management costs and encourage the use of volunteer programs.” Section 30012 includes the Legislative finding that “an educated and informed citizenry ... is necessary to protect California’s finite natural resources [and] ... through education, individuals can be made aware of and encouraged to accept their share of responsibility for protecting and improving the natural environment.”

The ETC grants program is consistent with and promotes the priorities of the Coastal Act. The projects proposed for funding are consistent with the Coastal Act because all of the proposed projects involve maximizing access to the coast for coastal resource education and recreation. Please see “Project Summary,” above, and “Consistency with Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation”, above, for how the individual proposed projects are consistent with the Coastal Act’s priorities of maximizing coastal access.

4. **Support of the public:** The broad level of support for environmental education, resource protection and enhancement, and public access projects is indicated by the large numbers of people that will participate in the 2018-2019 ETC program. It is estimated that over 18,000 people will be served by the 27 ETC projects. In addition, this suite of proposed ETC projects is supported by elected officials, numerous community and nonprofit organizations, and local agencies (See Exhibit 3).
5. **Location:** All of the proposed ETC projects bring people to the coast or to the San Francisco Bay shoreline. Some of the proposed projects also involve transportation from an area outside of the coastal zone to a location within the coastal zone, which is consistent with the intent of the ETC grants program to support activities that facilitate bringing more people to explore California’s coast. Similarly, some of the proposed projects involve classroom education at inland locations, which is also consistent with the intent of supporting activities that enhance a coastal experience.
6. **Need:** Without Conservancy funding, the proposed projects will either not proceed or have to be scaled back.
7. **Greater-than-local interest:** The proposed projects recommended for funding under this authorization will enhance the coastal experience of over 18,000 people throughout coastal regions of the state and the San Francisco Bay Area. The proposed projects will serve more than local needs through transportation from inland and underserved communities to the coast or provision of coastal education and citizen science programs for underserved and inland youth.
8. **Sea level rise vulnerability:** Most of the proposed ETC projects do not entail physical improvements that could be vulnerable to sea level rise impacts, except for small restoration activities, which are primarily for public education objectives. Of the proposed ETC projects

that include coastal restoration components that may be susceptible to flooding and storm water surge, especially under future sea level rise projections, restoration of these project areas will enhance native biodiversity and abundance, resulting in larger and likely more genetically diverse populations of native species that have greater potential to adapt to future changes in habitat due to sea level rise. These proposed restoration projects are:

- Sempervirens Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Amah Mutsun Land Trust) (Amah Mutsun Land Trust Coastal Stewardship Summer Camp)
- Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (Fostering Coastal Connections)

Additional Criteria

9. **Leverage:** See the “Project Financing” section, above.
10. **Readiness:** All of the proposed projects described in the “Project Summary” section, above, are ready to implement and will be completed within 1 to 2 years.
11. **Realization of prior Conservancy goals:** See “Project History,” above.
12. **Minimization of greenhouse gas emissions:** Implementation of the following proposed projects that have transportation components may generate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, predominately in the form of carbon dioxide from exhaust associated with transportation equipment and motor vehicle operation. However, all of the transportation programs would be temporary in nature and would not generate substantial GHG emissions over prolonged periods. Additionally, all of the proposed projects will utilize maximum occupancy per vehicle (i.e., school buses, vans, carpools, etc.) to serve many more program participants with fewer GHG emissions than the GHG emissions associated with the same number of program participants making individual trips to the same location. The New York Metropolitan Transit Authority (2013) estimated that in 2011, each trip on a train or bus within their service area prevented the emission of 10 pounds of greenhouse gases, on average, compared with making that trip by car. By providing public access to coastal locations in the most efficient manner possible, the following proposed projects will not increase, and may even reduce, emissions.
 - City Surf Project (City Surf Project’s Surfing 101 Program Expansion)
 - Community Partners (Fiscal Sponsor for Bike San Gabriel Valley) (#GoCoastal | Ride to the Sea)
 - Earth Island Institute (Fiscal Sponsor for KIDS for the BAY) (Watershed Action Program - Coastal Connections)
 - Earth Team (LEAF'19 Hiking Series)
 - Friends of the Los Angeles River (LA River Watershed Education and Coastal Exploration)
 - Friends of the Santa Clara River (Santa Clara River Scholars)
 - Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center (Environmental Education for Elementary School Students)
 - Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC Student Club Retreat)
 - Ocean Discovery Institute (Ocean Science Exploration: Connecting Underserved Young People to the Coast)
 - O'Neill Sea Odyssey (Transportation for Ocean Stewards)

- Outdoor Outreach (Coastal Adventure Club Program)
- Pediatric-Adolescent Diabetes Research and Education (PADRE) Foundation (2019 Catalina Island Adventure Camp)
- Redwood Community Action Agency (Bikes on the Bay)
- Roosevelt Middle School (Getting Girls Run Roosevelt Into the Great Outdoors)
- Sempervirens Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Amah Mutsun Land Trust) (Amah Mutsun Land Trust Coastal Stewardship Summer Camp)
- Sierra Club Foundation (Fiscal Sponsor for Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors) (Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors)
- Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management (Fiscal Sponsor for Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples) (Indigenous Youth Environmental Justice Program)
- Social Good Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Brown Girl Surf) (Surf Sister Program)
- Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation (Youth Exploring the Sonoma Coast (YES-Coast))
- Surfrider Foundation Los Angeles Chapter (One Watershed)
- The Wahine Project (El Proyecto de Wahine Sur)
- Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (Fostering Coastal Connections)
- Wildcoast (“Explore My MPA” Project)
- YMCA of San Francisco (Y Rangers)

COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA:

Conservancy staff reviewed the 27 proposed projects for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (14 California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 *et seq.*). All of the proposed projects are categorically exempt under CEQA. Please see the “Project Summary” section above, for more information on each proposed project and its compliance with CEQA. Applicable CEQA exemptions are listed below.

14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 15301 (Existing Facilities): The following proposed ETC projects are categorically exempt under 14 CCR Section 15301, which exempts operation, maintenance, and minor alterations of existing facilities or topographic features including pedestrian trails (Section 15301(c)) and wildlife areas and stream channels to protect fish and wildlife resources (Section 15301(i)):

- City Surf Project (City Surf Project’s Surfing 101 Program Expansion)
- Community Partners (Fiscal Sponsor for Bike San Gabriel Valley) (#GoCoastal | Ride to the Sea)
- Earth Team (LEAF’19 Hiking Series)
- Environmental Traveling Companions (AccessAbility – ETC Bay Adventures)
- Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC Student Club Retreat)
- Northcoast Environmental Center DBA Humboldt Baykeeper (Explore the Bay / Explora la Bahía)
- Outdoor Outreach (Coastal Adventure Club Program)
- Outward Bound California (Educational Coastal Expeditions for Youth Leadership Development)

- Pediatric-Adolescent Diabetes Research and Education (PADRE) Foundation (2019 Catalina Island Adventure Camp)
- Redwood Community Action Agency (Bikes on the Bay)
- Roosevelt Middle School (Getting Girls Run Roosevelt Into the Great Outdoors)
- Sempervirens Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Amah Mutsun Land Trust) (Amah Mutsun Land Trust Coastal Stewardship Summer Camp)
- Sierra Club Foundation (Fiscal Sponsor for Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors) (Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors)
- Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management (Fiscal Sponsor for Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples) (Indigenous Youth Environmental Justice Program)
- Social Good Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Brown Girl Surf) (Surf Sister Program)
- Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation (Youth Exploring the Sonoma Coast (YES-Coast))
- Surfrider Foundation Los Angeles Chapter (One Watershed)
- The Wahine Project (El Proyecto de Wahine Sur)
- Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (Fostering Coastal Connections) Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (Community Shuttle Program)
- YMCA of San Francisco (Y Rangers)

14 CCR Section 15304 (Minor Alterations of Land): The following proposed ETC projects include removal of non-native species. These activities are categorically exempt under Section 15304, which exempts minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

- Sempervirens Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Amah Mutsun Land Trust) (Amah Mutsun Land Trust Coastal Stewardship Summer Camp)
- Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (Fostering Coastal Connections) San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (Get Out in Nature)

14 CCR Section 15322 (Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes): The following projects are categorically exempt under Section 15322, which applies to the adoption, alteration, or termination of educational or training programs that involve no physical alteration in the area affected or that involve physical changes only in the interior of existing school or training structures. These proposed projects provide financial support of new and expanded (altered) environmental education or training programs without any physical changes in any structures for these programs.

- Earth Island Institute (Fiscal Sponsor for KIDS for the BAY) (Watershed Action Program - Coastal Connections)
- Friends of the Los Angeles River (LA River Watershed Education and Coastal Exploration)
- Friends of the Santa Clara River (Santa Clara River Scholars)
- Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center (Environmental Education for Elementary School Students)
- Ocean Discovery Institute (Ocean Science Exploration: Connecting Underserved Young People to the Coast)

- O'Neill Sea Odyssey (Transportation for Ocean Stewards)
- Wildcoast ("Explore My MPA" Project) County of Santa Cruz (GIRLS Explore the Coast)

Upon approval, staff will file a Notice of Exemption for each proposed project.