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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)
Susan Hansch (Alternate Coastal Commission)
Polly Escovedo (Designated, Natural Resources)

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

No oversight members attended.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
Amy Roach, Chief Counsel

LOCATION:

Inn at Morro Bay
60 State Park Road, Morro Bay Room
Morro Bay, CA 93442

1. ROLL CALL

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)
Susan Hansch (Alternate Coastal Commission)
Polly Escovedo (Designated, Natural Resources)

- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy's December 06, 2018 public meeting. Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

Item E – “East Sweet Springs Access Improvements” was removed from the consent calendar.

The modified consent calendar items were moved, seconded, and approved unanimously. They are as follows:

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A. EEL RIVER ESTUARY AND CENTERVILLE SLOUGH ENHANCEMENT PROJECT – THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA PRIOR TO THE MEETING

B. MAD RIVER ESTUARY AND THE EUREKA SLOUGH

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in grant funds from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”) to the Redwood Community Action Agency (“RCAA”) to remove invasive dense-flowered cordgrass (*Spartina densiflora*) and facilitate the restoration of native marsh and riparian vegetation in the Mad River Estuary and in the Eureka Slough Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge in unincorporated Humboldt County. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer):
 - a. A work plan, schedule, budget, and the names of any contractors or subcontractors to be retained for implementation of the project;
 - b. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy and USFWS funding; and
 - c. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
 - d. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to access the project site and to carry out the project.
2. In implementing the project, RCAA shall ensure compliance with all applicable mitigation measures and monitoring and reporting requirements for the project that are identified in the “Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Humboldt Bay Regional *Spartina* Eradication Plan” (FEIR) and in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program certified and adopted by the Conservancy at its April 18, 2013 public meeting of its Board of Directors (Exhibit 2), and in any permits, approvals or additional environmental documentation required for the project.

Findings:

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

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1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resource protection projects.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Redwood Community Action Agency is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.
4. The Conservancy has identified the environmental impacts associated with the project and the mitigation measures needed to reduce or avoid those effects, all of which were fully identified and considered in the programmatic FEIR. There are no new additional or more severe environmental impacts associated with this component of the project beyond those previously considered by the FEIR and there is no need for new or additional mitigation measures to reduce or to avoid the impacts of the project

C. ELK RIVER ESTUARY

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to three hundred ninety-seven thousand dollars (\$397,000) to the City of Eureka (City) to augment a previously authorized grant for construction of tidal wetlands restoration and public access improvements in and adjacent to the Elk River Estuary on Humboldt Bay, within the City of Eureka in Humboldt County.

This authorization is subject to all of the conditions imposed upon the City through the September 6, 2018 Conservancy authorization for this project (Exhibit 2).”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection projects, and with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding a system of public accessways.

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3. Public access facilities at this location would serve greater than local public needs.”

D. PROGRAMMATIC PERMITS FOR AQUATIC HABITAT RESTORATION

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to Sustainable Conservation to advance the adoption of programmatic permits for aquatic habitat restoration and water quality improvement projects.

This authorization is subject to all of the conditions imposed upon Sustainable Conservation through the September 6, 2018 Conservancy authorization for this project (Exhibit 2).”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed project is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection projects.
3. Sustainable Conservation is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

F. BEACH ACCESSWAY IN CAYUCOS

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to the County of San Luis Obispo (County) for reconstruction of a beach accessway, including a stairway, in the town of Cayucos. Prior to the disbursement of funds for construction of the project, the County shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. Evidence that the County has obtained all necessary permits and approvals, and all other funds necessary to complete the project.

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2. A final work program, including final construction drawings, a final budget, schedule, and names of any contractors and subcontractors to be employed for these tasks.
3. Signing plans for the project acknowledging Conservancy participation and for signing all existing Coastal Trail segments under the County's jurisdiction with the Conservancy's Coastal Trail emblem.

In addition, to the extent appropriate, the County shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy's 'Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development' and the requirements of all applicable federal and state laws governing barrier-free access for persons with disabilities into the project."

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access and will serve more than local public needs.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

G. RECOVERY OF THE SOUTHERN SEA OTTER

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred eighteen thousand dollars (\$118,000) to implement two projects to assist in the recovery of the southern sea otter, specifically as follows, to the:"

- Sonoma State University: sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to develop a predictive population growth model and baseline food web model for potential sea otter recolonization of Drakes Estero and Tomales Bay in Pt. Reyes National Seashore.
- Friends of the Sea Otter: fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$58,000) to reduce sea otter disturbance through a public education campaign on responsible viewing of wild sea otters in San Luis Obispo, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties.

Prior to commencement of each project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

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- a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
- b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
- c. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
- d. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Integrated Coastal and Marine Resource Protection.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Friends of the Sea Otter is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, with purposes consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

H. SWIFT OF IPSWICH

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to the Los Angeles Maritime Institute (“the grantee”) to augment a Conservancy grant authorized on October 5, 2006 to restore the tall ship *Swift of Ipswich* for use as a waterfront attraction and a sailing classroom in Los Angeles County.

Prior to disbursement of funds, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.

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4. Evidence of the grantee’s receipt of all other funding necessary for completion of the project.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal education for children in grades Kindergarten through 12. The proposed authorization is also consistent with Chapter 7 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code regarding Urban Waterfront Restoration.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Los Angeles Maritime Institute is a nonprofit organization organized 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.”

I. SOUTH BAY SALT POIND (SBSP) RESTORATION PROJECT

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes: (1) disbursement of up to \$600,000 for executive project management to support the South Bay Salt Pond (SBSP) Restoration Project for approximately three years, (2) disbursement of up to \$360,000 to the Aquatic Science Center for website maintenance and adaptive management activities to support the SBSP Restoration Project for approximately two years, and (3) disbursement of up to \$180,000 to the Consensus and Collaboration Program of Sacramento State University to conduct outreach about the SBSP Restoration Project for approximately two years.”

Prior to commencement of their respective work, the Aquatic Science Center (ASC) and the Consensus and Collaboration Program (CCP) at Sacramento State University shall each submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer):

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Conservancy’s mandate to address the resource and recreational goals of the San Francisco Bay Area.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

E. EAST SWEET SPRINGS PROPERTY

Timothy Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Bruce Gibson, Supervisor of San Luis Obispo County.

Speaking in opposition to the Staff Recommendation: Betty Winholtz of Save the Park

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to the Morro Coast Audubon Society (MCAS) for construction of public access improvements and habitat restoration on their East Sweet Springs property in San Luis Obispo County, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for construction of each project, MCAS shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:
 - a. Evidence that MCAS has obtained all necessary permits and approvals, and all other funds necessary to complete the project.
 - b. A final work program, including final construction drawings, a final budget, schedule, and names of any contractors and subcontractors to be employed for these tasks.
 - c. Signing plans for the project acknowledging Conservancy participation in the project.
2. To the extent appropriate, the grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s ‘Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and

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Development' and the requirements of all applicable federal and state laws governing barrier-free access for persons with disabilities.

3. In implementing the project, MCAS shall ensure compliance with all applicable mitigation measures and monitoring and reporting requirements for the project that are identified in the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND), attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4, which was approved by San Luis Obispo County on June 4, 2013.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines
3. Morro Coast Audubon Society is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the IS-MND for the Morro Coast Audubon Society Minor Use Permit DRC2011-00013 adopted by the Count of San Luis Obispo on June 4, 2013 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Mary Small, of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby adopts the State Coastal Conservancy Proposition 68 Grant Program Guidelines as shown in Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff recommendation.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff recommendation and its attached exhibits, the Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The Proposition 68 Grant Program Guidelines as shown in Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff report are consistent with Conservancy’s statutory responsibilities under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code.
2. The Proposition 68 Grant Program Guidelines as shown in Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff report are consistent with Division 45 of the California Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

B. Flor Lorenzo, Conservancy CORO Fellow, presented the results of her research on the need for beach wheelchairs.

C. Emely Lopez & Linda Tong, Conservancy Environmental Interns, presented the results of their research on the barriers to coastal access for non-profit organizations.

D. Resolution of Appreciation for Conservancy Member Karen Finn - **THIS ITEM WAS POSTPONED**

E. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, presented the Resolution of Appreciation for South Coast Regional Manager Joan Cardellino

CENTAL COAST

5. CHORRO CREEK FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION

Tim Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to the Bay Foundation of Morro Bay (“Bay Foundation”) to restore floodplain habitat along Chorro Creek, as shown on Exhibits 1 and 2 to the

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accompanying staff recommendation. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of construction and disbursement of any Conservancy funds, the Bay Foundation shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy the following items:
 - a. A work program, schedule and budget and the names and qualifications of any contractors or subcontractors that the City intends to employ to construct the project.
 - b. Evidence that the Bay Foundation can provide all remaining funds needed to complete construction.
 - c. Evidence that all applicable permits and approvals for the project have been obtained.
 - d. Evidence that the grantee has entered into an agreement with the project site owner sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.
 - e. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
2. In implementing the project, the Bay Foundation shall comply with all mitigation measures and monitoring and reporting requirements for the project that are identified in the *2017 Fisheries Habitat Restoration Project Environmental Assessment and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration*, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), adopted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on February 28, 2018 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and in any permits, approvals or additional environmental documentation required for the project.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding enhancement of coastal resources

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3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the the *2017 Fisheries Habitat Restoration Project Environmental Assessment and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)* and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) adopted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on February 28, 2018 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382.

4. The Bay Foundation is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

6. TORO CREEK RANCH

Tim Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Rachel Lem, Project Manager for The Trust for Public Land.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Trust for Public Land, for the acquisition of the approximately 283-acre Toro Creek Ranch property, San Luis Obispo County, (consisting of San Luis Obispo County Assessor Parcel Nos. 073-092-052, 073-092-053, 073-075-016, 073-075- 011, and a portion of 065-022-008) to protect open space, wildlife habitat, water quality and water supply and to provide public access consistent with these purposes, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer):
 - a. All relevant acquisition documents for the acquisition including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
 - b. A baseline conditions report;

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- c. A monitoring and reporting plan; and
 - d. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. The grantee shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
 3. The property acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated for open space, wildlife habitat, water quality and water supply, and to provide public access consistent with these purposes. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
 4. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly-viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapters 5.5 and of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Integrated Coastal and Marine Resources Protection and a System of Public Accessways, respectively.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Trust for Public Land is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and has purposes consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Board Member Polly Escovedo Abstained. Moved and seconded. Item Approved.

7. ACQUISITION OF THE 320-ACRE GAZOS CREEK PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR BUTANO STATE PARK

Tom Gandesbery of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Walter Moore, President of the Peninsula Open Space Trust

Resolution:

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“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for the acquisition of fee title to approximately 320 acres in the Gazos Creek watershed (*San Mateo County Assessor’s Parcel Number: 089-150-030*) This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to disbursement of any funds for acquisition of interests in the properties, POST shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:
 - a. All relevant acquisition documents, including without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
 - b. Baseline conditions report;
 - c. Monitoring and reporting plan; and
 - d. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. POST shall not pay more than fair market value for the property acquired pursuant to this authorization, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
3. The property acquired in fee under this authorization shall be managed and operated for the purposes of watershed protection, habitat conservation, environmental restoration, open space protection and public access. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes through an irrevocable offer to dedicate the property or by another appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
4. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly-viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Section 31220), regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines

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3. POST is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously

8. PESCADERO MARSH RESTORATION AND RESILIENCY PROJECT

Tom Gandesbery of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to two hundred and two thousand seven hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$202,785) to the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) to create ecological response models; conduct a Sea-Level Rise and Climate Vulnerability Assessment; prepare engineering designs for the North Marsh and Pond Complex and draft an Implementation and Monitoring Plan for enhancement of Pescadero Marsh. This authorization is subject to the condition that prior to the disbursement of funds, the RCD shall submit for the review and approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work plan, schedule and budget, and the names and qualifications of any contractors.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

SOUTH COAST

9. SAN DIEGO MARITIME MUSEUM IN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Prentiss Williams of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

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“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the Maritime Museum Association of San Diego (“the grantee”) to prepare plans and specifications, environmental analyses and permit applications for the construction of a new entrance building and redesigned exhibition space at the San Diego Maritime Museum in the City of San Diego.”

Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 7 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the development of urban waterfronts.
3. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
4. The Grantee is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY

10. RESTORING A CULVERTED SECTION OF ALDER CREEK

Jessica Davenport of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed four hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$490,000) to East Bay Regional Park District (“the grantee”) to restore habitat and improve water quality by restoring a culverted section of Alder Creek, a tributary of Upper San Leandro Creek located on the McCosker parcel, part of the Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve, in Contra Costa County.

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Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 1 as the source of that funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the *Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve Land Use Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Report, Incorporating the McCosker Parcel and Western Hills Open Space and the Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve Land Use Plan Amendment Final Environmental Impact Report* certified by the East Bay Regional Park District on November 20, 2018 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibits 4 and 5. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

11. DREDGED SEDIMENT FROM REDWOOD CITY HARBOR

Amy Hutzel of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

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“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“the Corps”) to act as non-federal sponsor for beneficial placement of dredged sediment from the Redwood City Harbor at the Cullinan Ranch, Montezuma and Hamilton-Bel Marin Keys wetland restoration sites on the shoreline of San Francisco Bay in Solano and Marin counties; and authorization to disburse an amount not to exceed five million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$5,700,000) to the Corps pursuant to the agreement.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the *Final Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report, Maintenance Dredging of the Federal Navigation Channels in San Francisco Bay, Fiscal Years 2015- 2024*, which was certified by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board on May 13, 2015 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), and is attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 2. The Conservancy finds that placement of Redwood City Harbor dredged sediment at Montezuma and Cullinan Ranch will have potentially significant effects in the area of Cultural and Paleontological Resources, and that these effects will be mitigated through feasible mitigation measures as described in greater detail in the accompanying staff recommendation.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**12. TERMINAL FOUR WHARF REMOVAL PROJECT & SAN FRANCISCO BAY
CREOSOTE REMOVAL AND PACIFIC HERRING RESTORATION PROJECT**

Marilyn Latta of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to \$400,000 (four hundred thousand dollars) from Pacific Gas and Electric Company and PG&E Corporation for planning activities for wharf and piling removal for the Terminal Four Wharf Removal Project, and subtidal habitat restoration and monitoring for the San Francisco Bay Creosote

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Removal and Pacific Herring Restoration Project, each near Point San Pablo, Contra Costa County, as follows:

1. Up to \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) for planning, permitting and environmental review activities for the removal of derelict wharf structures and pilings at Terminal Four for the Terminal Four Wharf Removal Project.
2. . Up to \$300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars) for reparation and installation of plantings and habitat monitoring at Red Rocks for the San Francisco Bay Creosote Removal and Pacific Herring Restoration Project.

These funds shall be used for the following purposes: for the Terminal Four Wharf Removal Project, to augment existing professional services contracts needed for the project activities; for the San Francisco Bay Creosote Removal and Pacific Herring Restoration Project, to enter into or augment existing grants with the Ducks Unlimited (“DU” or “grantee”) _ to implement or monitor the project. Disbursement of the funds shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to initiating any project work and prior to disbursement of any funds, DU shall submit for review and approval of the Executive Officer:
 - a. A plan detailing the proposed project work, including a work program, schedule and budget.
 - b. The names and qualifications of all contractors the grantee intends to retain for the project.
 - c. Documentation that all permits and approvals needed for the project work have been obtained.
 - d. Any agreements required to enable DU to implement, maintain and monitor the applicable project and to protect the public interest in the installed habitat restoration elements.
2. In carrying out any work on an applicable project, the grantee shall comply with:
 - a. Evidence that all necessary permits and approvals for the applicable project have been obtained.
 - b. In carrying out any restoration plantings and enhancements and subsequent monitoring for the San Francisco Bay Creosote Removal and Pacific Herring Habitat Restoration Project, the grantee shall comply with all applicable mitigation and monitoring measures that are identified by any applicable permit and identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the San Francisco Bay Creosote Removal and Pacific Herring Habitat Restoration Project and its

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accompanying Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MND), adopted by the Conservancy on March 24, 2016.

- c. To the extent that the work is funded by PG&E funds, all requirements of that funding.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed projects remain consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the resource goals of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed projects remain consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines adopted on October 2, 2014.
3. DU is a nonprofit organization recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

13. SAN FRANCISCO BAY LIVING SHORELINES PROJECT

Marilyn Latta of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy authorizes disbursement of up to \$1,200,000 (one million two hundred thousand dollars) to implement the Living Shorelines Project (LSP) in San Francisco Bay, at Giant Marsh on the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline in the City of Richmond, Contra Costa County, for installation of native oyster elements, native marsh plantings, upland ecotone plantings, and monitoring of the project treatments following installation.

These funds will be used to enter into or augment grant agreements with Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) and Ducks Unlimited (DU) to implement and monitor the Giant Marsh Living Shoreline project.

Disbursement of the funds shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to initiating any project work and prior to disbursement of any funds, each grantee shall submit for review and approval of the Executive Officer:

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- a. A plan detailing the proposed project work, including a work program, schedule and budget.
 - b. All contractors the grantee intends to retain for the project.
 - c. Documentation that all permits and approvals needed for the project work have been obtained.
 - d. Any agreements required to enable the grantee to implement, maintain and monitor the project and to protect the public's interest in the installed oyster elements.
2. In carrying out any work, the grantees shall comply with:
- a. All applicable mitigation and monitoring measures that are required by any permit or approval for the project.
 - b. To the extent that the work is funded by other outside grant funds, all requirements of those grants.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed project remains consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the resource goals of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project remains consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines adopted on October 2, 2014.
3. Smithsonian Environmental Research Center and Ducks Unlimited, as potential grantees, are all nonprofit organizations recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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NORTH COAST

14. COASTAL DUNE VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION ASSESSMENT

Su Corbaley of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to two hundred thirty thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$230,750) received from the California Ocean Protection Council and an additional disbursement of up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) of Conservancy funds, for a total disbursement not to exceed four hundred thirty thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$430,750) to Friends of the Dunes to conduct Phase II of a coastal dune vulnerability and adaptation assessment along 32 miles of coastline from Trinidad Head south to Centerville Beach in Humboldt County.

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of any funds, Friends of the Dunes shall submit for review and approval by the Executive Officer a work program, schedule, budget, and the names of any contractors to be used for the project, and shall provide evidence that all permits and approvals necessary for the project have been issued.
2. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged in all project-related documentation, such as reports, notices, or other relevant publications, as approved by the Executive Officer of the Conservancy.
3. Prior to the establishment of a new adaptation site, Friends of the Dunes and Conservancy staff shall complete site specific Tribal consultation with the Bear River Band of Rhonerville Rancheria, Blue Lake Rancheria, and Wiyot Tribe.
4. Friends of the Dunes and its contractors shall follow the following Inadvertent Archaeological Discovery protocol: If archaeological resources are encountered during construction activities, all onsite work shall cease in the immediate area and within a 50-foot buffer of the discovery location. A qualified archaeologist will be retained to evaluate and assess the significance of the discovery, and develop and implement an avoidance or mitigation plan, as appropriate. For discoveries known or likely to be associated with Native American heritage and select historic period sites, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) for the Bear River Band of Rhonerville Rancheria, Blue Lake Rancheria, and Wiyot Tribe are to be contacted immediately to evaluate the discovery and, in consultation with the project proponent and consulting archaeologist, develop a treatment plan in any instance where significant impacts cannot be avoided. Prehistoric materials may include, but are not limited to, obsidian or chert flakes, tools, locally darkened midden soils, groundstone

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artifacts, shellfish or faunal remains, and human burials. Historic archaeological discoveries may include, but are not limited to, 19th century building foundations; structural remains; or concentrations of artifacts made of glass, ceramic, metal or other materials found in buried pits, old wells or privies. Should known or suspected Native American skeletal remains or burials be inadvertently discovered, the provisions of Section 7050.5 of the California Health & Safety Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code shall apply.”

Findings:

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

1. he proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding preparing for impacts from climate change.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. Friends of the Dunes is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

STATEWIDE

15. CLIMATE READY PROJECTS

Carrie Boyle of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed three million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$3,800,000) to 12 nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and a tribal government, for projects that facilitate the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and address climate change impacts within the State Coastal Conservancy’s jurisdiction as follows:

- Alameda County Community Development Agency: One hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) to design and implement a heat resiliency program that includes planting trees and conducting community outreach in the communities of Ashland and Cherryland to increase the communities’ ability to respond to the anticipated increase in extreme heat days as a result of climate change

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- Alameda County Resource Conservation District: Three hundred forty-three thousand nine hundred sixty-one dollars (\$343,961) to develop plans and implement management practices to sequester carbon and reduce GHG emissions on seven farms, vineyards and rangelands in Alameda County.
- American Rivers: Two hundred seventy-four thousand five hundred fifteen dollars (\$274,515) to conduct riparian restoration planning, community engagement and agency coordination in the Rheem Creek watershed in western Contra Costa County to address climate impacts.
- Big Sur Land Trust: Four hundred eighty-eight thousand seven hundred sixty dollars (\$488,760) to prepare design plans, permit applications and environmental documents and conduct community engagement to transform a portion of Carr Lake into an urban park in the City of Salinas.
- Community Conservation Solutions: Four hundred thousand dollars (\$439,680) to develop technical designs for the Natural Park at the Ramona Gardens Housing Development in the City of Los Angeles.
- Long Beach Water Department: Two hundred thirty-six thousand three hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$236,388) to replace 25 lawns with drought-tolerant gardens and plant trees in a disadvantaged community in the City of Long Beach that will sequester carbon, improve air quality, and provide urban cooling
- Marin County Community Development Agency: Two hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$220,000) to conduct feasibility studies and develop designs for living shorelines projects at two to five sites in Tomales Bay to increase climate change resiliency
- Ojai Valley Land Conservancy: Two hundred ninety-eight thousand three hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$298,357) to restore 23 acres of oak woodland habitat in the Ventura River Preserve in the City of Ojai.
- Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians: One hundred ninety-seven thousand six hundred eighty-one dollars (\$197,681) to implement a suite of demonstration carbon sink farming practices, monitor outcomes, develop a trail and conduct education and outreach at Pauma Tribal Farms in northwestern San Diego County.
- Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County: One hundred seventy-two thousand three hundred thirty-six dollars (\$172,336) for the Resource Conservation Districts of Santa Cruz County and San Mateo County to develop at least eight carbon farm plans.
- Santa Monica Bay Foundation: Four hundred eighty-four thousand seven hundred ninety-three dollars (\$484,793) to implement a living shorelines project to restore coastal bluffs, beaches and install eelgrass at Dockweiler Beach in Los Angeles County.
- The Trust for Public Land: Five hundred three thousand five hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$503,529) to complete implementation of a living schoolyard demonstration project at Markham Elementary School in East Oakland.

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1. Prior to disbursement of funds, the applicable grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
 - A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
 - Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
 - A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
 - If applicable, evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
 - If applicable, evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.
2. In carrying out each project, each grantee shall comply with all applicable requirements associated with disbursements from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), including all requirements set forth in the Air Resources Board's GGRF Funding Guidelines.

Finding:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code Section 31113, regarding addressing climate change and potential climate change impacts.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. Each nonprofit organization grantee proposed under this authorization is organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and each of their purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the *Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for The Alameda County Voluntary Local Program* adopted by the Alameda County Resource Conservation District on August 24, 2012, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a

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whole that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382.”

16. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

17. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

Polly Escovedo thanked Conservancy staff for their thorough staff reports.

Annie Notthoff gave a brief update on how Conservancy is making history on ocean management.

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo County, gave a few comments and welcomed the Conservancy to San Luis Obispo County.

Mayor Jamie Irons and Councilmember Red Davis of Morro Bay made a few comments and welcomed the Conservancy to the City of Morro Bay.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 P. M