

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kara Woodruff (Representative for Senator Laird, District 17)
Assemblymember Gregg Hart

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer
Ryan Berghoff, General Counsel

LOCATION:

Elihu M Harris State building Room 2 – 2nd Floor
1515 Clay St.
Oakland, CA 94612

MEETING START TIME: 10:10 AM

1. ROLL CALL

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Joy Sterling (Public Member)
Marce Gutiérrez-Graudiņš (Public Member)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)

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Madeline Cavalieri (Coastal Commission)

Jeremiah Hallisey (Public Member)

Douglas Bosco left the meeting at 12:00 PM

1A. Jeremiah Hallisey announced that he needed to participate remotely due to a physical disability. Mr. Hallisey briefly described his condition. The board voted on whether to approve an exception to having a majority in person due to Mr. Hallisey's situation, as authorized by the Open Meeting Act.

Move and seconded. Voting in favor: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; voting against: none.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Conservancy's September 05, 2024 public meeting. Moved and seconded.

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

Minutes were approved.

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 Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Sterling, Hallisey, Bosco (none opposed).

A. Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Augmentation

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an additional three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to the County of Monterey to augment the grant previously authorized by the Conservancy on February 3, 2022 and augmented on June 1, 2023, for a total authorized amount of nine million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$9,250,000) to construct the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project ("project") in Monterey County, subject to the conditions of the February 3, 2022, authorization.

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 remains consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code regarding Integrated Coastal and Marine Resources.
2. The proposed project remains consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

B. Seacliff State Beach Living Shoreline Planning

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to California Department of Parks and Recreation (“the grantee”) to conduct technical studies and community engagement; and prepare designs, environmental review documents, and permit applications to restore approximately 4.5 acres of dune habitat as a nature-based solution to sea level rise at Seacliff State Beach in Santa Cruz 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. 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 Section 31113 of 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.

C. Integrated Watershed Restoration Program Phase 7

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (“the grantee”) for the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program to conduct

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planning and to prepare designs and permit applications for at least four high-priority watershed restoration projects in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties (“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 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.

D. Carr Lake Restoration and Park Construction Phase 2 – Augmentation

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a disbursement of an additional two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to Big Sur Land Trust (“the grantee”) to augment the grant previously authorized by the Conservancy on April 18, 2024, for a total authorized amount of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to undertake the Carr Lake Restoration and Park Construction Project Phase 2, consisting of restoration of 66 acres of wetland and upland habitat and construction of public access improvements at Carr Lake in Monterey County.

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 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Integrated Coastal and Marine Resources Protection.
2. The proposed project remains consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

E. Bay Conservation and Development Commission Coastal Zone Management Grant

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Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) of funds granted to the Conservancy by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (“the grantee”) to implement its Coastal Zone Management Program.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that 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, including assisting the implementation of the policies and programs of the San Francisco Bay Plan.

F. Pacifica Coastal Resilience Opportunity Study

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) to the Pacifica Land Trust (“the grantee”) to undertake the Pacifica Coastal Resilience Opportunity Study (“the project”), consisting of preparing studies, surveys and other reports, and conducting community engagement to identify opportunities for nature-based sea level rise resiliency projects in the City of Pacifica, and potentially conducting additional planning tasks to move one to two of the priority projects towards implementation.

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.

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3. The Pacifica Land Trust is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

G. Pedro Point Headlands Stewardship – Augmentation

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred thirty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$136,500) to the Pacifica Land Trust (“the grantee”) to augment a previously authorized Conservancy grant of \$103,270 for community-based habitat restoration and trail enhancement at Pedro Point Headlands in San Mateo 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 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 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. Pacifica Land Trust is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

H. Santa Cruz Wharf Resilience Improvements – Augmentation

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an additional one million seven hundred sixty-six thousand dollars (\$1,766,000) to the City of Santa Cruz to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on February 15, 2024, for a total authorized amount of eight million six hundred fifty-nine thousand, seven hundred

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dollars (\$8,659,700), to expand the scope of the Santa Cruz Wharf Resilience Improvement project to include construction of additional resiliency improvements along the eastern edge of the Wharf, subject to the conditions of the February 15, 2024 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 3 (Section 31113) of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project remains consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

I. Berkeley Waterfront Improvements

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed three hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$385,000) to the City of Berkeley (“the grantee”) to augment a previously authorized Conservancy grant of \$3,383,733.49 (after previous augmentations) for design, permitting and construction of Berkeley Waterfront improvements in Alameda County. The project augmentation includes development of further designs and plans, and preparation of environmental review documentation and permit applications for a new San Francisco Bay Trail section and two trail staging areas that will be resilient to sea level rise over the next fifty years. The term “project” refers to this project augmentation.

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:

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1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding goals of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

J. Santa Ana River OC River Walk

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an additional amount not to exceed one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) to the City of Anaheim to augment the Conservancy grant previously authorized on February 3, 2022 for a total of amount of six million two hundred thousand dollars (\$6,200,000), to prepare plans, designs, permit applications, environmental review documentation, and conduct community outreach, for the "OC River Walk," a project to improve and enhance a portion of the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway in the County of Orange, including reconfiguration and vegetating the riverbank and creating new trail connections. This authorization remains subject to the same conditions contained in the Conservancy's February 3, 2022 authorization.

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

1. A revised work program, schedule, and budget.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's findings under its February 3, 2022 authorization.
2. The proposed project remains consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

K. Great Redwood Trail Eel River Canyon Preserve Planning Project, Phase 1

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$439,000) to The Wildlands Conservancy ("the grantee") to undertake the Great Redwood Trail Eel River Canyon Preserve Planning Project, Phase 1, consisting of preparing resource studies and surveys, conducting community engagement, coordinating with California Native American

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tribes, and conducting vegetation management for an 11.2-mile segment of the Great Redwood Trail in unincorporated Trinity and Humboldt Counties (“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 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public accessways.
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

L. Mendocino Coastal Trail & Access Planning

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred fifteen thousand and fifty dollars (\$215,050) to Mendocino Land Trust (“the grantee”) to conduct necessary surveys and studies, prepare initial designs, and complete permit applications for one-half mile of new California Coastal Trail near Albion, one mile of new California Coastal Trail connecting Schooner Gulch to Saunders Landing, and improved access to Hearn Gulch Beach in Mendocino 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.

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

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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 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.
3. Mendocino Land Trust is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

M. Garland Ranch Wildfire Resilience – Augmentation

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a disbursement of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (“the grantee”) to augment the grant previously authorized by the Conservancy on September 22, 2022, for a total authorized amount of one million ninety-one thousand and seven hundred dollars (\$1,091,700) to implement the Garland Ranch Wildfire Resilience Project, consisting of thinning 12 acres of eucalyptus trees, creating a 6.2 acre shaded fuel break, maintaining previously treated areas, collecting data, and conducting community engagement at Garland Ranch in Monterey County (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. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) Statewide Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), which was certified by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection in December 2019 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Exhibit 3) and the Project-Specific Analysis and Addendum for the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Management Project (CalVTP Project ID 2023-24) (Exhibit 4). The PSA/Addendum addresses the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Management Project (GRRP Project) which covers the component of this project

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involving the thinning of at least 12 acres of Eucalyptus trees in Garland Ranch Regional Park.

The Conservancy finds:

- a. The GRRP Project is within the scope of the CalVTP, and the PEIR adequately describes the GRRP Project for purposes of CEQA. As described in the PSA/Addendum, although portions of the GRRP Project are located outside the treatable landscape as identified in the CalVTP, those portions have landscape conditions that 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 State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.
- b. The PEIR and PSA/Addendum identify potentially significant impacts of the GRRP Project in the areas of Archeological, Historical, and Tribal Cultural Resources, Hazardous Materials, Public Health and Safety, and Transportation as identified in the accompanying staff recommendation. The Conservancy finds that the mitigation measures identified in CalVTP and the PSA-Addendum will avoid, reduce, or mitigate these possible significant environmental effects to less-than-significant levels and that these mitigation measures have been required or incorporated into the project.
- c. The PEIR and PSA/Addendum identifies significant and unavoidable impacts of the GRRP Project in the areas of Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Utilities. The standard project requirements and mitigation measures will reduce these impacts but will not avoid them. The Conservancy finds it is infeasible to completely avoid, reduce, or mitigate the possible significant environmental effects of the GRRP Project in these areas but environmental and other benefits of the GRRP Project as described in the accompanying staff recommendation outweigh or render acceptable these unavoidable adverse environmental effects to achieve the objectives of the GRRP Project.
- d. The Conservancy adopts the Findings regarding Significant Effects and Statement of Overriding Considerations set forth in the accompanying staff recommendation

N. SEA OTTER RECOVERY GRANTS 2025

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred seventy-nine thousand two hundred sixty dollars (\$179,260) to implement three separate projects to aid in the recovery of the southern sea otter, specifically as follows, to:

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- Sea Otter Savvy: fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) to educate the public on the historic role of sea otter and potential future role of reintroduction within their historical habitat range in northern California and San Francisco Bay.
- University of California at Santa Cruz: fifty-eight thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$58,125) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on December 1, 2022, for a total authorized amount of one hundred ninety-nine thousand four hundred sixty five dollars (\$199,465) to carry out the final year of the research on sea otter social structure and stressors to inform sea otter reintroduction planning, subject to the conditions of the December 1, 2022, authorization.
- U.S. Geological Survey: seventy-one thousand one hundred thirty-five dollars (\$71,135) to develop alternative methods of sea otter monitoring using environmental DNA and RNA (eDNA and eRNA) to improve monitoring of sea otter populations.

Sea Otter Savvy, University of California at Santa Cruz, and U.S. Geological Survey are collectively referred to as the “grantees.”

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.

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. Sea Otter Savvy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code

O. EAST BAY WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

Resolution:

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The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to Civicorps to purchase equipment to support Civicorps' East Bay Wildfire Risk Reduction project, consisting of providing workforce development and removing vegetation from high fire hazard areas in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties ("the project").

Prior to commencement of the project, Civicorps 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. 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.
3. Civicorps is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

P. Point Saint George Coastal Trail Implementation – Cultural Resources Stabilization

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million four hundred and twelve thousand three hundred and seven dollars (\$1,412,307) as an augmentation of the Conservancy grant authorized on February 15, 2024 of \$1,500,000 to the Smith River Alliance to conduct the Point Saint George Coastal Trail Implementation Project ("the Project"), consisting of implementation of cultural resource protections and construction of 1.25 miles of the California Coastal Trail, new restrooms, interpretive signage, and improvements to the main trailhead parking area at Point Saint George in Del Norte County. The augmented amount will be granted to the California Department of Parks and Recreation ("State Parks") to implement the cultural resource protections component of the Project.

Prior to commencing the cultural resources protection component of the Project, State Parks ("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.

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2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out this Project component.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement this Project component have been obtained.
5. As applicable, evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain this Project component.

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 Project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Q. Beach and Coast Accessibility Program Renewal

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to Orange County Coastkeeper (“the grantee”) for the Beach and Coast Accessibility Program to provide grants to nonprofits, agencies, and tribes to purchase beach wheelchairs and other equipment to increase accessibility to California’s beaches and coast in coastal counties statewide (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 subgrantees to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 68 as the source of that funding.

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 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.
3. Orange County Coastkeeper is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

R. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WETLANDS RECOVERY PROJECT COMMUNITY WETLAND RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM – 2024-2025: ONCE UPON A WATERSHED AT THE WEST CAMPUS PRESERVE

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed ninety-eight thousand sixteen dollars (\$98,016) to the Concerned Resource Environmental Workers (“the grantee”) to restore 4.98 acres of wetland habitat situated along a tributary of the Ventura River in Ojai, Ventura County (“the project”) as part of the 2024 Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program.

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 through the Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program.
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 project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

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3. The proposed nonprofit organization is organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

S. LOS PEÑASQUITOS LAGOON MONITORING: 2024 – 2029

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty-three thousand and five dollars and fifty cents (\$153,005.50) to the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association (“the grantee”) to undertake an additional five years of monitoring for the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Monitoring Program, a program of physical and biological monitoring at Los Peñasquitos Lagoon in San Diego 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 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 Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

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T. ARENA COVE HARBOR ACCESS AND RESILIENCE PLAN: BOAT HOIST REPAIR

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the City of Point Arena (the “grantee”) to expand the scope of the Arena Cove Harbor Access and Reliance Plan project, which includes plans, designs, and environmental review for a variety of improvements to protect and enhance existing and future use of the Point Arena Pier, Harbor, and Cove for commercial and recreational purposes, to include repair or replacement of a boat hoist at the Point Arena Pier (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 Urban Waterfront Restoration.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria

U. SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL: GAP CLOSURE TO MARTINEZ INTERMODAL STATION

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the East Bay Regional Park District (“the grantee”) to implement the San Francisco Bay Trail: Gap Closure to Martinez Intermodal Station Project (“the project”), consisting of constructing 0.5 mile of the San Francisco Bay Trail along the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop in Martinez, Contra Costa 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.
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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.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

To the extent appropriate, the East Bay Regional Park District 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 goals of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Bay Trail Phase II Project adopted by the City of Martinez on May 7, 2003, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the "Addendum to the Previously Adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration Martinez Bay Trail Project, Phase II" prepared by the East Bay Regional Park District, both attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibits 3 and 4. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project will have a significant effect on the environment

V. Tenmile Creek Vassar Habitat Enhancement and Sediment Control Project

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred forty seven thousand seven hundred and eighty five dollars (\$447,785) to the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District ("the grantee") to undertake the Tenmile Creek Vassar Habitat Enhancement and Sediment Control Project, which consists of restoration of 15-19 acres of grasslands, repair of 3,000-3,600 linear feet of gullies, and upgrade of 1.2-1.4 miles of roads, to enhance water quality and reduce sediment delivery to Tenmile Creek, a tributary to the South Fork Eel River, in Mendocino County (the "project"). If the anticipated additional funds are not awarded

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to the grantee, the Executive Officer may authorize a reduction of the project scope provided that the reduced scope shall be designed to achieve the maximum amount of restoration and sediment reduction attainable with the available funds.

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.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Consolidated Final Restoration Projects Statewide General Order Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) which was certified by the California State Water Resources Control Board on August 6, 2022, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Exhibit 4), and the Notice of Applicability, Notice of Determination, Avoidance Measures and Monitoring Plan for the Tenmile Creek Vassar Habitat Enhancement and Sediment Control Project approved by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board on February 26, 2024 (Exhibit 5). The Conservancy finds that:
 - a. The project meets the definition of a restoration project under the General Order.
 - b. All the effects of the project have been covered in the PEIR and Avoidance Measures and Monitoring Plan and all applicable general protection

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measures, best management practices, and avoidance measures identified in the PEIR and Impact Avoidance Measures and Monitoring Plan have been required or incorporated into the project.

- c. The project is, therefore, within the scope of the PEIR and no additional CEQA documentation is required.
- d. The Conservancy finds that the project will have potentially significant effects in the areas of Biological Resources and Hydrology and Water Quality. The Conservancy finds that the avoidance measures identified in the PEIR avoid, reduce, or minimize these possible significant environmental effects to less-than-significant levels and that the avoidance measures have been required or incorporated into the project. The Conservancy adopts the Findings regarding Significant Effects set forth in the accompanying staff recommendation

W. Letter Property Shoreline Restoration Planning

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred forty five thousand dollars (\$245,000) to Marin County Parks (“the grantee”) to prepare designs, permit applications and environmental compliance documents for the Letter Property Shoreline Restoration Project, which consists of the restoration of 0.8 acres of intertidal habitat by removing a dilapidated residence and barn built over tidal wetlands, removing retaining walls, revegetating to stabilize the wetlands and uplands, and installing a trail and parking along the Bolinas Lagoon shoreline in Marin 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 enhancement of coastal resources.
- 2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

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X. San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to \$6,639,000, including a \$2,639,000 grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board, to the California Invasive Plant Council (“the grantee”) for the planning, management, treatment, monitoring, and restoration activities of the San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project from January 1, 2025- June 30, 2027 (“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 work plan, schedule and budget.
2. A list of identified mitigation measures.
3. Evidence that all necessary permits and approvals for the project have been obtained.
4. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
5. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.

In carrying out any treatment or enhancement project, the California Invasive Plant Council shall comply with all applicable mitigation and monitoring measures that are set forth in the approved site-specific plans; that are required by any permit, the applicable U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Biological Opinion, or any other approval for the project; or that are identified in the “Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report, San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project: Spartina Control Program” (EIS/R), certified by the Conservancy on September 25, 2003 and addressed in the “Addendum to 2003 Invasive Spartina Project Control Program Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report” considered by the Conservancy on June 16, 2005.

Staff further recommends that the Conservancy adopt the following findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with 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 California Invasive Plant Council is a nonprofit organization existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

Y. NOVATO BAYLANDS PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT FOR INTERIM SITE MAINTENANCE

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to a selected contractor or contractors to undertake the Novato Baylands Public Works Contract for Interim Site Management, consisting of site maintenance and adaptive management tasks at the Bel Marin Keys Unit V, North Antenna Field, and Hamilton Wetlands properties in Marin County.

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 restoration and enhancement of natural habitats in the San Francisco Bay Area and public access improvements to and around the Bay.
2. The proposed contract is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria

Z. City of Santa Barbara Wildfire Resilience Project Augmentation

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed nine hundred forty-seven thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$947,850) to the City of Santa Barbara to augment the Conservancy grant authorized on February 2, 2023 of \$525,000 for a total grant amount of \$1,472,850 for the Wildfire Resilience Project (Project) and expansion of the Project scope to: (1) reduce wildland vegetation fuels on approximately 25 additional acres across six parks; (2) restore native, fire-resilient vegetation on approximately 5 additional acres across three of the six parks; and (3) conducting additional community engagement activities including volunteer events, in the City of Santa Barbara, subject to the conditions of the February 2, 2023 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 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.

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

AA. Topanga Lagoon Restoration Project Planning Phase 2

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (“the grantee”) to augment a previously authorized Conservancy grant of \$2,275,650 for planning for the Topanga Lagoon Restoration Project (“Project”) at Topanga State Park and Beach in Los Angeles County; and authorization to expand the project scope to include additional analysis, preparation of ninety percent design plans, and permitting for visitor services improvements of the Project.

Prior to commencement of the expanded project scope, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy an updated work program including schedule, budget and names and qualifications of any additional 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 6 and 10 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal resource enhancement and lower-cost coastal accommodations, respectively.
2. The proposed project, as augmented, is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Topanga Lagoon Restoration Project Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program included as Chapter 4 of the FEIR, certified by the California Department of Parks and Recreation on September 4, 2024 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 6. The Conservancy finds, as described further in the accompanying staff recommendation, that:

The Topanga Lagoon Restoration Project will have potentially significant environmental effects in the areas of Aesthetics; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Geology, Soils, Seismicity, Topography, and Paleontology; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology/Floodplain and Water Quality/Stormwater Runoff; Marine Biological Resources; Noise and Vibration; Public Services; Parks and Recreation; Transportation and Circulation; Utilities and Service Systems; and Wildfire. The

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Conservancy finds that the mitigation measures identified in FEIR will avoid, reduce, or mitigate these possible significant environmental effects to less-than-significant levels and that these mitigation measures have been required or incorporated into the Topanga Lagoon Restoration Project

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Amy Hutzel, Executive Officer of the State Coastal Conservancy, provided an update on the passage of Proposition 4, which includes significant funding allocations for Conservancy programs. The allocations are as follows:

- \$25 million for the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program
- \$25 million for the Coyote Valley Conservation Program in Santa Clara County
- \$25 million for the West Coyote Hills Program in Fullerton
- \$33.5 million for watersheds and wildfire resilience
- \$75 million for obsolete dam removal
- \$85 million for the San Francisco Bay Program
- \$330 million for coastal resilience, including beaches, bays, dunes, wetlands, forests, watersheds, trails, and public access
- \$350 million for coastal flood management projects for developed shoreline areas and critical infrastructure, including transportation and ports

Ms. Hutzel noted that these funds will require annual appropriation through the budget process and that preparations are underway to manage the funding. She also announced that staff will facilitate a discussion at the February Board Meeting to address the Conservancy's role and priorities for climate adaptation work along the coast under Proposition 4. She invited Board members to share ideas for making the discussion as meaningful as possible for them and the public.

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5. LOST COAST REDWOODS DEVILBISS RANCH ACQUISITION

Resolution:

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The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Regents of the University of California, Santa Barbara (“the grantee”) to conduct community engagement and prepare technical studies, actionable sea level rise adaptation pathway plans, and preliminary designs for the Campus Lagoon and Lagoon Road shoreline areas of campus in Santa Barbara 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:

A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.

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 impacts and potential impacts of climate on resources within the Conservancy’s jurisdiction.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco Nays: none

6. CARDIFF BEACH LIVING PROJECT, PHASE 4

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million and sixty thousand dollars (\$1,060,000) to the City of Encinitas (“the grantee”) to undertake the Cardiff Beach Living Shoreline Project, Phase 4, consisting of restored dune performance monitoring and adaptive management, including sand placement and native plant management, and preparation of a long-term plan for sea level rise adaptation at Cardiff State Beach in 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:

1. 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.

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 Chapter 3 of Division 21 of Public Resources Code (Section 31113), regarding addressing the impacts of climate change and Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31251-31270) regarding resource enhancement.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco Nays: none

7. SANTA MONICA COASTAL HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAM

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed ten million two hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$10,260,000) to Santa Monica Bay Foundation, DBA The Bay Foundation (“the grantee”), to undertake the Santa Monica Coastal Habitat Restoration Program (“program”), consisting of implementing a suite of nature-based restoration projects to increase the resilience of Santa Monica Bay in Los Angeles County to climate change impacts.

Prior to commencement of the program, 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 for the program.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the program.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the program have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the program, if applicable.

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 program is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

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3. Santa Monica Bay Foundation, DBA The Bay Foundation, is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco Nays: none

8. GREEN RIVER GOLF CLUB SEGMENT PHASE 1 – CONSTRUCTION

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed nine million two hundred thousand dollars (\$9,200,000) to the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (“the grantee”) to implement the Santa Ana River Trail Green River Golf Club Segment Phase 1 Construction project, consisting of the construction of 1.71 miles of the Santa Ana River Trail in Riverside 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 and Proposition 68 as the 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 4.6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program and funding for recreational opportunities and trails.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Santa Ana River Trail – Phase 6 through Green River Golf Club Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District on January 25, 2022, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that the

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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.

Ayes: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco Nays: none

Public Comment: Jim Steiner, kyla Brown

9. BUENA VISTA LAGOON RESERVE COASTAL WETLAND HABITAT RESTORATION AND RESILIENCY PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to the Buena Vista Audubon Society (the “grantee”) to undertake the Buena Vista Lagoon Wetlands Reserve Coastal Habitat Restoration & Resiliency Project, which consists of conducting community engagement and preparing designs and permit applications needed for the restoration of 5.94 acres of wetland habitat at the Buena Vista Lagoon Reserve in San Diego 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 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding resource enhancement projects.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Buena Vista Audubon Society is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco Nay: none

10. ADVANCING COASTAL CO-STEWARDSHIP

Resolution:

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The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to California Wildlife Foundation, fiscal sponsor for Climate Science Alliance (“the grantee”), to undertake the Advancing Coastal Co-stewardship Project, which consists of providing relationship building, meaningful engagement training, workforce development, opportunities for collaboration, and other activities to integrate traditional ecological knowledge, tribal leadership, and tribal co-stewardship into the planning and implementation of coastal habitat restoration projects, including through subgrants, along the southern coast of California (“the project”).

1. 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. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
 - b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
 - c. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
2. Prior to the grantee’s disbursement of Conservancy funds for each project grantee in the regranting program, the grantee shall submit for review and approval of the Executive Officer a work program, schedule, budget, and signage plan for each project, and, if the project grantees do not own the land underlying the project site, evidence that each project grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement their respective project. In special circumstances, where the placement of signs or such agreements does not pertain to project activities, the Executive Officer may make a project-specific exemption in writing.
3. The grantee shall not disburse Conservancy funds for any project in the regranting program unless the Conservancy has authorized project funding for that specific project; authorization may be made by the Executive Officer for each project, if the Executive Officer determines that project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). If the Executive Officer determines that a project is not exempt from CEQA, the project must be approved by the Conservancy’s Board.

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.

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3. The California Wildlife Foundation is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco Nay: none

11. SAN ONOFRE SHORELINE RESILIENCY PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to Surfrider Foundation (“the grantee”) to undertake the San Onofre Shoreline Resiliency Project, a sea level rise adaptation project consisting of conducting technical studies, alternatives design and analysis, and community engagement, and preparing preliminary designs for a nature-based solution to protect public access along the San Onofre Surf Beach shoreline in 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:

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.
3. The Surfrider Foundation is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco Nay: none

12. CANNIBAL ISLAND MARSH RESTORATION PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to California Trout, Inc. (“the grantee”) to undertake the Cannibal Island Marsh Restoration Project, which will restore full tidal exchange to 500 acres of former tidal marsh habitat through the removal of degraded water control

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structures, excavation of historic slough channels, and enhancement of natural marsh topography at the Cannibal Island Unit of the Eel River Wildlife Area, 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. 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 enhancement of coastal resources/integrated coastal and marine resource projects.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. California Trout, Inc. is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco Nay: none

13. KASHIA COASTAL RESERVE AND STEWARTS POINT RANCH COASTAL TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) to the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department ("the grantee") to obtain final permits and construct two separate segments of the California Coastal Trail totaling 2 miles and related public access amenities, including parking, a restroom, fencing, and signage at the Kashia Coastal Reserve and the Stewarts Point Ranch in Sonoma County ("the project").

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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.

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 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.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the North Coast Trails Plan adopted by Sonoma County Regional Parks on March 1, 2022 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling Nay: none

14. MOONSTONE BEACH COASTAL RESILIENCE AND PUBLIC ACCESS PLANNING PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) to the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust ("the grantee") for the Moonstone Beach Coastal Resilience and Public Access Planning Project, which consists of conducting studies and community engagement, identifying and evaluating alternatives, and

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preparing designs and draft environmental review documents for public access improvements to alleviate crowding and improve accessibility and climate resilience at Moonstone Beach 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. 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 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding a system of coastal accessways.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling Nay: none

15. BELL POINT LAND RETURN ACQUISITION AND COASTAL TRAIL PLANNING

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million five hundred five thousand dollars (\$2,505,000) to the Mendocino Land Trust (“the grantee”) to undertake the Bell Point Land Return Acquisition and Coastal Trail Planning Project, which consists of acquiring the 157-acre Bell Point coastal blufftop property in Westport, Mendocino County for the purposes of natural resources and habitat protection and enhancement; open space and California Native American cultural resources protection; and public access and trail recreation compatible with such uses; and to prepare plans, permit applications, initial designs, and California Environmental Quality Act documents for the establishment of 0.8 miles of California Coastal Trail on the property.

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):

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- 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 natural resources and habitat protection and enhancement; open space and California Native American cultural resources protection; and public access and trail recreation compatible with such uses. 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.

Prior to commencement of the California Coastal Trail planning tasks, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer the following:

5. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
6. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.

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.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling Nay: none

16. GREENWOOD BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT

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Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million four hundred three thousand and two hundred dollars (\$1,403,200) to the Town of Tiburon (“the grantee”) to prepare final designs, construct, monitor, and adaptively manage a restored natural beach system at Greenwood Beach in Marin 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.

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 restoration and enhancement of natural habitats as a goal of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Greenwood Beach Restoration Project adopted by the Town of Tiburon on September 20, 2024, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling Nay: none

17. NEWARK BAYLANDS ACQUISITION

Resolution:

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The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to the Trust for Public Land (“the grantee”) to acquire 430 acres of Newark Baylands (Area 4) (including Alameda County’s Assessor’s Parcel Nos. 537-0850-011-01, 537-0850-007-02, 537-0850-011-04, 537-0801-002-06, and 537-0850-009) for the protection and restoration of habitat, public access, the potential creation of an interpretive visitor center, and to the extent compatible with those purposes: education, research, and Native American tribal cultural uses (“the acquisition purposes”), along the shoreline of San Francisco Bay in Newark (“the project”), 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 acquisition purposes. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
4. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly-viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff 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 Trust for Public Land is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling Nay: none

18. POINT MOLATE ACQUISITION

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Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed thirty five million nine hundred eighty five thousand dollars (\$35,985,000) to East Bay Regional Park District (the “grantee”) to acquire approximately 52 acres at Point Molate in the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa (County Assessor’s Parcel Nos. 561-100-050, 561-420-001, 561-420-002, 561-100-051, 561-430-001, 561-440-003, 561-100-053) to establish a regional shoreline park that will protect, and may restore and enhance, open space, natural, scenic, cultural, and historic resources; and that will provide compatible public and California Native American tribal access, including recreational and visitor-serving amenities (the “project”).

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, deed, escrow instructions, environmental and 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 shall be managed and operated as a regional shoreline park that will protect, and may restore and enhance, open space, natural, scenic, cultural, and historic resources; and that will provide compatible public and California Native American tribal access, including recreational and visitor-serving amenities. The Property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes through 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 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding addressing the protection of natural resources within the Conservancy’s San Francisco Bay Area jurisdiction.

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

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Nay: none; Abstained: Gutiérrez- Graudiņš

Public Comment: Robert Chasey, Norman La Force, Magdalene Warden, Scott Crowell, Michael Derry, David Glaraz, Tom Butt

19. PALO ALTO HORIZONTAL LEVEE PILOT PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the Association of Bay Area Governments (“the grantee”) to undertake the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Pilot Project, consisting of replacing an existing levee by constructing a 500 linear-foot berm, of which 315 linear-feet will be a horizontal levee, at the Baylands Nature Preserve in Palo Alto, Santa Clara 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.

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 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.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling Nay: none

20. PHINNEY ACQUISITION: MOORE CREEK PARK EXPANSION

Resolution:

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The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed seven hundred four thousand dollars (\$704,000) to the Land Trust of Napa County (“the grantee”) to acquire the approximately 523-acre Phinney property in Napa County (Assessor’s Parcel Nos. 025-030-010, 025-030-017, and 025-060-005) for the protection and enhancement of open space, wildlife corridors, and scenic and natural resources; and public access compatible with such uses.

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, 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 protection and enhancement of open space, wildlife corridors, and scenic and natural resources; and public access compatible with such uses. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
4. If requested by the Conservancy, the grantee, or any future landowner, shall permit designation of a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail on the Phinney Property.
5. The grantee shall submit any master plan for the property to the Conservancy for review for consistency with the acquisition purposes.
6. 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 Land Trust of Napa County is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling
Nay: none

21. UPPER GREAT HIGHWAY, LINCOLN WAY TO SLOAT BLVD., CLIMATE PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (“the grantee”) to implement the Upper Great Highway Climate Resilience Project, consisting of conducting technical studies and community engagement, and preparing conceptual alternatives to prepare Upper Great Highway, from Lincoln Way to Sloat Boulevard, for climate change impacts 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:

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:

3. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding San Francisco Bay Program.
4. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Hallisey, Sterling; Nay: none; Abstained: Gutiérrez- Graudiņš

Public Comment: Bryan Stoekel, Zach Lipton, Alicia Contreras, Eileen Boken, Whitney Grover, Lucas Lux, Nina Atkin

22. MONTEREY STRATEGIC COMMUNITY FUEL BREAK

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million six hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$1,626,000) to the United States Forest Service

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(“the grantee”) to treat approximately 24 miles of historic fuel breaks by removing vegetation along the Santa Lucia ridge line within the Los Padres National Forest to protect neighboring communities in Monterey County from catastrophic wildfire (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.

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 (Section 31113).
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling Nay: none

23. SAN MATEO COUNTY CRITICAL EVACUATION CORRIDORS WILDFIRE RESILIENCE

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million five hundred forty-two thousand dollars (\$1,542,000) to the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (“grantee”) to remove hazardous vegetation along two critical road evacuation corridors, Highway 92 and Sand Hill Road in San Mateo County (“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. 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. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the following: 1) the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Report ("PWMP Final EIR") certified by the San Francisco Planning Department on January 11, 2001, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3; 2) the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted by the San Francisco Planning Department and attached to the accompanying recommendation as Exhibit 4; 3) County of San Mateo Routine Maintenance Program Final Environmental Impact Report ("RMP Final EIR") certified by the County of San Mateo on September 9, 2020, pursuant to CEQA and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5; and 4) the County of San Mateo Routine Maintenance Program Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted by the County and attached to the accompanying recommendation as Exhibit 6. The Conservancy finds, as described further in the accompanying staff recommendation, that:
 - a. The proposed Highway 92 Evacuation Corridor component of the project will have potentially significant environmental effects in the categories of Geology and Soils, Natural Resources, Air Quality and Cultural Resources, and the proposed Sand Hill Road Evacuation Corridor component of the project will have potentially significant environmental effects in the categories of Air Quality, Biological Resources, Hazardous Materials, and Noise. The Conservancy finds that the mitigation measures identified in PWMP Final EIR and RMP Final EIR will avoid, reduce, or mitigate these possible significant environmental effects to less-than-significant levels and that these mitigation measures have been required or incorporated into the project.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling Nay: none

24. ASCOT HILLS FIRE RESILIENCE PROJECT

Resolution:

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The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million one hundred thirty-one thousand and nine hundred dollars (\$1,131,700) to North East Trees, Inc. (“the grantee”) to implement the Ascot Hills Resilience Project, which consists of enhancement of at least 33 acres of habitat through the removal of invasive plants and planting of native plants to increase wildfire resilience (the “project”), within Ascot Hills Park in the City of Los Angeles.

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.
3. North East Trees, Inc. is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Aye: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez- Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling Nay: none

25. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

Marce Gutiérrez-Graudiņš made a comment

26. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Walter Lamb spoke on Ballona Wetlands

27. CLOSED SESSION

The Conservancy did not hold a closed session.

28. ADJOURNMENT

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Meeting adjourned at 1:16 P.M.