

*STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
April 18, 2024*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair  
Joy Sterling (Public Member),  
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)  
Jeremiah Hallisey (Public Member)  
Caryl Hart (Coastal Commission Chair)  
Michele Perrault (Designated, Department of Finance)

**OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kara Woodruff (Representative for Senator Laird, District 17)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer  
Amy Roach, General Counsel

**LOCATION:**

Elihu M Harris State Building Auditorium  
1515 Clay St.,  
Oakland, CA 94612

**MEETING START TIME: 10:10A.M.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair  
Joy Sterling (Public Member)  
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)  
Michele Perrault (Designated, Department of Finance)  
Caryl Hart (Coastal Commission Chair)  
Jeremiah Hallisey (Public Member)

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2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy’s February 15, 2024, public meeting. Moved and seconded. Minutes were approved.

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Chair Bosco asked the board if any member requested any consent item be removed. The following consent items were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by Sterling, Perrault, Hart, Cash, Hallisey, Bosco (none opposed).

A. **Augmentation for Community and Climate Connections in the Novato Baylands**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy (the “Conservancy”) hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to Point Reyes Bird Observatory dba Point Blue Conservation Science (the “grantee” or “Point Blue”) to augment the Conservancy grant of \$2,150,000 to steward approximately 177 acres of restored wetlands through engaging the local community to maintain and enhance the wetlands and to implement minor property improvements by repairing and maintaining public access amenities in the Novato Baylands in Marin County (the “project”) to provide an additional two years of the project.

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

1. A revised work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any additional contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. Evidence that any additional permits and approvals required to continue the project have been obtained.
4. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to continue to implement, operate, and maintain the project for an additional two years.

The grantee shall comply with all relevant mitigation measures identified in Bel Marin Keys Wetland Restoration Phase 1 Project Addendum to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report Environmental Impact Statement for the Bel Marin Keys Unit V Expansion of Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project and the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Plan – Volume II: Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement.

**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 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. Point Blue is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

**B. Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an additional four hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$425,000) to augment the Conservancy funding previously authorized on May 5, 2022 and September 14, 2023, for a total authorized amount of three million two hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$3,225,000), 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.

**C. Explore the River Grant Program 2024**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes grants of an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) total to two nonprofit organizations for two projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore the Santa Ana River. The Executive Officer of the Coastal Conservancy may authorize modifications to one or more of the two projects if the modified projects continue to promote the goal of facilitating and enhancing the public's opportunities to explore the Santa Ana River. The two grantees are as follows:

- TreePeople: Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to provide no-cost field trips to approximately 490 youth and their families with a comprehensive experience in the natural environments of the Santa Ana River and within its watershed.

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- Inland Empire Waterkeeper: Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to provide no-cost field trips to approximately 700 youth from Riverside and San Bernardino counties with a hands-on learning experience in the Santa Ana River and within its watershed.

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:

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 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 4.6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding resource and recreational goals along the Santa Ana River.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. TreePeople and Inland Empire Waterkeeper are nonprofit organizations organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

**D. Samoa Dunes and Wetlands: Public Access Augmentation**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) to augment an existing grant to Friends of the Dunes (“grantee”) to provide up to an additional two years of interim management of the 356-acre Samoa Dunes and Wetland Complex in Humboldt County, CA. 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:**

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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 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding a System of Public Accessways.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Friends of the Dunes is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

**E. Petaluma River Greenway Planning – Corona Reach**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$435,000) to Friends of the Petaluma River (“the grantee”) to conduct preliminary planning, including community engagement, baseline assessments and feasibility studies, and draft conceptual design for a segment of the proposed urban greenway known as the Petaluma River Greenway in the City of Petaluma, 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.

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

**F. San Francisco Bay State of the Birds Dynamic report Project**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three hundred eleven thousand nine hundred dollars (\$311,900) to Point Reyes Bird Observatory (“the grantee”) to undertake the San Francisco Bay State of the Birds Dynamic Report

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Project, which consists of developing a website that provides updated analyses of bird species populations that serve as indicators of San Francisco Bay habitat quality.

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 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Conservancy's mandate to address the resources and recreational goals of the San Francisco Bay Area.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. Point Reyes Bird Observatory is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Hart, Cash, Sterling, Perrault, Hallisey, Bosco; Voting Against: none;  
Abstained: none

Public Comment: none

**4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

Amy Hutzel, Executive Officer of the State Coastal Conservancy, acknowledged recent staffing changes and expressed gratitude to the Coastal Commission for assistance with payroll. She announced Moira McEnespy's departure as San Francisco Bay Program Regional Manager and introduced acting regional managers, Jessica Davenport and Joel Gerwein. Additionally, she bid farewell to Senior Staff Counsel Jeannette MacMillan.

**A. Tribute to Julia Elkin, former Project Manager at the Coastal Conservancy**

Executive Officer Hutzel paid tribute to the late Julia Elkin, praising her profound impact on coastal conservation efforts in both the South Coast and North Coast programs. Elkin's dedication to diversity, equity, and inclusion was noted, along with her significant contributions to land acquisitions, restoration studies, and climate change adaptation initiatives. Hutzel extended condolences to Elkin's family and expressed appreciation for her invaluable service to the California coast.

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**B. Strategic Plan Progress Report**

Mary Small, Deputy Executive Officer, provided an overview of the strategic plan progress, highlighting the Conservancy's progress in achieving its goals since the adoption of the new strategic plan in December 2022. Small outlined the plan's five overarching goals, emphasizing the importance of effectively communicating priorities and measuring progress over the five-year period. She discussed the significant achievements made despite challenges, such as budget constraints and staffing transitions. Small elaborated on the progress made in prioritizing equity, enhancing coastal access, protecting and restoring the coast, addressing climate change impacts, and strengthening the organization's capacity. Additionally, she emphasized the Conservancy's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and transparency, underscoring ongoing efforts to fulfill the organization's mission effectively.

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA**

**5. Tidewater Day Use Area Expansion Project**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to the East Bay Regional Park District (“the grantee”) to undertake the Tidewater Day Use Area Expansion Project, consisting of constructing public access amenities and park features on eight acres of former industrial land to expand the Tidewater Day Use Area of Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline 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.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

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 Area Program.

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

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Hart, Cash, Sterling, Perrault, Hallisey, Bosco; Voting Against: none;  
Abstained: none

Public Comment: Kathy Hornbeck

**6. South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million five hundred seventy-one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$2,571,700) to San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory (“SFBBO” or “grantee”) for revegetation and three years of maintenance on 17 acres of the Reaches 1-3 levee to support implementation of the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project in the community of Alviso, City of San José, Santa Clara County.

The Conservancy further authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed seven million four hundred twenty-eight thousand three hundred dollars (\$7,428,300) to Santa Clara Valley Water District (“Valley Water” or “grantee”) for Reaches 4-5 levee construction to support implementation of the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project in the community of Alviso, City of San José, Santa Clara County.

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 as the source of that funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

Prior to commencement of the project, SFBBO shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer evidence that it has entered into agreements sufficient to enable it to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

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



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**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 resources and recreational goals of San Francisco Bay Area.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Hart, Cash, Sterling, Perrault, Hallisey, Bosco; Voting Against: none;  
Abstained: none

Public Comment: none

**7. South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project Phase 2: Eden Landing and Alviso Implementation**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes augmentation of five grants and one contract, totaling an amount not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) collectively, to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., the California Wildlife Foundation, the Aquatic Science Center, and one contractor to implement Phase 2 of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, subject to adjustment among the grantees and contractor by the Executive Officer: 1) up to \$2,200,000 to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to restore tidal marsh and enhance managed ponds, 2) up to \$410,000 to the California Wildlife Foundation to implement monitoring and project outreach, 3) up to \$150,000 to the Aquatic Science Center to manage the lead scientist and website, and 4) up to \$240,000 for executive project management.

Prior to commencement of the project, Ducks Unlimited, Inc. 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.

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

Prior to commencement of the project, California Wildlife Foundation 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.

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

4. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
5. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
6. 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 Conservancy's mandate to address the resources and recreational goals of the San Francisco Bay Area.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. Ducks Unlimited, Inc. and the California Wildlife Foundation are nonprofit organizations organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Hart, Cash, Sterling, Perrault, Hallisey, Bosco; Voting Against: none;  
Abstained: none

Public Comment: none

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**8. Stonier Ranch Conservation Easement Acquisition**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million six hundred eighty-three thousand dollars (\$1,683,000) to the California Rangeland Trust (“the grantee”) to acquire a conservation easement over approximately 1,402-acres of Stonier Ranch (the “Property”) in Santa Clara County (including Santa Clara County’s Assessor’s Parcel Nos. 070-12-013 (240 acres), 070-12-015 (40 acres), 070-12- 028 (160 acres), 070-12-031 (250 acres), 070-12-033 (160 acres), 070-12-035 (240 acres), 627-19-033 (117.24 acres), 627-29-022 (156.28 acre), and 627-29-033 (39.07 acres) (see Exhibit 2, Figure 1) for the protection of open space, wildlife corridors, viewsheds, natural resources, and grazing lands. This authorization is 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 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.
3. The grantee shall pay no more than fair market value for the conservation easement, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
4. The easement interest acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated for the protection of open space, wildlife corridors, viewsheds, natural resources, and grazing lands. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
5. 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 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

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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: Hart, Cash, Sterling, Perrault, Hallisey, Bosco; Voting Against: none;  
Abstained: none

Public Comment: none

**CENTRAL COAST**

**9. Carr Lake Restoration and Park Construction Phase 2**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to the Big Sur Land Trust (“the grantee”) to undertake the Carr Lake Restoration and Park Construction Project Phase 2 (“the project”), consisting of restoration of 66 acres of wetland and upland habitat and construction of public access improvements at Carr Lake in Monterey 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. 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 5.5 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 Big Sur 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 Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Carr Lake Restoration and Park Development Project adopted by the City of Salinas on August 24, 2021 pursuant to the

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California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and linked to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 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.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Hart, Cash, Sterling, Perrault, Hallisey, Bosco; Voting Against: none; Abstained: None

Kara Woodruff made a comment on behalf of Senator Laird

Public Comment: Rachel Saunders

**10. Santa Cruz Coastal Lagoons & East Cliff Drive Resiliency Study**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) to the County of Santa Cruz (“the grantee”) to conduct a technical feasibility study of nature-based adaptation strategies to increase resilience to sea level rise for the three coastal lagoons (Schwan Lagoon, Corcoran Lagoon, and Moran Lagoon) along East Cliff Drive in central Santa Cruz 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.

**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: Hart, Cash, Sterling, Perrault, Hallisey, Bosco; Voting Against: none; Abstained: none

Public Comment: none

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**11. Carpinteria Living Shoreline Planning**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million six hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$1,620,000) to the City of Carpinteria (“the grantee”) to undertake the Carpinteria Living Shoreline Planning project, consisting of community engagement and preparation of plans, designs, technical analyses, and environmental review documents for a living shoreline solution along Carpinteria City Beach and surrounding public beaches to mitigate the impacts of sea level rise and other climate change-drive coastal hazards in Carpinteria, 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.

**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 addressing impacts and potential impacts of climate change.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Hart, Cash, Sterling, Perrault, Hallisey, Bosco; Voting Against: none;  
Abstained: none

Public Comment: none

**12. Santa Barbara County Sediment Management Program**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) to Santa Barbara County Flood Control District (“the grantee”) to develop the Santa Barbara County Sediment Management Program for southern Santa Barbara County, which consists of a program for redirecting ongoing sediment management to support beach-enhancement, living shoreline, and other sea level rise adaptation projects; including conducting community and tribal engagement and technical and feasibility studies to inform the Program; and preparing environmental review documents and permit applications for the Program.

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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.

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

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Hart, Cash, Sterling, Perrault, Hallisey, Bosco; Voting Against: none;  
Abstained: none

Public Comment: none

**13. Goleta Slough Area Coastal Resilience Adaptation Plan**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) to Resilient Cities Catalyst (the “grantee”) to prepare the Goleta Slough Area Coastal Resilience Adaptation Plan, consisting of a plan for priority nature-based sea level rise adaptation projects for the Goleta Slough area to enhance ecological and community coastal resilience in Santa Barbara County, including conducting community engagement, capacity building, and technical studies to inform the Plan.

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:

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1. The proposed authorization is consistent with 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.
3. Resilient Cities Catalyst is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Hart, Cash, Sterling, Perrault, Hallisey, Bosco; Voting Against: none;

Abstained: none

Public Comment: none

## **NORTH COAST**

### **14. South Fork Ten Mile River Habitat Enhancement**

#### **Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million eight hundred eleven thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,811,600) to The Nature Conservancy (“the grantee”) to undertake the South Fork Ten Mile River Habitat Enhancement Project, consisting of restoration and enhancement of instream and floodplain salmonid habitat at four sites totaling four acres along the South Fork Ten Mile River 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. 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 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 Nature Conservancy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and Seconded.

Voting in favor: Hart, Cash, Sterling, Perrault, Hallisey, Bosco; Voting Against: none;  
Abstained: none

Public Comment: none

## **WILDFIRE RESILIENCE**

### **15. Sonoma County Regional Parks’s Tribal Workforce Fellowship Program**

POSTPONED

### **16. North Coast Wildfire Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program**

#### **Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (“HCRCD”) to undertake the North Coast Wildfire Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program (Program), which will provide grants to public entities and nonprofit organizations for planning, community outreach, permitting, environmental review and implementation of projects that will increase wildfire resilience through improved management of natural lands and open space, increased collaboration among land managers, and capacity building in northern California coastal and coastal watershed counties.

1. Prior to commencement of the Program, HCRCD shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the Program.
  - c. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
2. Prior to HCRCD’s disbursement of Conservancy funds to a project grantee, HCRCD shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer a work program, schedule, budget, sign plan for the project, and, if the project grantee does not own the land underlying the project site, evidence that the project grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement the project.

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3. HCRCD shall not disburse Conservancy funds for any project unless the Conservancy has authorized HCRCD to fund the project, which authorization may be by the Executive Officer if the Executive Officer determines that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
4. In selecting projects for funding under the Program, the HCRCD shall prioritize projects that:
  - a. Address high wildfire risk areas identified in Community Wildfire Protection Plan or other wildfire resilience/prevention plans.
  - b. Are outlined in the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan.
  - c. Provide significant public benefit.
  - d. Benefit disadvantaged or underserved communities.
  - e. Lead to longer term resilience or more sustainable benefits.
  - f. Benefit public or protected lands.
  - g. Leverage resources through coordination across jurisdictions.

If the HCRCD determines, in coordination with the members of the North Coast Resource Conservation District Collaborative, that an HCRCD project should be selected for funding under the Program, and the Executive Officer or Conservancy board authorizes a Program grant for that project, the Program may fund the HCRCD project provided that the HCRCD enters into a grant agreement with the Conservancy for that project, which grant agreement may be an amendment to the grant agreement for the Program. The amount granted for the Program will be reduced by the amount of the grant to the HCRCD.

**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: Hart, Cash, Sterling, Perrault, Hallisey, Bosco; Voting Against: none; Abstained: none

Public Comment: none

**17. North and Central Coast Wildfire Resilience Mapping Datasets**

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**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million eighty-nine thousand seven hundred forty-nine dollars (\$1,089,749) to the County of Humboldt and the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District for two mapping projects that develop critical data layers for north and central coast wildfire resilience planning, as follows:

**County of Humboldt:** Three hundred sixty-two thousand forty nine dollars (\$362,049) for the development of lidar derivative datasets critical for wildfire resilience planning in the north coast for Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, and Sonoma Counties.

**Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District:** Seven hundred and twenty seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$727,700) for the development of lidar derivative datasets and wildfire mapping layers critical for wildfire resilience planning for Monterey, San Benito, and San Luis Obispo 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:

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: Hart, Cash, Sterling, Perrault, Hallisey, Bosco; Voting Against: none;  
Abstained: none

Public Comment: none

**18. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS**

**19. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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Walter Lamb spoke on Ballona Wetlands

**20. CLOSED SESSION**

The Conservancy did not hold a closed session.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 P.M.