

*STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
November 20, 2025*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair  
Marce Gutierrez-Graudins (Public Member), Vice Chair  
Michele Perault (Department of Finance)  
Julie Alvis (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)  
Meagan Harmon (Coastal Commission) Joined at 10:30 AM  
Joy Sterling (Public Member)  
Jeremiah Hallisey (Public Member)

**OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kara Woodruff (Representative for Senator Laird, District 17)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer  
Ryan Berghoff, Senior Staff Counsel

**LOCATION:**

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

**MEETING START TIME: 10:13 AM**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair  
Marce Gutierrez-Graudins (Public Member), Vice Chair  
Michele Perault (Department of Finance)  
Julie Alvis (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)

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Joy Sterling (Public Member)

Jeremiah Hallisey (Public Member)

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy’s September 18, 2025 public meeting. Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Perault, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco; Voting against: none; Abstained: Alvis

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 Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Perault, Alvis, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco (none opposed).

**A. HILL STREET ARTS HOTEL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**Resolution**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred thirty-six thousand four hundred dollars (\$236,400) to The Hill Street Country Club (the “grantee”) to undertake the Hill Street Arts Hotel Feasibility Study, consisting of conducting community engagement and completing a feasibility study to establish a new lower-cost hotel in Oceanside, 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:

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3. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 10 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Lower-Cost Coastal Accommodations (Sections 31411-31414).
4. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
5. The Hill Street Country Club is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

**B. MURRAY FIELD AIRPORT SEA LEVEL RISE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC STUDY**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) to California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt (“the grantee”) to prepare the Murray Field Airport Sea Level Rise Planning and Economic Study and to conduct community engagement to assess the impacts of and identify adaptation strategies for sea level rise at the Murray Field Airport in Eureka, 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 study.

**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.

**C. EEL RIVER NATIVE PLANT NETWORK**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred eighty one thousand four hundred dollars (\$181,400) to Friends of the Eel River (the “grantee”) to undertake the Eel River Native Plant Network Project in anticipation of dam removal in the upper Eel River basin, consisting of: (1) launching a regional native plant network to assess, coordinate, and increase the regional capacity to produce native plants for Eel River watershed restoration projects beginning with

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Humboldt, Lake, and Mendocino Counties; (2) developing a feasibility report and a strategic plan; (3) hosting meetings and seed harvesting trainings; and (4) developing and launching a website (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, if required by the funding source, the source of that 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 Functions of the State Coastal Conservancy and the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Friends of the Eel is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

**D. SAN FRANCISCO BAY OLYMPIA OYSTER PUBLIC EDUCATION INITIATIVE**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$445,000) to The Nature Conservancy (the “grantee”) to undertake the San Francisco Bay Olympia Oyster Public Education Initiative, consisting of targeted public education and outreach on the history and benefits of the native Olympia oyster to build public support for increasing the pace and scale of implementing nature-based approaches to shoreline protection while recovering Olympia oysters in San Francisco Bay (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.

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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, Section 31113, of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Nature Conservancy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

**E. SEA OTTER RECOVERY GRANTS 2026**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed seventyone thousand four hundred dollars (\$71,400) to Sea Otter Savvy (the “grantee”) to educate the public on the historic role of sea otters and the potential future role of sea otter reintroduction within their historical habitat range in northern California and San Francisco Bay (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:

3. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Integrated Coastal and Marine Resource Protection.
4. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
5. Sea Otter Savvy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

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**F. HUMBOLDT COASTAL NATURE CENTER: EXPANSION**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy (the “Conservancy”) hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred thirty-one thousand and five hundred dollars (\$431,500) to Friends of the Dunes (the “grantee”) to acquire 6.52 acres of property adjacent to the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center at 150 Stamps Lane for public access, including potential low-cost overnight accommodations, and for habitat protection, restoration and enhancement; and to develop a habitat restoration and public access plan for the property; in Manila, Humboldt County.

Prior to commencement of the planning portion 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, if required by the funding source, the source of that funding.
4. Evidence that the acquisition is complete.

The acquisition portion of the project 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:
  - 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 public access, including potential low-cost overnight accommodations, and for habitat protection, restoration and enhancement. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer. In addition, to the extent appropriate, the grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s Coastal Access Project Standards.

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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 Conservancy hereby finds that:

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

**4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

**A. CONSERVANCY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026**

**B. CLIMATE BOND UPDATE**

**C. ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS FOR THE CONSERVANCY’S GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WILDFIRE PREVENTION, DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS, AND CLEAN AIR BOND ACT OF 2025 (Proposition 4)**

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Alvis, Perrault, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco. Nays: none

**D. COASTAL STORIES**

**CENTRAL COAST**

**5. BIG BASIN REDWOOD WILDFIRE RESILIENCE PROJECT**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three million fifty thousand dollars (\$3,050,000) to Sempervirens Fund (the “grantee”) to undertake the Big Basin Redwood Wildfire Resilience Project, consisting of vegetation fuels reduction and habitat enhancement on 215 acres in the old-growth coast redwood area of Big Basin Redwood State Park in Santa Cruz County, and project-related community engagement (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:

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1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.
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. The Sempervirens Fund is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) Statewide Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), which was certified by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection on December 30, 2019, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Exhibit 2), and the Project-Specific Analysis and Addendum to the CalVTP PEIR, Inland Big Basin Redwoods State Park Forest Health Project (Cal VTP Project ID: 2025-06, PSA-Addendum) (Exhibit 3). The Conservancy finds:
  - a. The Big Basin Redwood Wildfire Resilience Project is within the scope of the CalVTP, and the CalVTP PEIR adequately describes the Big Basin Redwood Wildfire Resilience Project for the purposes of CEQA.
  - b. The PEIR and PSA-Addendum identify potentially significant impacts from the Big Basin Redwood Wildfire Resilience Project in the areas of Biological Resources and Hazardous Materials, Public Health, and Safety as identified in the accompanying staff recommendation. The Conservancy finds that the standard project requirements and mitigation measures identified in the PEIR and the PSAAddendum 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.

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- c. The PEIR and PSA-Addendum identify significant and unavoidable impacts from the Big Basin Redwood Wildfire Resilience Project in the areas of Air Quality; Archaeological, Historical, Tribal Cultural Resources; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Transportation; and Public Services, Utilities, and Service Systems, 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.
- d. The Conservancy adopts the Findings regarding Significant Effects and Statement of Overriding Considerations set forth in the accompanying staff recommendation.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Harmon, Alvis, Perrault, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco. Nays: none

Public Comments: none

**6. WATSONVILLE SLOUGH FARMS – MINI RANCH ACQUISITION**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed nine hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$980,000) of grant funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County (the “grantee”) to acquire the 62-acre Watsonville Slough Mini Ranch property (APNs: 052-221-08, -09, -23, and -24) to protect and restore natural resources and wildlife habitat, including wetlands; protect and enhance water quality; conserve sensitive species and wildlife corridors; and provide compatible agricultural use and California Native American tribal access and public access, 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 to protect and restore natural resources and wildlife habitat, including wetlands; protect and enhance water quality; conserve sensitive species and wildlife corridors; and provide compatible agricultural use and California Native American tribal access and public access. The property

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shall be permanently dedicated to these 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 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 Land Trust of Santa Cruz County is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Harmon, Alvis, Perrault, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco. Nays: none

**NORTH COAST**

**7. ARENA COVE COASTAL TRAIL CONSTRUCTION**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed five hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$565,000) to the Mendocino Land Trust, Inc. (the “grantee”) to undertake the Arena Cove Coastal Trail Construction Project, consisting of construction of a 0.3-mile segment of the California Coastal Trail and related trail amenities, including two stairways, benches, a viewing platform, fencing, and signage with management, directional, and interpretive information, at Arena Cove in Point Arena, 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.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and, if required by the funding source, the source of that funding.

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4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements (including any easements) sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.
6. Evidence that the grantee has entered into and recorded agreements pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(d) sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.

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

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Harmon, Alvis, Perrault, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco. Nays: none

Public Comment: None

**8. Ta'che—Nóó-nih Yaash ACQUISITION**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy (the "Conservancy") hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed eight hundred thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$800,750) to Sanctuary Forest, Inc. (the "grantee") to: (1) acquire the 255-acre Ta'che—Nóó-nih Yaash Property to protect, restore, and enhance native species, habitats and waterways; protect cultural landscapes, features and attributes; and provide opportunities for compatible California Native American tribal access and potential limited public access in Whitethorn, Humboldt County; (2) remove cannabis infrastructure; (3) transfer the property to the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council; and (4) conduct initial stewardship planning for the property.

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;

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- 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 held, tended, and cared for to protect, restore, and enhance native species, habitats and waterways; protect cultural landscapes, features and attributes; and provide opportunities for compatible California Native American tribal access and potential limited public access.
  4. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
  5. Funding from the Conservancy, as well as from other funding sources requiring acknowledgment, shall be recognized on the grantee's website, the design and content of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.
  6. Prior to the disbursement of funds for removal of cannabis infrastructure and stewardship planning, 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.
    - d. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

**Findings:**

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

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

Moved Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Harmon, Alvis, Perrault, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco. Nays: none

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Public Comment: none

**9. WILDFIRE RESILIENCY PROJETS**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of a total amount not to exceed six million three hundred fifty-three thousand dollars (\$6,353,000) to two tribes, one university, and one local fire safe council, to carry out four implementation projects (collectively, the “projects”) that will improve forest health and wildfire resiliency in Mendocino County, San Diego County, and Monterey County. The four projects are as follows:

1. **Esselen Tribe of Monterey County:** One million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) to plan and implement a series of cultural fire trainings that include live fire cultural burning operations on 50 to 500 acres of land.
2. **La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians:** Two million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$2,900,000) to implement critical fuel reduction treatments and cultural burning on 516 acres along the Highway 76 corridor and to provide community fire preparedness training.
3. **Mendocino County Fire Safe Council:** Eight hundred three thousand dollars (\$803,000) to continue their free community chipping program, implement volunteer workdays, and develop a sustainability plan, over three years.
4. **University of California San Diego:** One million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) to remove Eucalyptus trees and restore the native chaparral ecosystem on a 30-acre site to improve wildfire resiliency and to serve as a biochar demonstration project.

The Esslen Tribe of Monterey County, La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians, Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, and University of California San Diego are each a “grantee.” Prior to commencement of each project, the grantee for the specific project 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 from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into any agreements necessary to enable the grantee to implement the project.

**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 the Public Resources Code regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed projects are consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Esselen Tribe of Monterey County and the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council are nonprofit organizations organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Harmon, Alvis, Perrault, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco. Nays: none

Public Comment: none

**10. REGIONAL FOREST AND FIRE CAPACITY PROGRAM GRANTS**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million six hundred sixty five thousand dollars (\$1,665,000) of grant funds from the California Department of Conservation’s Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program to five public agencies to carry out planning and implementation projects (collectively the “projects”) that will improve forest health and wildfire resiliency, facilitate greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and increase carbon sequestration in forests in Alameda County, Santa Clara County, San Luis Obispo County, and Santa Barbara County. The five projects are as follows:

1. **Alameda County Fire Department:** One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to fund the Alameda County Fire Department fuels crew, whose primary mission is County-wide fire prevention, achieved by proactively managing vegetation and establishing fuel breaks to minimize the impact of wildfires on public lands.
2. **Cachuma Resource Conservation District:** Three hundred five thousand dollars (\$305,000) for capacity building to administer wildfire resilience programs and plan wildfire resilience projects recommended in the Santa Barbara County Regional Priority Plan and the Santa Barbara County Regional Wildfire Mitigation Program.
3. **Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District:** Seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to collaborate with Montrose Consulting to develop a Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience Public Works Plan.
4. **Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority:** Two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000) to undertake the PL-566 Fuel Break Implementation project consisting of purchasing specialized equipment for vegetation management work along a designated fuel break.
5. **Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District:** Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to prepare a Strategic Plan for the San Luis Obispo Prescribed Burn Association.

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The Alameda County Fire Department, Cachuma Resource Conservation District, Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District, Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, and Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District are each a “grantee.” Prior to commencement of each project, the grantee for the specific project 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.

Prior to commencement of the Alameda County Fire Department project, that grantee shall also submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

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 projects are consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Harmon, Alvis, Perrault, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Sterling, Bosco. Nays: none

Public Comment: none

**11. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, made a comment.

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

Chanell West made a comment.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

Meeting closed at 12:25 P.M. for a closed session.

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During the closed session, the Conservancy received information and advice from counsel regarding City of Trinidad v. Tsuru Ancestral Society, et al. Humboldt County Superior Court, Case No. DR180684.

Meeting re-opened to public at 12:35 P.M.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M.