

*STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2025*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Marce Gutierrez-Graudins (Public Member), Vice Chair
Joy Sterling (Public Member),
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)
Michele Perrault (Department of Finance)
Justin Cummings (Coastal Commission)
Jeremiah Hallisey (Public Member)

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kara Woodruff (Representative for Senator Laird, District 17)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amy Hutzell, Executive Officer
Amy Roach, General Counsel

LOCATION:

County of Santa Cruz Board Chambers – Room 525
701 Ocean Street.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEETING START TIME: 10:08 AM

1. ROLL CALL

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Marce Gutierrez-Graudins (Public Member), Vice Chair
Joy Sterling (Public Member)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)

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Michele Perrault(Department of Finance)

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2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy’s February 13, 2025 public meeting. Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Cummings, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Perrault, 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 to be removed. Hearing no such request, the following consent items were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by Cummings, Cash, Perrault, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Sterling, Hallisey, Bosco (none opposed).

A. **Santa Ana River Trail: Green River Golf Course Segment - Design**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) to augment the Conservancy’s existing grants of three million six hundred thousand dollars (\$3,600,000), previously authorized to the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District for preparation of designs for a 1.5-mile Santa Ana River Trail segment that is adjacent to the Green River Golf Course and connects to the Orange County line in the County of Riverside. This authorization remains subject to the same conditions contained in the Conservancy’s November 30, 2023, and September 28, 2017 authorizations.

Findings:

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

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.

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

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B. Petaluma River: Beneficial Use of Sediment

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes an amendment to the Conservancy's previously authorized Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding cost sharing the incremental cost of placing dredged sediment from the Petaluma River at Cullinan Ranch to add Montezuma Wetlands in Suisun City as a dredged sediment placement site.

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

C. Watsonville Slough Farm Public Access Planning – Final Designs

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$460,000) to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County ("the grantee") to complete final planning and permitting tasks for the Community Harvest at Watsonville Slough Farm Project which will establish trails, a trailhead, gardens, and gathering facilities at Watsonville Slough Farm in Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.

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

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

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding a system of public accessways.

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2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Watsonville Slough Community Harvest Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) adopted by Santa Cruz County on February 21, 2025 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that the Watsonville Slough Community Harvest 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.

D. Chumash Cultural Project at Ambassador Park Planning

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000) to City of Santa Barbara ("the grantee") to engage Tribes and other stakeholders; conduct technical studies; prepare permit applications; and advance the designs to redevelop Ambassador Park in Santa Barbara, including through native landscaping and cultural components that celebrate the cultural heritage of the Chumash native people ("the project").

This authorization is subject to the following condition:

To the extent appropriate, the City of Santa Barbara shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy's 'Coastal Access Project Standards'.

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.

E. City of San Luis Obispo Vegetation Management Plan

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Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to the City of San Luis Obispo (“the grantee”) to prepare a vegetation management plan focused on reducing fire fuels and the threat of wildfire on City-owned open space and creek properties and to develop a related website.

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.

F. Jug Handle Creek Farm Cabins and Amenities Improvement Augmentation

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an additional thirty-six thousand one hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$36,169) to Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center (the “grantee”) to augment the grant previously authorized by the Conservancy on May 2, 2022, and a previously authorized augmentation of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) under the Conservancy’s Executive Officer’s delegated authority on October 25, 2023, for a total authorized amount of six hundred nineteen thousand five hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$619,569), to construct two cabins with restrooms and two new campground bathrooms, and to improve related infrastructure on the grantee’s property located in the community of Caspar, Mendocino County. This authorization is subject to the same conditions as the May 2, 2022 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 10 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Lower-Cost Coastal Accommodations.

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

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer of the State Coastal Conservancy, provided an update on staff preparations for Proposition 4, the 2024 Climate Bond, which includes significant funding for Conservancy programs. The allocations are as follows:

- \$330 million for coastal resilience, including beaches, bays, dunes, wetlands, forests, watersheds, trails, and public access
- \$85 million of that for the San Francisco Bay Program
- \$350 million for coastal flood management projects for developed shoreline areas and critical infrastructure, including transportation and ports
- \$75 million for obsolete dam removal
- \$33.5 million for watersheds and wildfire resilience
- \$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

Ms. Hutzal noted that funds will be appropriated annually through the state budget process, with at least \$110 million expected in the upcoming fiscal year. Wildfire resilience funding may become available sooner.

She reported that over 750 participants joined a public webinar held on March 17 and that the pre-application process is now open on a rolling basis. Initial Proposition 4–funded projects may be presented to the Board as early as the September meeting, and definitely by November.

Ms. Hutzal also shared that she and Deputy Executive Officer Evyan Sloane traveled to Washington, D.C., March 24–28, for meetings with NOAA, EPA, USFWS, USACE, and Congressional offices to discuss federal project funding and Coastal Zone Management policy issues. She noted that while no federal grants have been terminated, future funding from NOAA and EPA is uncertain, and both agencies are facing major staff reductions.

CENTRAL COAST

5. PEDRO POINT COASTAL TRAIL PLANNING

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the Executive Officer to disburse an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to contract for services to conduct community engagement and to prepare designs, environmental review documents, and permit applications for development of the approximately 1.3-mile long Pedro Point Headlands segment of the California Coastal Trail in San Mateo County.

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 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.

Moved and seconded.

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

Public Comment: none

6. MORRO BAY – CAYUCOS COASTAL TRAIL

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the County of San Luis Obispo (“the grantee”) to construct a segment of the California Coastal Trail between Morro Bay and Cayucos in San Luis Obispo County (“the project”).

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

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

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

Findings:

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

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

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3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Morro Bay to Cayucos Connector Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), including the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, certified by the County of San Luis Obispo on October 19, 2010, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4; and the FEIR Addendum dated June 24, 2022, and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5. The Conservancy finds, as described further in the accompanying staff recommendation, that:
 - a. The proposed project will have potentially significant environmental effects in the areas of: Aesthetic Resources; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology, Soils, and Drainage; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; and Transportation and Circulation. The Conservancy finds that the mitigation measures identified in the 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 project.
 - b. The Conservancy further finds that the Project will result in significant and unavoidable environmental effects in the areas of Aesthetic Resources and Geology, Soils, and Drainage, but environmental and other benefits of the Project as described in the accompanying staff recommendation outweigh or render acceptable these unavoidable adverse environmental effects to achieve the objectives of the Project.
 - c. The Conservancy adopts the Findings regarding Significant Effects and Statement of Overriding Considerations set forth in the accompanying staff recommendation.

Moved and seconded.

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

7. TULARCITOS CREEK ESSELEN TRIBE ANCESTRAL LAND RETURN

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the Esselen Tribe of Monterey County ("the grantee") to acquire 1,720 acres of the historic Rana Creek Ranch along Tularcitos Creek in upper Carmel Valley to protect and restore natural resources and wildlife habitat; preserve open space; enable compatible agriculture including cattle grazing; protect cultural resources; provide compatible Native American tribal access and guided public access; and potentially create a tribal education center and tribal housing for property management, 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, 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 to protect and restore natural resources and wildlife habitat; preserve open space; enable compatible agriculture including cattle grazing; protect cultural resources; provide compatible Native American tribal access and guided public access; and potentially create a tribal education center and tribal housing for property management. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
 4. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly-viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.

Findings:

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

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

Moved and seconded.

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

Public Comment: Tom Little Bear Nason, Kat Hardisty Cranstone

8. SILVER STRAND CAMPGROUND EXPANSION - DESIGN

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the California Department of Parks and Recreation ("the grantee") to undertake the Silver Strand Campground Expansion – Design project, consisting of conducting planning and studies, and preparing designs, environmental

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review, and permit applications for increasing lower-cost accommodations at Silver Strand 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. 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 10 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Lower-Coast Coastal Accommodations.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded.

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

Public Comment: none

9. CALVI ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million one hundred three thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,103,500) to LandPaths ("the grantee") to undertake the Calvi Acquisition and Management Planning Project, consisting of acquiring the 84-acre Calvi property in Occidental, Sonoma County (County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 073-280-064 and 073-290-056) for preservation of open space, protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, tribal cultural resource protection, and tribal and public access; and preparing a management plan, conceptual designs, and permit applications ("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 or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
 - b. A baseline conditions report; and
 - c. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.

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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 preservation of open space, protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, tribal cultural resource protection, and tribal and public access.
4. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
5. Conservancy funding, through the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), 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.
6. Prior to commencement of the management planning tasks, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the 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. Evidence that the acquisition is complete.
7. 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 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. LandPaths is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

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

Public Comment: none

10. LOWER EEL RIVER WETLANDS ACQUISITION

Resolution:

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The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million two hundred seventy-two thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,272,250), of which \$972,250 is from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program funds, to the City of Fortuna ("the grantee") to complete pre-acquisition tasks and acquire 237 acres along the Lower Eel River in Fortuna, Humboldt County; and to prepare plans and designs for a park on a portion of the property, and to prepare a management plan for the other portion of the property. The City of Fortuna will retain 7.2 acres for open space, public access, and recreation, and the remaining 230 acres will be transferred to the Wiyot Tribe for the preservation of open space; protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural resources and habitat for fish and wildlife; protection of cultural resources; and to the extent compatible with habitat protection, providing public access and California Native American tribal cultural use and access.

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 by the City of Fortuna for open space, public access and recreation; and by the Wiyot Tribe for the preservation of open space; protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural resources and habitat for fish and wildlife; protection of cultural resources; and to the extent compatible with habitat protection, providing public access and California Native American tribal cultural use and access. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
4. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly-viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.

Findings:

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

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

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

Moved and seconded.

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

Public Comment: none

11. POINT MOLATE BAY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million six hundred forty-six thousand dollars (\$2,646,000) to the East Bay Regional Park District ("the grantee") to undertake the Point Molate Bay Trail Construction Project, consisting of constructing 1.25 miles of the San Francisco Bay Trail from the San Rafael Bridge Trail landing to the City of Richmond's Point Molate Beach Park in 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.
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.

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

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the improvement of public access to, within, and around the bay, coast, ridgetops and urban open spaces of the San Francisco Bay area.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded.

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

Public Comment: none

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12. YTT GOOD FIRE PROMOTION PROGRAM

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred thousand nine hundred dollars (\$400,900) to ytt Northern Chumash Nonprofit (“the grantee”) to initiate the Good Fire Promotion Program, consisting of preparing a cultural burn management plan, training yak tityu tityu yak tiłhini Northern Chumash Tribal members, purchasing equipment and supplies for cultural burns, and conducting a series of cultural burns totaling 8-30 acres on Johnson Ranch Open Space in San Luis Obispo County (“the project”).

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

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

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. ytt Northern Chumash Nonprofit is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

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

Public Comment: none

13. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

No Board member comments

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No Public comments

15. CLOSED SESSION

Meeting closed at 11:59 P.M. for a closed session.

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During the closed session, the Conservancy received information and advice from counsel regarding Ballona Wetlands Land Trust v. California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al. (Environmental Science Associates, Real Party in Interest), Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 22STCP03307.

Meeting re-opened to public at 12:07 P.M.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.M.