

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Joy Sterling (Public Member),
Marce Gutiérrez-Graudiņš (Public Member)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)
Jeremiah Hallisey (Public Member)
Donne Brownsey (Designated, Coastal Commission)

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kara Woodruff (Representative for Senator Laird, District 17)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer
Amy Roach, General Counsel

LOCATION:

Healdsburg City Council Chambers
401 Grove St,
Healdsburg, CA 95448

MEETING START TIME: 10:05 A.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
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Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)

Donne Brownsey (Coastal Commission Chair)

Jeremiah Hallisey (Public Member)

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy’s June 01, 2023 public meeting. Moved and seconded. Minutes were approved. Brownsey and Hallisey abstained from the vote.

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Following several public comments, Chair Bosco asked the board if any member requested any consent item be removed. Hearing no such request, the following consent items were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by Sterling, Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Bosco (none opposed).

A. HOLLISTER RANCH COASTAL ACCESS

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an additional five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to augment the Conservancy funding previously authorized on May 5, 2022, for a total authorized amount of two million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$2,800,000), for the purpose of contracting for services to prepare environmental review documents, a cultural and tribal resource survey, and a property appraisal for the Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program, in Santa Barbara County, subject to the conditions of the May 5, 2022, authorization.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization remains consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding System of Public Accessways.
2. The proposed project remains consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

B. HAMMOND’S MEADOW RESTORATION

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden (“the grantee”) to protect cultural resources and restore and maintain 2.25 acres of native habitat at Hammond’s Meadow County Open Space in Santa Barbara 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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal resource enhancement.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed the April 9, 2019 Addendum for the Ocean Meadows Development Plan (DVP) Amendment Project, Case No. 19AMD-00000-00002, considered by the County of Santa Barbara Montecito Planning Commission on April 18, 2019, attached to this staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. The Conservancy finds that the project as designed avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than significant level, and 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.

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AMENDMENTS

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy approves amendments to its Conflict-of-Interest Code, codified at 14 California Code of Regulations section 13800, as shown in Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff recommendation, and directs the Executive Officer to take actions necessary to provide public notice of, finalize, and codify these amendments, or substantially similar amendments, to the code.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that amendment of the Conservancy's conflict-of-interest

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code is necessary to reflect the current staff composition, job classifications, and duties, and to implement the requirements of Government Code Sections 87300 through 87302, and 87306. These amendments are authorized by Government Code Section 87306, Public Resources Code Section 31102, and the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 18752.

D. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORELINE PHASE 3 STUDY

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the Executive Officer to enter into a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement (FCSA) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Santa Clara Valley Water District for a federal feasibility study for the Santa Clara County shoreline from Mountain View Slough/Permanente Creek in the City of Mountain View to Guadalupe River in the City of San Jose.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 San Francisco Bay Area.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

E. City of Riverside Santa Ana River Parkway Improvements Project

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three hundred fifty-four thousand dollars (\$354,000) to augment the Conservancy grant of two million eighty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,087,500), previously authorized to the City of Riverside for (1) the acquisition of four acres at 5200 Tequesquite Avenue in the City of Riverside in Riverside County, and (2) the preparation of designs, engineering, and environmental documentation for nine projects along 4.7 miles of the Santa Ana River Parkway, from Fairmount Park to Martha McLean Anza Narrows Park, in the City of Riverside in Riverside County. This authorization remains subject to the same conditions contained in the Conservancy's August 22, 2019 authorization.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program and funding for recreational opportunities and trails, and wildlife habitat restoration, enhancement, and protection.

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

F. Saunders Landing Coastal Trail Planning

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed eighty-two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$82,700) to Mendocino Land Trust (“the grantee”) to conduct environmental studies and prepare designs and permit applications for the future establishment of 0.4 miles of Coastal Trail across Saunders Landing south of the City of Point Arena in Mendocino County.

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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. Evidence that the grantee has acquired the Saunders Landing property.

In addition, to the extent appropriate, Mendocino Land Trust shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s ‘Coastal Access Project Standards’.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 system of public accessways.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Mendocino Land Trust is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

G. Blues Beach Land Return Project Planning

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) to Kai Poma (“the grantee”) to conduct cultural and archeological resource studies and environmental surveys and to prepare a resource

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management plan for the Blues Beach property located in the community of Westport in Mendocino County.

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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
4. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. Kai Poma is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

H. Santa Cruz Living Shoreline Feasibility

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the City of Santa Cruz (“the grantee”) to assess the feasibility of using living shorelines, sand management techniques, and other nature-based solutions to address coastal hazards and advance climate adaptation planning along 3.2 miles of

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the Santa Cruz coastline, and to develop conceptual designs for one to three projects identified in the feasibility study.

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 retained in carrying out the project.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Section 31113 of Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding addressing impacts and potential impacts of climate change.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

I. Sue-Meg State Park Rim Trail Project

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred sixty-eight thousand, two hundred and fifty six dollars (\$168,256) to the Redwood Parks Conservancy (“the grantee”) to construct the Sue-Meg State Park Rim Trail Project consisting of a 262-foot trail realignment and the replacement of a temporary bridge with a 33-

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foot footbridge to reestablish rim trail continuity and increase accessibility in Sue-Meg State Park in Humboldt County.

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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.
6. In addition, to the extent appropriate, the Redwood Parks Conservancy shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy's 'Coastal Access Project Standards'.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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.
3. The Redwood Parks Conservancy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

J. Geyserville Community Plaza

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to Sonoma County on behalf of its Public Infrastructure Department ("the grantee") to prepare designs, an environmental review document and permit

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applications for the Geyserville Community Plaza Project, consisting of enhancing the 1.17-acre Park and Ride property in Geyserville, Sonoma County.

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 retained in carrying out the project.

In addition, to the extent appropriate, the grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy's 'Coastal Access Project Standards'.

Findings: Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

K. Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes four grants of an amount not to exceed three hundred eight thousand two hundred dollars (\$308,200) to three nonprofit organizations and the University of California, Santa Barbara ("UCSB") for four community-based natural resource restoration and enhancement projects on a total of approximately 24 acres in coastal wetlands and along stream corridors in Santa Barbara, Orange, and San Diego Counties (the "projects"). The four grantees and projects are as follows:

- Audubon California: One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to implement restoration activities at Buena Vista Lagoon that are informed by and include traditional ecological knowledge in collaboration with the San Luis Rey Band, 'ataaxum Pomkwaan, and Buena Vista Audubon Society.
- San Diego Audubon Society: Fifty thousand two hundred dollars (\$50,200) to San Diego Audubon Society to fund community habitat restoration events and work at three sites in south San Diego Bay and the Tijuana Slough.
- Laguna Canyon Foundation: Fifty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$58,900) to Laguna Canyon Foundation to provide opportunities for students to assist with water quality testing and habitat enhancement in and around ongoing restoration projects along Aliso Creek.
- University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB): Ninety-nine thousand one hundred dollars (\$99,100) to engage UCSB students as well as local elementary schoolchildren and Tribal youth to restore degraded habitat in the Storke Wetlands at Goleta Slough while increasing

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UCSB's capacity to connect students of all ages to wetland species, ecosystem function, and restoration opportunities.

Prior to commencement of the projects, each 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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding through the Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program as well as Proposition 68 funding when applicable as a source of that funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal resource enhancement projects.
2. The proposed projects are consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The proposed nonprofit organizations are organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Community Habitat Stewardship Project Negative Determination No. ND-0028-21 ("Negative Determination") adopted by the California Coastal Commission on October 25, 2021 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 2. The Conservancy finds that that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed South San Diego Bay Community Habitat Stewardship Project will have a significant effect on the environment.

L. Garrapata State Park Restrooms Augmentation

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an additional four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to the California Department of Parks and Recreation ("the grantee") to augment the Conservancy grant previously authorized on May 27, 2021, for a total authorized amount of four hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$460,000) to prepare plans, environmental review documents, and permit applications for two new restrooms in Garrapata

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State Park in Big Sur, Monterey County, subject to the conditions of the May 27, 2021 authorization.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization remains consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding System of Public Accessways.
2. The proposed project remains consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

M. San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program: Land Conservation and Stewardship

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) to TOGETHER Bay Area (“the grantee”) to support conservation planning in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area and the County of Santa Cruz by updating the Conservation Lands Network planning tool, including expanded partner engagement and data updates to support regional biodiversity and habitat resilience.

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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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.
3. TOGETHER Bay Area is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

N. Riverview Acquisition

Resolution:

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The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy (“the grantee”) to acquire a 44.38-acre property (consisting of Ventura County Assessor’s Parcel Number 011-0- 030-050) that includes the Riverview trailhead and parking area to permanently protect and restore habitat and natural resources, preserve open space, and provide public access to the Ventura River Preserve in unincorporated Ventura County, 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; and
 - c. 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 protection and restoration of habitat and natural resources, preservation of open space, and providing public access. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
4. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 8 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31350-31356), regarding reservation of significant coastal resource areas.

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2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Ojai Valley Land Conservancy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

O. Sonoma Land Trust Preserves Forest Resilience Project

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred sixty-nine thousand, one hundred dollars (\$469,100) to Sonoma Land Trust (“the grantee”) to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health through thinning, pile burning, and removing vegetation to prepare for prescribed burns on its preserves in Sonoma County. 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 retained in carrying out the project. 3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding. 4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Sonoma Land Trust is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) Statewide Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PIER), which was certified by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) on December 30, 2019, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Project Specific Analysis and Addendum to the CalVTP for the Sonoma Land Trust Preserves Vegetation Treatment Project (Cal Project ID 2021-15), “PSA-Addendum”) (attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibits 2 and 3), and the Conservancy finds:
 - a. The Sonoma Land Trust Preserves Forest Resilience (“Project”) is within the scope of the CalVTP and the CalVTP PIER adequately describes the Project for

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the purposed of CEQA. As described in the PSA-Addendum, although portions of the Project will take place outside the treatable landscape as identified in the CalVTP, the Project area landscape conditions are similar to those of the treatable landscape, and the treatment types and activities are the same as those described in the CalVTP. None of the conditions described in the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) have occurred.

- b. The PIER and PSA-Addendum identify potentially significant impacts of the Project in the areas of Archaeological, Historical, and Tribal Cultural Resources, Biological Resources, Hazardous Materials, Public Health, and Safety as identified in the accompanying staff recommendation. With implementation of Mitigation Measures, these impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level.
- c. The PIER and PSA-Addendum identify significant and unavoidable impacts of the Project in the areas of Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Transportation. The Project's air quality impacts are from emissions associated with treatment activities and maintenance. Standard Project Requirements will reduce these impacts but not avoid them. No feasible Mitigation Measures exist. The Greenhouse Gas Emission impacts are due to the use of vehicles and mechanical equipment and prescribed burning during initial and maintenance treatments. The Standard Project Requirements and Mitigation Measures will reduce these impacts but not avoid them. The project will have Transportation impacts due to a temporary increase of vehicle miles traveled above baseline conditions because the treatment areas are in remote locations. No feasible Mitigation Measures exist. The Conservancy finds it infeasible to avoid, reduce, or mitigate the possible significant environmental effects of the Project in these areas but that the specific environmental and other benefits of the Project as described in the Statement of Overriding Considerations contained in the accompanying Conservancy staff recommendation outweigh and render acceptable the significant unavoidable effects.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer, presented the 2024 State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Schedule. Ms. Hutzal revised the proposed schedule to change the April 11 date to April 18 to avoid conflict with the Coastal Commission's meeting schedule. The 2024 State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Schedule, as revised, was moved and seconded. The 2024 State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Schedule was approved.

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NORTH COAST

5. Lone Pine Ranch Area 3 Acquisition – EEL River Canyon Preserve

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$3,950,000) to The Wildlands Conservancy (“the grantee”) to acquire approximately 8,085 acres of the Lone Pine Ranch property at the confluence of the Eel River mainstem and Kekawaka Creek in Trinity County for the purposes of preserving and restoring fish and wildlife habitat, providing public access and recreation, and protecting open space and natural resources, 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; and c. 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 the purposes of preserving and restoring fish and wildlife habitat, providing public access and recreation, and protecting open space and natural resources. 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 recommendation and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection.

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2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Wildlands Conservancy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

6. North Spit Dune Resilience Project

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of five million five hundred fifty two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$5,552,800) to Redwood Community Action Agency (the “grantee”) for the North Spit Dune Resilience Project, consisting of the restoration of approximately 350 acres of coastal dune habitat along 4.5 miles of shoreline to increase sealevel rise resiliency on the north spit of Humboldt Bay in Humboldt County (the “project”).

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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

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3. The Redwood Community Action Agency is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
4. Consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act, the Conservancy has considered the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Friends of the Dunes Trail and Habitat Restoration Project adopted by the Humboldt County Planning Department on September 1, 2022, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project to be undertaken on the Friends of the Dunes’ Humboldt Coastal Nature Center property 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.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

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7. India Basin Waterfront Park Phase 2: 900 Innes Redevelopment

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed five million one hundred thousand dollars (\$5,100,000) to San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (“the grantee”) to construct the India Basin Waterfront Park Phase 2: 900 Innes Redevelopment project, consisting of the redevelopment of the 900 Innes property to be included in the India Basin Waterfront Park in the City and County of San Francisco.

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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. The grantee shall submit to the Conservancy by early 2025 regarding the grantee’s financial plan for maintaining the restored docks and the marina depths.

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In addition, to the extent appropriate, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy's 'Coastal Access Project Standards'.

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 recommendation 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 the impacts of climate change.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the India Basin Mixed-Use Project Final Environmental Impact Report ("Final EIR") certified by the San Francisco Planning Department on July 26, 2018 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Final EIR is comprised of three parts: EIR Response to Comments, Draft EIR Part 1 of 2, Draft EIR part 2 of 2. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project will have significant impacts in the areas of Cultural Resources, Noise, Air Quality, Recreation, Utilities, Biological Resources, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Hazards and Hazardous Materials. Most of these impacts can be mitigated to less-than-significant apart from permanent impacts to Cultural Resources, and the potential impacts to Noise and Air Quality due to construction and traffic.
4. The project will result in significant and unavoidable impacts to Cultural Resources, specifically the India Basin Scow Schooner Boatyard Vernacular Landscape which includes roads and paths, marine ways and docks, staging and storage areas, and buildings (Boatyard Office, tool shed, water tank, and Shipwright's Cottage). The project will remove wooden components of the marine ways; remove and replace dilapidated docks; remove the Boatyard Office, tool shed, and water tank; and repave the staging and storage areas. The specific environmental and social benefits of the project described in the staff recommendation outweigh the unavoidable and permanent impact on this cultural resource. Environmental benefits include improved open waters that are designated Essential Fish Habitat with the removal of toxic creosote pilings that occurred in Phase 1 of the India Basin Waterfront Park project. Environmental benefits of the proposed project include a vegetated wetland habitat that can support a greater diversity of wildlife, improved erosion control and water quality from revegetating the wetland and upland habitat, and improved

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resilience to sea level rise. The removal of dilapidated structures will improve safety and accessibility of the shoreline to the public for recreation and access to a green open space. Furthermore, the historic Shipwrights Cottage will be rehabilitated into an interpretive center that will educate visitors on the history of the property and shoreline.

5. The project will result in potential significant and unavoidable impact with mitigation to Noise and Air Quality areas. Noise will potentially have cumulative impacts in combination with the other three redevelopment projects included in the FEIR and these impacts for the project include noise related to construction and traffic for the projects occurring in the vicinity. Air Quality will have potential significant and unavoidable impacts with mitigation because construction operations may violate an air quality standard, anticipated to be NOx. However, mitigation measures M-AQ-1a through M-AQ-1e will help the proposed project at 900 Innes meet the requirements of the City's Clean Construction ordinance (summarized below in the "CEQA Compliance" section). Nevertheless, the environmental and social benefits summarized in this document ("Project Description" and "Project Selection Criteria" sections) outweigh the potential impact to noise and temporary impact to air quality.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

8. Heron's Head Park Climate Resilience Project

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy ("Conservancy") hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million seven hundred and eighty-one thousand and six hundred dollars (\$1,781,600) to Literacy for Environmental Justice ("the grantee") to implement the Heron's Head Park Climate Resilience Project consisting of enhancing 9 acres of wetland adjacent upland habitat to address climate change impacts, provide environmental job training to 40-60 local young adults, and host 15-20 stewardship days annually at Heron's Head Park in the City and County of San Francisco (the "project").

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:

- A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.

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- Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
- A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
- Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
- Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. Literacy for Environmental Justice is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

9. POSTPONED.

10. Berkeley Marina Improvements

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed eight million nine hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$8,990,000) to the City of Berkeley (“the grantee”) to implement Berkeley Marina improvements consisting of 1) maintenance dredging of the Berkeley Marina harbor and entrances; and 2) replacement of two failing dock systems (Docks D and E) in the City of Berkeley, Alameda County.

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 retained in carrying out the project.

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3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

The grantee shall submit a report to the Conservancy by early 2025 regarding the grantee's financial plan for maintaining the restored docks and the marina depths.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 Urban Waterfront Restoration projects.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

11. Building Capacity for Coastal Climate resiliency in San Francisco Bay

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four million three hundred fifty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,351,500) to San Francisco State University ("the grantee") to plan and design two, and implement one sea level rise adaptation project, develop a workforce training program in nature-based climate resiliency, and develop a consortium of experts to advance nature-based adaptation projects in various Bay Area counties, including Marin, San Francisco, Solano, Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara.

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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

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5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3, Section 31113, of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

12. Coyote Valley Conservation Area Master plan

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million one hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$1,188,000) to Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (“the grantee”) to prepare a draft master plan, and conduct community engagement to inform the draft master plan, for approximately 1,550 acres of conserved lands in Coyote Valley, Santa Clara County.

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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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.

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Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

13. Sonoma Creek Baylands restoration planning project, phase 1

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three million four hundred twenty-eight thousand four hundred sixty dollars (\$3,428,460) to Ducks Unlimited (“the grantee”) to conduct outreach and planning and to prepare engineering designs and environmental compliance documentation for landscape-scale ecological restoration, flood protection, and public access on 6,000 acres in the Sonoma Creek Baylands in Sonoma County.

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 retained in carrying out the project.

In addition, to the extent appropriate, the grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s Coastal Access Project Standards.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the impacts of climate change.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. Ducks Unlimited is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

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The Conservancy took a break. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.; Meeting resumed at 12:30 p.m.

14. 66th Ave BART To Bay Trail Planning

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million two hundred thirty-three thousand three hundred fifteen dollars (\$1,233,315) to the City of Oakland (“the grantee”) to complete planning, design and permitting for the approximately 0.6-mile off-street multi-use trail known as the 66th Ave BART to Bay Trail Project in Oakland, Alameda County.

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 retained in carrying out the Project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.

In addition, to the extent appropriate, the grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s ‘Coastal Access Project Standards’.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 public access goals of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed Project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

CENTRAL COAST

15. Ellwood Marine Terminal Access Planning and Restoration

Resolution:

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The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million seven hundred seventy-three thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,773,250) to the University of California, Santa Barbara (“UCSB” or “grantee”) for tribal and community engagement and outreach, planning and design of coastal access improvements; removal of legacy oil infrastructure; and restoration of coastal habitats at the Ellwood Marine Terminal site on the UCSB campus in Santa Barbara County.

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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
 1. In addition, to the extent appropriate, the grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s ‘Coastal Access Project Standards’.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapters 6 and 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal resource enhancement and public access, respectively.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Ellwood Marine Terminal Demolition and Restoration Project Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the University of California on August 17, 2023, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. The Conservancy finds that the 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.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

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Public Comment: none

16. Chorro Creek Floodplain Resilience Planning

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$1,110,000) to the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District (“the grantee”) to prepare plans, permit applications, and environmental review documents for increased flooding resilience along lower Chorro Creek in the Morro Bay watershed in San Luis Obispo County (the “project”).

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 retained in carrying out the project.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 climate change.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

17. Villa Creek Estuary Restoration

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the California Department of Parks and Recreation (“the grantee”) to restore 5 acres of habitat in and around the Villa Creek estuary, San Luis Obispo 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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

18. Wong Asuncion Ranch Acquisition

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million five hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,570,000) to the California Rangeland Trust (“the grantee”) to acquire a conservation easement over the 1,014-acre Wong Asuncion Ranch in unincorporated Atascadero in San Luis Obispo County (Assessor’s Parcel No. 046-051-029, 046-051-030, and 046-051-031) for natural resource conservation, habitat connectivity, protection of the Toro Creek watershed, and, to the extent compatible with resource conservation, sustainable grazing, 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, conservation easement,

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escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;

- b. A baseline conditions report; and
 - c. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. The grantee shall pay no more than fair market value for the conservation easement, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
 3. The easement acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated for purposes of natural resource conservation, habitat connectivity, protection of the Toro Creek watershed, and, to the extent compatible with resource conservation, sustainable grazing. 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 recommendation 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.
3. The California Rangeland Trust is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

19. Monterey Bay Living Shorelines Program

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed \$889,225 to the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation (“the grantee”) to establish the Monterey Bay Living Shoreline Program, which consists of developing a project prioritization framework, preparing three priority conceptual level plans, completing three ongoing living

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shoreline projects, developing a tool to monitor and assess effectiveness of living shoreline projects, conducting robust community engagement, and coordinating with California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) to produce effective pathways for State Parks to integrate living shorelines into its resource management approaches in the Monterey Bay region (the “project”).

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 retained in carrying out the project.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Foundation is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

SOUTH COAST

20. Bayshore Bikeway Resiliency Project

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million, one hundred forty-one thousand, two hundred and five dollars (\$2,141,205) to the City of Imperial Beach (“the grantee”) to conduct outreach and planning and to prepare designs, environmental compliance documents, and permit applications needed to retrofit a 1.2-mile segment of the Bayshore Bikeway into a multi-benefit community flood protection and ecosystem resilience corridor in Imperial Beach, San Diego County.

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:

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

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

21. Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration project

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed thirty-one million, eight hundred fifty-two thousand dollars (\$31,852,000) to the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (“the grantee”) for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project, which consists of planning and permitting for restoration and for providing public access to 103.5 acres of wetlands in Seal Beach, construction of an initial phase of restoration and public access improvements on a portion of the Project site, and management of the wetlands (the “project”).

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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

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5. Prior to commencing the project, the grantee shall enter into and record an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(d) sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal resource enhancement projects.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority on August 24, 2023 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and incorporated by reference to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. The Conservancy finds that the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration 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.

Voting in favor: Cash, Hallisey, Brownsey, Bosco; Voting against: none; Abstained: Sterling, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš

Public Comment: Marcia Hanscom, Susan Cumming, Chris Ku, Elizabeth Lambe, Anna Christensen, Patricia Mcpherson

STATEWIDE

22. Explore the Coast Grant Program – 2023 - 2024

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed nine hundred and sixty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$968,900) to 16 nonprofit organizations for 16 projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore the California coast. The Executive Officer of the Coastal Conservancy may authorize modifications to one or more of the 16 projects if the modified projects continue to

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promote the goal of facilitating and enhancing the public's opportunities to explore the California coast. The 16 grantees are as follows (presented in alphabetical order):

- Blind Sail SF Bay: Twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500) to teach approximately 84 blind and visually impaired individuals the fundamental skills of sailing with the intention of building self-confidence and friendships among the participants. Changing Tides Foundation, (fiscal sponsor for Un Mar de Colores): Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to provide a two-year scholarship program consisting of free mentorship, environmental education, and surf therapy lessons to approximately 80 BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) students and 160 of their family members.
- Grant African Methodist Episcopal Church: Fifty-three thousand three hundred dollars (\$53,300) to provide four daytrips to various seaside locations for approximately 80 low-income participants and their families in the Watts community.
- Greater Farallon's Association: Thirty-six thousand two hundred dollars (\$36,200) to bring approximately 175 students from low-income schools to their local coast to encounter intertidal marine life, document their observations using real scientific techniques, and develop long-term connections with the California coast.
- Justice Outside: One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to bring approximately 2,000 BIPOC and low-income participants to coastal locations with the intention of bringing them joy and healing through coastal experiences.
- Literacy for Environmental Justice: Eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$87,000) to provide approximately 2,000 low-income youth with recreational, educational, and environmental stewardship experiences through kayaking and fishing in the San Francisco Bay.
- Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to provide two trips to the University of Southern California (USC) Wrigley Marine Center on Catalina Island for approximately 50 students in grades 9 to 12 from predominantly minority, immigrant, and socioeconomically disadvantaged populations in the West Lake and Pico Union neighborhoods of Los Angeles.
- Orange County Makapo Aquatics Project: Eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$87,000) to provide approximately 350 participants with physical and intellectual disabilities with outrigger paddling lessons.
- Outward Bound Adventures: Seventy-eight thousand three hundred dollars (\$78,300) to bring approximately 96 youth from primarily low income and systemically excluded communities of color on overnight camping expeditions.

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- Redwood Parks Conservancy: Eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$87,000) to provide approximately 440 children and adolescents from Humboldt and Del Norte an inclusive lifeguard training program held at Trinidad State Beach, Stone Lagoon, and Crescent City Beaches.
- Santa Barbara Alternatives to Violence Project: Seventy-six thousand dollars (\$76,000) to provide approximately 220 youth a variety of coastal day- and overnight-trips in Central and Southern California over a two-year term.
- The Student Conservation Association: Twenty-two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$22,700) to provide two overnight trips to coastal parks and four summer outings to coastal sites to approximately 28 youth from Vallejo, Hayward, and East Oakland.
- Trybe Inc.: Eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$87,000) to provide approximately 275 low-income youth and families from inner city Oakland with coastal adventures and exploration experiences across the San Francisco Bay and Central California coastline.
- Urban Surf 4 Kids: Sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to provide surf therapy day camps at La Jolla Shores to approximately 500 youth who are victims of domestic violence, living in foster care or have experienced foster care, residing in group homes, or are low income and have experienced multiple adverse childhood experiences.
- Watsonville Wetlands Watch: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to provide family kayaking trips and youth beach trips for approximately 192 participants from the Pajaro Valley.
- YES Nature to Neighborhoods: Seventy-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$78,900) to provide two overnight coastal trips, one cycling and one backpacking, for approximately 150 teens from the Iron Triangle and Northern Richmond neighborhoods.

Prior to commencement of the project, each 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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Any other applicable agreements determined necessary for the project by the Conservancy's Executive Officer.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapters 4.5 and 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the resource and recreational goals in the San Francisco Bay Area (Chapter 4.5), and the establishment of a system of public accessways to and along the California coast (Chapter 9).
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The proposed nonprofit organizations are organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: Shay Franco-Clausen, Dillon Cleavenger, Marcia Hanscom

WILDFIRE RESILIENCE PROGRAM

23. Wildfire Resilience Program 2023-2024 Augmentation

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes grants in a total amount not to exceed one million, fifty-seven thousand, six hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,057,650) to the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County and the San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council to conduct planning and build capacity to increase wildfire resilience of California’s natural lands and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, as specified below:

Resource Conservation District of Monterey County: Seven hundred eighty-seven thousand, four hundred dollars (\$787,400) to conduct wildfire resilience planning,

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education and outreach, and increase organizational capacity for four Monterey County organizations.

San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council: Two hundred and seventy thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$270,250) to conduct countywide wildfire resilience planning.

Prior to commencement of the projects, the grantees 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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding
4. Any other agreements determined necessary for the project by the Conservancy's Executive Officer.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Section 31113 of Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed projects are consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The proposed grantees are nonprofit organizations organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Brownsey, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

24. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Gutiérrez-Graudiņš thanked staff for their work on the Explore the Coast Program and highlighted the value of the ETC Advisory Committee.

25. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Ku spoke on Ballona Wetlands

Patricia Mcpherson spoke on Ballona Wetlands

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Walter Lamb spoke on Ballona Wetlands

Marcia Hanscom spoke on Ballona Wetlands

Jane Velez-Mitchell spoke on Ballona Wetlands

Susanne Cumming spoke on Ballona Wetlands

Robert Roy van de Hoek spoke on Ballona Wetlands

26. CLOSED SESSION

The Conservancy did not hold a closed session.

27. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 P.M.