

*STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2025*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Marce Gutierrez-Graudins (Public Member), Vice Chair
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)
Gregg Hart (Assembly Representative, District 37)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amy Hutzler, Executive Officer
Amy Roach, General Counsel

LOCATION:

Elihu M Harris State Building Auditorium – 1st Floor
1515 Clay St.,
Oakland, CA 94612

MEETING START TIME: 10:18 AM

1. ROLL CALL

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Marce Gutierrez-Graudins (Public Member), Vice Chair
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)
Madeline Cavalieri (Coastal Commission)
Jeremiah Hallisey (Public Member)

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2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy's April 17, 2025 public meeting. Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, 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 Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Bosco (none opposed).

A. **DEHAVEN ACCESS IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$270,000) to the Westport Village Society ("the grantee") for the DeHaven Access Improvement Construction Project, consisting of construction of public access improvements, including a parking lot, a segment of the California Coastal Trail, signage, and stairway to DeHaven Beach in Mendocino County ("the project").

This authorization is subject to the following condition:

1. To the extent appropriate, the grantee 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.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) as the source of that funding by erecting and maintaining a sign on

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the property or in a nearby publicly viewable area, the design and location of which must be approved by the Executive Officer.

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 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 Westport Village Society is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for Westport Village Society, Inc. Coastal Development Use Permit at 39000 N. Highway 1 (APN: 013-890-01) adopted by the County of Mendocino on May 1, 2025, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

B. CARMEL RIVER STEELHEAD RESCUE EQUIPMENT UPGRADE

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed eighty dollars (\$80,000) to the Carmel River Steelhead Association ("the grantee") to purchase equipment for use in annual rescues of steelhead in the Carmel River watershed in Monterey County.

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

1. A detailed list of equipment to be purchased.
2. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to rescue steelhead in the Carmel River have been obtained.

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The grantee shall use the equipment for annual rescues of steelhead for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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 Marine and Coastal Resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Carmel River Steelhead Association is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

C. ESTERO AMERICANO PUBLIC ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred forty thousand two hundred dollars (\$240,200) to The Wildlands Conservancy ("the grantee") to prepare plans for and implement the Estero Americano Public Access Infrastructure Improvements Project, consisting of installation of directional and interpretive signage, installation of 5 miles of trails, and renovation of a dilapidated house to provide caretaker housing at the Estero Americano Coast Preserve in Bodega Bay, Sonoma County.

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

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

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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 Wildlands Conservancy 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 Coastal Development Permit (CDP) and accompanying staff recommendation approved by the California Coastal Commission on November 14, 2024, pursuant to the California Coastal Act and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. The Conservancy finds that the conditions in California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15253 under which it can act as a responsible agency to approve the project under CEQA using a coastal development permit in the place of an environmental impact report or negative declaration have been met. Based on its review of the CDP, 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.

D. NOYO CENTER MARINE FIELD STATION RESILIENCY PROJECT: AMENDMENT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes amendment of the grant authorized on February 15, 2024 to the Noyo Center for Marine Science for the Noyo Center Marine Field Station Resiliency Project, formerly known as the Marine Field Station Resiliency Project ("the project"), to expand the scope of the project to include dock repair implementation at the Marine Field Station located at Noyo Harbor in Fort Bragg, Mendocino County.

All other terms and conditions of the existing agreement shall remain in effect.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying Staff Recommendation and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

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

E. NOYO CENTER MARINE LABONEATORY AUGMENT & AMENDMENT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to two hundred thirty three thousand dollars (\$233,000) to the Noyo Center for Marine Science to augment the Conservancy grant authorized on September 5, 2024 to construct the Noyo Center Marine LaBONEatory Project (formerly the Noyo Center Ecosystem Resilience Initiative Project) and to modify the project to expand the 1,500 square foot multi-purpose work facility to 2,240 square feet to allow for greater coastal stewardship programming, marine science education, and community engagement and to complete designs and permitting for the expanded facility; subject to the conditions of the September 5, 2024 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 Urban Waterfront Restoration.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Noyo Center for Marine Science is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

F. WAVECREST COASTAL ACCESS PROJECT PHASE 2 PRIORITY ACTION IMPLEMENTATION - AUGMENTATION

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Coastside Land Trust (“the grantee”) to augment the Conservancy grant authorized on February 15, 2024 to construct priority components of the Phase 2 of the Wavecrest Coastal Access Project at the Wavecrest property in Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County, for a total authorized amount of four million three hundred thirty-seven thousand three hundred and eighty-nine dollars (\$4,337,389) in order to expand the grant scope to include construction of the remaining components of Phase 2, subject to the conditions of the February 15, 2024 authorization.

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

G. AMENDMENT OF OFFER TO DEDICATE TITLE IN FEE FOR THE CABRAL RANCH ACQUISITION

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes amendment of the Irrevocable Offer To Dedicate Title in Fee recorded by the Napa Resource Conservation District in 1991 in the Official Records of Napa County (Vol 1823, Page 780) on the 21-acre property along Huichica Creek known then as Cabral Ranch, to expand the designated uses, which are limited to agricultural uses, to include habitat restoration and enhancement, natural resource protection and potential public access.

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 resource and recreation goals of the San Francisco Bay Area.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria

H. BERKELEY WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENTS

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes staff to amend the Conservancy's previously authorized project award to the City of Berkeley to amend the project by cancelling Cesar Chavez Park perimeter trail improvements, adding pier and parking lot improvements, and adding preparation of plans for improving a San Francisco Bay Trail segment at the Berkeley Waterfront, in Alameda County. The term "project" refers to this project's grant amendment. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

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1. City Council approval to accept the grant agreement amendment to revise the agreement's scope of work.
2. A detailed revised work program, schedule, and budget.
3. Names and qualifications of any contractorsto be retained in carrying out the project.
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 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 Bay Trail Extension to the Berkeley Marina Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the City of Berkeley on January 27, 2004, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 7. 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.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. CONSERVANCY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026

Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer of the State Coastal Conservancy, presented the proposed 2025 State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Schedule. Ms. Hutzal revised the proposed schedule to change:

- February 26 to February 19
- June 25 to June 18
- September 24 to September 17

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To avoid conflict with the Department of Finance meeting schedule. The 2026 State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Schedule, as revised, was moved, seconded and approved by Cavalieri, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, and Bosco

B. CLIMATE BOND UPDATE

Amy Hutzel, Executive Officer of the State Coastal Conservancy, provided an update on 2024 Climate Bond appropriations. The Climate Bond includes nearly \$1 billion for Conservancy programs. For the upcoming fiscal year (FY 25/26), the following appropriations totaling \$262 million have been made:

- \$54,000,000 for Coastal Resilience
 - Including \$3,000,000 for Oysters and \$5,000,000 for Steelhead
- \$40,000,000 for SF Bay
- \$32,835,000 for Coastal Flood management
- \$30,900,000 for Wildfire early action
- \$50,000,000 for the Great Redwood Trail
- \$20,000,000 for Matilija
- \$10,000,000 for the Santa Ana River
- \$8,500,000 for Dam Removal
- \$5,500,000 for Potter Valley fish passage
- \$3,000,000 for Coyote Valley

Ms. Hutzel also noted that she and Deputy Executive Officer Evyan Sloane will be in Washington, D.C., September 29 – October 1, for meetings with federal agency staff and Congressional offices to discuss federally-supported projects and Coastal Zone Management funding.

C. 50TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

Taylor Samuelson, Communication Director of the State Coastal Conservancy, provided the board with a preview of plans for the agency’s 50th anniversary next year.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

5. INDIA BASIN WATERFRONT PARK PHASE 3: SHORELINE PARK REDEVELOPMENT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three million ninety-one thousand one hundred forty eight dollars (\$3,091,148) to the City and County of San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (“the grantee”), to augment the

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Conservancy grant authorized on February 15, 2024 of \$5,500,000, to implement the India Basin Waterfront Park Phase 3: Shoreline Park Redevelopment Project, consisting of the redevelopment of India Basin Shoreline Park in San Francisco into a mixed-use community park with improved public access and recreational amenities, enhanced habitat, and climate resilience (“the project”).

This authorization is subject to all conditions imposed upon the grantee through the February 15, 2024 Conservancy authorization for this project (Exhibit 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:

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 the acknowledgement of Conservancy funding that includes signage informing the public that the project received funds from the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68).
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

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

Findings:

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

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

Moved and seconded.

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

Public Comment: Paul Heineken

6. Albany-El Cerrito Wildfire Resilience Demonstration Project

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000) to the City of Albany (“the grantee”) to carry out the Albany–El Cerrito Wildfire Resilience Demonstration Project in Albany and El Cerrito, consisting of: (1) implementing fire fuel vegetation management and ecological restoration; (2) investing in continuing partnerships for workforce development; (3) and demonstrating for

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public benefit useful practices for milling, native species planting, and fire hazard management ("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.
 - d. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
 - e. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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 Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration Report (MND) adopted by the City of El Cerrito on June 3, 2025 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The Conservancy finds that the Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan 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, Bosco. Nays: none

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7. SOUTH BAY PRESCRIBED BURN ASSOCIATION

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to the Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council (“the grantee”) to adapt their Community Wildfire Prevention Plan into a Regional Prioritization Plan to establish a Prescribed Burn Association in Santa Clara County (South Bay Prescribed Burn Association) and, through the Prescribed Burn Association, conduct initial workshops, classes, and training programs that will entail a series of small, prescribed burns on Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District lands with the goal of enhancing the ability of both private and public landowners to safely use prescribed burns to reduce wildfire severity and improve landscape health in 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.

If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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. Santa Clara Fire Safe Council 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, Bosco. Nays: none

Public Comment: None

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CENTRAL COAST

8. LEE ROAD TRAIL PHASE 2 PLANNING

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million sixty-eight thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,068,300) to the City of Watsonville (“the grantee”) to prepare final designs and permit applications for the 0.5-mile second phase of the Lee Road Trail Project, which will add a 1.4 mile long pedestrian and bicycle trail along Lee Road 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.
3. In addition, to the extent appropriate, the City of Watsonville 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 the System of Public Accessways (Sections 31400-31410).
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Lee Road Trail Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted by the County of Santa Cruz on March 12, 2021, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5. The Conservancy finds that the Lee Road Trail 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, Bosco. Nays: none

Public Comment: none

NORTH COAST

9. UPPER HORSE CREEK CHANNEL RESTORATION PROJECT

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Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Mid Klamath Watershed Council (“the grantee”) to undertake the Upper Horse Creek Channel Restoration Project, consisting of the creation of side channels and offchannel ponds, the addition of wood structures, installation of beaver dam analogues and the expansion of creek sinuosity to a segment of Horse Creek, in Siskiyou 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 the 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 the restoration of fish and wildlife habitat within coastal watersheds.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Mid Klamath Watershed Council is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and has purposes consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.

Moved and seconded.

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

Public Comment: none

10. EXPLORE THE COAST GRANT PROGRAM – 2025-2026

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed nine hundred sixty-six thousand three hundred sixteen dollars (\$966,316) to 13 nonprofit organizations for projects that facilitate and enhance the public’s opportunities to explore the

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California coast (“the projects”). The Executive Officer of the Coastal Conservancy may authorize modifications to one or more of the 13 projects if the modified projects continue to promote the goal of facilitating and enhancing the public’s opportunities to explore the California coast. The 13 projects are as follows (presented in alphabetical order by the grantee’s name):

1. **Amah Mutsun Land Trust:** Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to provide 60 Amah Mutsun Tribal Band members (youth and their family) with a 7-day summer camp experience on ancestral coastal lands, fostering cultural revitalization, community connection, and ocean stewardship.
2. **Blue Dot Education:** Ninety-four thousand dollars (\$94,000) to provide 1,000 Imperial Valley residents with 2 types of coastal day trips, consisting of 1) beach trips and 2) tidepool explorations, in San Diego, as well as two community events to celebrate and share experiences through photography, science, and storytelling.
3. **Blue Water Foundation:** Seventeen thousand six hundred dollars (\$17,600) to provide 1,000 underserved youth and adults, including incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals, with transformative sailing experiences on the San Francisco Bay to build confidence, leadership, and connection to the water.
4. **California Health Collaborative:** Ninety-nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$99,800) to provide 300 participants (low-income and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color [BIPOC] youth and their families) from Kings County with 8-10 coastal trips focused on recreation, education, mental health, and intergenerational bonding.
5. **Camp del Corazon:** Sixty-four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$64,900) to provide 375 children with congenital heart disease with a medically supported 5-day summer camp on Catalina Island, featuring water-based recreation and peer connection.
6. **Color the Water:** Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to support 200 participants from Southern California with personalized surf lessons, monthly group surf trips, and wellness workshops to build ocean confidence, community, and belonging.
7. **Grant African Methodist Episcopal Church:** Forty-one thousand five hundred sixteen dollars (\$41,516) to provide 140 underserved community members (youth and their family) from the Watts community with 4-5 one-day coastal trips to locations like Anacapa and Catalina Islands for educational and joyful ocean experiences, including a fishing trip and a semisubmarine boat tour.
8. **LandPaths:** One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to provide 2,167 participants from Sonoma County (youth and their family), primarily Latinx and BIPOC, with immersive coastal field trips and 6 multi-day coastal camping experiences focused on science, cultural relevance, and environmental stewardship.

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- 9. New Fire Yankuik Xihuitl (dba Seventh Generation Rising):** Ninety-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$93,500) to provide 90 participants from tribal and BIPOC communities with 4 coastal experiences each, including harbor tours, tidepooling, and multi-day camping to promote healing, cultural learning, and leadership.
- 10. Outdoor Outreach:** One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to provide 500 low-income youth from San Diego with approximately 160 trauma-informed coastal adventures, including kayaking, surfing, and fishing, aimed at building leadership, confidence, and belonging in coastal spaces.
- 11. Puente de la Costa Sur:** Fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) to provide 60 low-income older adults, including coastal farmworkers from San Mateo County, with 6-8 accessible coastal day trips each year for three years, offering opportunities to reduce social isolation, strengthen community bonds, and enhance well-being through enriching nature-based experiences.
- 12. Santa Cruz Hub for Sustainable Living (fiscal sponsor for California Field School):** One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to provide 60 low-income youth from the Bay Area with one 5-day coastal bike tour each to deepen connection to marine environments, cultural history, and environmental stewardship.
- 13. Wilderness Youth Project:** One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to provide 1,476 youth from Title 1 schools and early education centers in Santa Barbara County with a combination of 4-hour coastal and nature-based mentoring field trips from September through June, monthly coastal field trips for school day participants, weekly coastal field trips for after-school and early education participants, and a coastal summer camp consisting of one-week day camps. Programs will include activities like tide-pooling, birding, and driftwood construction with a focus on exploration, connection, and mentorship.

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

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Any other applicable agreements determined necessary for the project by the Executive Officer.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapters 4.5 and 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the resource and recreational goals in the San Francisco Bay

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Area (Chapter 4.5), and the establishment of a system of public accessways to and along the California coast (Chapter 9).

2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The 13 proposed nonprofit organizations are organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

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

Public Comment: none

11. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

No Board member comments

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Italia Salvavje made a comment

13. CLOSED SESSION

No closed session

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 P.M.