

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
February 19, 2026

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair  
Marce Gutierrez-Graudins (Public Member), Vice Chair  
Elizabeth Urie (Department of Finance)  
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)  
Madeline Cavalieri (Coastal Commission)  
Jeremiah Hallisey (Public Member) Joined at 10:14 AM

**OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kara Woodruff (Representative for Senator Laird, District 17)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Amy Hutzel, Executive Officer  
Ryan Berghoff, Senior Staff Counsel

**LOCATION:**

Elihu M Harris State Building Room 1 – 2nd Floor  
1515 Clay St.,  
Oakland, CA 94612

**MEETING START TIME: 10:00 AM**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

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2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy’s November 20, 2025 public meeting. Moved and seconded.

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

Public Comment: Jessica Ochoa

A. **TOLAY CREEK BAYLANDS RESTORATION PLANNING PROJECT**

**Resolution**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed

one hundred twenty one thousand dollars (\$121,000) to Sonoma Land Trust to augment the Conservancy grant that was authorized on February 15, 2024 of \$1,241,000 for planning the ecological restoration of 337 acres of baylands and alluvial fan in the Tolay Creek Baylands in Sonoma County by conducting community engagement, preparing preliminary designs and environmental compliance documents, and developing a permitting strategy. The Executive Officer subsequently authorized a reduction in project area to 280 acres and increase of the grant amount by \$170,500 due to increased scope of the environmental compliance work. With this augmentation, the total grant amount for the project is \$1,532,500. This authorization is subject to the same conditions as set forth in the Conservancy’s February 15, 2024 authorization.

**Findings:**

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.

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

**B. ESPLANADE PARK COASTAL ACCESS ENHANCEMENT AND ADAPTATION PLAN**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) to the City of Capitola (the “grantee”) to undertake the Esplanade Park Coastal Access Enhancement and Adaptation Plan, consisting of planning and conceptual design for climate-resilient improvements at Esplanade Park in Santa Cruz County (the “project”).

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

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

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Conservancy resolution is effective only if legislation is enacted that exempts program guidelines and selection criteria for the disbursement of funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (“Proposition 4”), Public Resources Code Sections 90000-95015, from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act at Government Code sections 11340-11361.

**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. REGIONAL FOREST AND FIRE CAPACITY PROGRAM AUGMENTATION**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes: 1) the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million seventy-five thousand and fourteen dollars (\$1,075,014) of grant funds from the California Department of Conservation’s Regional Forest and Fire

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Capacity Program to augment the total grant amount authorized by the Conservancy on November 20, 2025 for grants to five public agencies to improve forest health and wildfire resiliency, facilitate greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and increase carbon sequestration in forests in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara Counties; and 2) disbursement of the additional funds to two nonprofit organizations, the Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council and the Native Coast Action Network, to carry out planning, wildfire steward training, and workforce development projects in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties; for a total authorized amount of two million seven hundred forty thousand and fourteen dollars (\$2,740,014) for grants to five public agencies and two nonprofit organizations. The two new projects are as follows:

- 1. Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council:** Nine hundred thirty-five thousand two hundred dollars (\$935,200) to prepare plans and environmental review documents and to conduct studies and surveys to advance wildfire resilience in Santa Barbara County.
- 2. Native Coast Action Network:** One hundred thirty-nine thousand eight hundred fourteen dollars (\$139,814) for wildfire steward training, capacity building, and workforce development for California Native American tribal individuals in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council and the Native Coast Action Network 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, and to the extent applicable, acknowledgement of California Department of Conservation’s 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:

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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 authorization is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Santa Barbara County Fires Safe Council and the Native Coast Action Network are nonprofit organizations organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

**D. SOUTH BAY SALT POND RESTORATION PROJECT PHASE 2: MOUNTAIN VIEW IMPLEMENTATION AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT – AUGMENTATION**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of up to nine hundred forty one thousand dollars (\$941,000) to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to augment the previously authorized Conservancy grant for the restoration of tidal marsh and creation of public access at the Mountain View Ponds (Ponds A1 and A2W) as part of Phase 2 of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project and a grant of up to five hundred fifty nine thousand dollars (\$559,000) to the California Wildlife Foundation to conduct monitoring and adaptive management (collectively, the “project”), in Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Alameda Counties.

The disbursement to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. remains subject to the same conditions as the Conservancy’s prior grant authorizations for the project.

The grant to California Wildlife Foundation is subject to condition that prior to commencement of the project, the California Wildlife Foundation shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

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

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1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the impacts of climate change.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. Ducks Unlimited, Inc. and the California Wildlife Foundation are nonprofit organizations organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

**E. RANDALL PRESERVE WETLAND RESTORATION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred ten thousand dollars (\$410,000) to the Coastal Corridor Alliance (the “grantee”) to complete a wetland restoration feasibility study which will include planning tasks and biological analyses to restore and enhance approximately 130 acres of degraded wetland and riparian habitat in the Frank and Joan Randall Preserve, formerly known as Banning Ranch, in the City of Newport Beach in Orange County (the “project”).

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

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. Evidence that 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 corrective measures to enhance coastal resources
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Coastal Corridor Alliance is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code

**F. EXPLORE THE RIVER GRANT PROGRAM 2026**

**Resolution:**

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The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) to two nonprofit organizations and one government agency for three projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore the Santa Ana River. The Executive Officer of the Coastal Conservancy may authorize modifications to one or more of the three projects if the projects continue to promote the goal of facilitating and enhancing the public's opportunities to explore the Santa Ana River. The three grantees and projects are as follows:

- City of Riverside: seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to provide overnight and day-long camping experiences to approximately 1,200 participants from Riverside County with interactive activities related to the Santa Ana River.
- Inland Empire Waterkeeper: seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to provide no-cost field trips to approximately 800 youth from Riverside and San Bernardino counties with a hands-on learning experience in the Santa Ana River and within its watershed.
- TreePeople: seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to provide no-cost field trips to approximately 560 youth and their families with a comprehensive experience in the natural environments of the Santa Ana River and within its watershed.

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.
4. Any other applicable agreements determined necessary for the project by the Executive Officer.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Conservancy resolution is effective only if legislation is enacted that exempts program guidelines and selection criteria for the disbursement of funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 ("Proposition 4"), Public Resources Code Sections 90000-95015, from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act at Government Code sections 11340-11361.

**Findings:**

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

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

**G. NORTH COAST WILDFIRE RESILIENCE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM-VANAUKEN CREEK FUEL BREAK**

**Resolution:**

The Conservancy authorizes the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (HCRCD) to disburse up to \$500,000 of Conservancy funds previously granted to HCRCD for the North Coast Wildfire Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program (“Grant Program”) to Sanctuary Forest to implement the Vanauken Creek Fuel Break Project, consisting of creating shaded fuel breaks and conducting fuel reduction through forest thinning and prescribed burning on a total area of approximately 597 acres near the community of Whitethorn in Humboldt County, subject to the terms of the Conservancy’s grant to HCRCD for the Grant Program.

**Findings:**

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Section 31113 of Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Vanauken Creek Fuel Break Project CalVTP Project-Specific Analysis and Addendum (PSA) and included Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted by the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District on February 17, 2026 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 2. The Conservancy finds, as described further in the accompanying staff recommendation, that:
  - a. The Vanauken Creek Fuel Break Project will have potentially significant environmental effects in the areas of Cultural Resources, Biological Resources, and Public Services, Utilities, and Service Systems. The Conservancy finds that the mitigation measures identified in PSA will avoid, reduce, or mitigate these

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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 Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases, and Transportation, 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.
4. The Conservancy adopts the Findings regarding Significant Effects and Statement of Overriding Considerations set forth in the accompanying staff recommendation.

**H. TUNITAS CREEK BEACH PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – AUGMENTATION**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) to San Mateo County (the “grantee”) to augment the grant previously authorized on March 24, 2022 for construction of public access improvements and visitor-serving amenities at the Don Horsley Park at Tunitas Creek Beach in San Mateo County, for a total authorized amount of three million eight hundred eighty four thousand eight hundred ninety two dollars (\$3,884,892), and expansion of the project to include stabilization of two hillslopes above Tunitas Creek to protect the public access improvements.

**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 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project remains consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the County of San Mateo Routine Maintenance Program (EIR) certified by the County of San Mateo on September 16, 2020 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy has also reviewed the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted by the County of San Mateo on September 16, 2020 and attached to the accompanying recommendation as Exhibit 5. The Conservancy finds, as described further in the accompanying staff recommendation, that:

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- a. The landslide stabilization measures will have potentially significant environmental effects in the areas of biological resources and hazardous materials. The Conservancy finds that the mitigation measures identified in the EIR will avoid, reduce, or mitigate these possible significant environmental effects of the landslide stabilization to less-than-significant levels and that these mitigation measures have been required or incorporated into the project.

**I. PETALUMA RIVER PARK PLANNING AUGEMENTATION**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million four hundred forty-eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,448,400) to the Petaluma River Park Foundation (the “grantee”) to augment the Conservancy grants of \$1,395,800, authorized on December 1, 2022, and of \$57,120, authorized on November 21, 2024, and augmented by \$148,880 on December 3, 2024, for the Petaluma River Park Planning Project, consisting of community engagement, park plan development, specific project designs, research and design of interpretive materials under the Coastal Stories Grant Program, and environmental review associated with development of Petaluma River Park in Petaluma (the “project”), Sonoma County, subject to the conditions of the December 1, 2022 and November 21, 2024 authorizations.

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

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. In addition, to the extent appropriate, the grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s ‘Coastal Access Project Standards’.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Conservancy resolution is effective only if legislation is enacted that exempts program guidelines and selection criteria for the disbursement of funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (“Proposition 4”), Public Resources Code Sections 90000-95015, from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act at Government Code sections 11340-11361.

**Findings:**

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

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1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Program.
2. The proposed project remains consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Petaluma River Park Foundation is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

**J. LOMA ALTA SLOUGH WETLAND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: AUGMENTATION**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an additional one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the City of Oceanside (the “grantee”) to augment a grant previously authorized by the Conservancy on June 6, 2024 in the amount of \$1,643,344, for a total authorized amount of \$3,143,344, to undertake the Loma Alta Slough Wetland Enhancement Project (the “project”), consisting of the enhancement of 5.8 acres of coastal wetlands in the City of Oceanside in San Diego County, subject to the conditions of the June 6, 2024 authorization and the following condition:

1. The grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) a plan for signage and acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 68 as the source of that funding.

**Findings:**

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal resource enhancement.
2. The proposed project remains consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

**K. BAYSHORE BIKEWAY RESILIENCY PROJECT AUGMENTATION**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) to the City of Imperial Beach (the “grantee”) to augment the Conservancy grant authorized on September 14, 2023 of \$2,141,205, for a total authorized amount of \$4,841,205 for the Bayshore Bikeway Resiliency Project, consisting of conducting outreach and planning as well as preparing designs, environmental compliance documents, and permit applications needed to retrofit a 1.2-mile segment of the Bayshore Bikeway into a multi-benefit community

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flood protection and ecosystem resilience corridor in Imperial Beach, San Diego County; subject to the same conditions as the September 14, 2023 authorization.

**Findings:**

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

**L. ORMOND BEACH RESTORATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT: PERMITTING AND IMPLEMENTATION - AUGMENTATION**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of five million nine hundred seventeen thousand nine hundred fourteen dollars (\$5,917,914) of funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to The Nature Conservancy to augment the State Coastal Conservancy grant authorized on February 15, 2024 in the amount of \$35,000,000, and augmented by the Executive Officer by \$125,223, for a total authorized amount of \$41,043,137, to (1) undertake the first phase of the Ormond Beach Restoration and Public Access Project, consisting of final design, permitting, and implementation of restoration and public access improvements on 280 acres at Ormond Beach, and management of the Ormond Beach wetlands; and (2) to expand the scope of the first phase to include final design and permitting of an additional 108 acres, and possible implementation of restoration and public access improvements on the additional 108 acres in Ventura County (the "project"), subject to the conditions of the February 15, 2024 authorization.

**Findings:**

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal resource enhancement.
2. The proposed project remains 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.

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**4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

- A. EO Report: Year 3 Strategic Plan Progress Report**
- B. COASTAL STORIES: Peoples of the Canal**

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA**

**5. GREATER BAHIA WETLANDS ACQUISITION**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to Marin Audubon Society (the “grantee”) to complete the Greater Bahia Wetlands Acquisition, which consists of acquiring the approximately 323-acre Leveroni property (described as current Marin County Assessor’s Parcels Nos. 125-190-08 and 125-190-75) located along the Petaluma River in Marin County for protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural resources and wildlife habitat; protection of cultural resources; and potential public access compatible with those purposes, subject to the following conditions:

- 1.** Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer):
  - a. All relevant acquisition documents for the acquisition including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
  - b. A baseline conditions report; and
  - c. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
- 2.** The grantee shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
- 3.** The property acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural resources and wildlife habitat; protection of cultural resources; and potential public access compatible with those purposes. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
- 4.** Conservancy funding, with Proposition 68 as the source of that 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:**

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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 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural habitats.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Marin Audubon Society is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Cavaliere, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Urie, Bosco Nays: none

Public Comment: Alison Pence

**6. NAPA RIVER ECOLOGY CENTER, IMPLEMENTATION PHASE**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million seven hundred and sixty-nine thousand dollars (\$2,769,000) to American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation (the “grantee”) to undertake the Napa River Ecology Center, Implementation Phase, consisting of retrofitting a defunct corporation yard into an accessible, environmental education center that includes educational and interpretive elements, climate resiliency features, and connector trails in Napa 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.
6. Prior to commencing the project, the grantee shall enter into and record an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(d) sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Conservancy resolution is effective only if legislation is enacted that exempts program guidelines and selection criteria for the disbursement of funds

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from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (“Proposition 4”), Public Resources Code Sections 90000-95015, from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act at Government Code sections 11340-11361.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

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

Public Comments: Scott Thomason; Leia Giambastiani

**7. BAY FARM ISLAND NEAR-TERM SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTTION PROJECT PLANNING**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million six hundred forty thousand dollars (\$2,640,000) to the City of Alameda (the “grantee”) to conduct community engagement; to prepare plans, designs, environmental review documents and permit applications; and to coordinate permitting for Bay Farm Island Near-Term Sea Level Rise Adaptation Project which consists of a levee, nature-based shoreline protection, and an updated pump station along the northern shoreline of Bay Farm Island, and interim drainage improvements including raising grades along Island Drive, in the City of Alameda. The term “project” refers to conducting community engagement; preparing plans, designs, environmental review documents, and permit applications; and coordinating permitting for the Bay Farm Island Near-Term Sea Level Rise Adaptation 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.

**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 project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded.

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

**8. SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORELINE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT FUNDING STUDIES**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the Executive Officer to:

1. Enter into a Federal Cost Share Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the purpose of investigating the region’s flood adaptation needs, identifying priority locations and stakeholders, and supporting capacity building for San Francisco Bay shoreline multi-benefit flood risk management projects; and disburse up to \$150,000 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Conservancy’s contribution to the Federal Cost Share Agreement (the “Corps project”); and
2. Grant an amount not to exceed \$693,000 to the Bay Area Council Foundation to conduct an economic analysis of the potential for local governments to use policy tools to direct a portion of private sector redevelopment funding to San Francisco Bay shoreline multi-benefit flood risk management projects and to conduct outreach about federal and regional funding for along the Bay shoreline (the “BACF project”).

Collectively, the Corps project and BACF project are referred to as the “projects.”

Prior to commencement of the BACF project, Bay Area Council Foundation shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

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

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Conservancy resolution is effective only if legislation is enacted that exempts program guidelines and selection criteria for the disbursement of funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (“Proposition 4”), Public Resources Code Sections 90000-95015, from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act at Government Code sections 11340-11361.

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**Findings:**

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Conservancy's mandate to address the impacts and potential impacts of climate change on resources within the Conservancy's jurisdiction.
2. The proposed projects are consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Bay Area Council Foundation is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

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

**9. BENEFICIAL USE OF DREDGED SEDIMENT FOR WETLAND RESTORATION IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy (the "Conservancy") hereby authorizes the Executive Officer of the Conservancy to: 1) enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") in which the Conservancy is the non-federal sponsor for the Corps's placement of dredged sediment from federal dredging projects at the Cullinan Ranch, Montezuma, Eden Landing, and Hamilton-Bel Marin Keys wetland restoration sites on the shoreline of San Francisco Bay in Alameda, Solano, and Marin counties and 2) disburse to the Corps an amount not to exceed thirteen million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$13,900,000), including \$12,000,000 from a grant to the Conservancy from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement (the "project").

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Executive Officer shall not disburse funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 ("Proposition 4"), Public Resources Code Sections 90000-95015, unless legislation is enacted that exempts program guidelines and selection criteria for the disbursement of funds from Proposition 4 from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act at Government Code sections 11340-11361.

**Findings:**

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

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

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2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Final Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report for San Francisco Bay Federal Channels Operation and Maintenance Dredging and Sediment Placement Activities, Dredging Years 2025-2034 (Final EA/EIR) certified by Regional Water Quality Control Board San Francisco Bay Region on December 10, 2025 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. 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 Cultural and Tribal resources. The Conservancy finds that the mitigation measures identified in the Final EIR will avoid, reduce, or mitigate these possible significant environmental effects to less-than-significant levels and that these mitigation measures have been required or incorporated into the project

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Cavaliere, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Hallisey, Urie, Bosco Nays: none

**10. SAN CLEMENTE NORTH BEACH SAND RETENTION PLANNING PROJECT [POSTPONED]**

**11. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WETLANDS RECOVERY PROJECT COMMUNITY WETLAND RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM – 2025-2026**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three hundred eighty-five thousand four hundred forty-two dollars (\$385,442) to five non-profit organizations for five community-based dune, wetland, and stream restoration projects (the “projects”) on approximately 41 acres in Ventura, Los Angeles, and San Diego Counties.

The Executive Officer of the Coastal Conservancy may authorize modifications to one or more of the five projects if the modified projects continue to promote the goals of the Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program. The five projects are as follows:

Hueneme Beach Park Community Dune Restoration (The Surfrider Foundation): Eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to restore 2.5 acres of degraded dune habitat through volunteer events in Ventura County.

- Willow Wonders: Cultivating Community Stewardship at Gardena Wetlands (South Bay Parkland Conservancy): Ninety thousand five hundred dollars (\$90,500) to restore 1 acre of wetlands and adjacent upland habitat through community-based volunteer work in Los Angeles County.

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- Ocean Connectors: San Diego Bay Habitat Restoration and Education Program (The Ocean Foundation): One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to enhance or restore 7.5 acres of wetland habitat through educational field trips and community clean-up events in San Diego County.
- 32nd Street Canyon Task Force: Swapping Fire Fuel for Coastal Canyon Habitat (San Diego Coastkeeper): Forty thousand two hundred dollars (\$40,200) to restore or enhance four acres of riparian habitat through volunteer work and to provide wetland education and access through local school engagement in the 32nd Street Canyon in San Diego County.
- Chollas Creek Community Watershed Connection Program: Swan Canyon & Creek (San Diego Canyonlands): Seventy-four thousand seven hundred forty-two dollars (\$74,742) to restore or enhance 25.56 acres of wetland and riparian habitat and to expand equitable access to nature and cultural connection for Kumeyaay and surrounding communities in San Diego County.

Surfrider Foundation, South Bay Parkland Conservancy, The Ocean Foundation, San Diego Coastkeeper, and San Diego Canyonlands 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.
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.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Executive Officer shall not disburse funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (“Proposition 4”), Public Resources Code Sections 90000-95015, unless legislation is enacted that exempts program guidelines and selection criteria for the disbursement of funds from Proposition 4 from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act at Government Code sections 11340-11361.

**Findings:**

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal resource enhancement projects.

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

Moved and seconded.

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

**12. PIERPONT BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million two-hundred forty-two thousand one hundred eighty-two dollars (\$1,242,182) to the City of Ventura (“the grantee”) to undertake the Pierpont Beach Management Plan, consisting of the development of a management plan for the design of living shoreline and sand management activities at Pierpont Beach in Ventura County (the “project”).

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

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

In addition, to the extent appropriate, 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 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded.

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

**13. FOUNDERS GROVE RENEWAL AND RESTORATION PROJECT**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million two hundred thirty-nine thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,239,300) to Save the Redwoods League (“the grantee”) to implement the Founders Grove Renewal and Restoration

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Project, consisting of restoration of a 0.75-acre old-growth coast redwood grove, building a new mile-long accessible trail and pedestrian bridge, and installation of interpretive and wayfinding signage in the Founders Grove area of Humboldt Redwoods State Park in Humboldt County.

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

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 4 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'.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Conservancy resolution is effective only if legislation is enacted that exempts program guidelines and selection criteria for the disbursement of funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 ("Proposition 4"), Public Resources Code Sections 90000-95015, from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act at Government Code sections 11340-11361.

**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 Save the Redwoods League 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 Founders Grove Comfort Station Relocation and Replacement Project Initial Study/Negative Declaration adopted by the California Department of Parks and Recreation on May 15, 2024 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. The Conservancy finds that the

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Founders Grove Day Use Area Relocation and Reconstruction Project as designed will have no significant effect on the environment.

Moved and seconded.

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

**14. BODEGA BAY ICE HOUSE REPLACEMENT**

**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 Sonoma County Regional Parks (the “grantee”) to replace the aging icehouse at Spud Point Marina, Bodega Bay Harbor, western Sonoma 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.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Conservancy resolution is effective only if legislation is enacted that exempts program guidelines and selection criteria for the disbursement of funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (“Proposition 4”), Public Resources Code Sections 90000-95015, from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act at Government Code sections 11340-11361.

**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 7 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.

Moved and seconded.

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

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**15. JACOBY CREEK RESOTRATION PLANNING**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million sixty-six thousand dollars (\$1,066,000) to the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (the “grantee”) to undertake the Jacoby Creek Restoration Planning Project, consisting of conducting studies, developing approximately three conceptual designs, collaborating with the community and tribes to select one design for advancement to a 30% project design, and preparing environmental compliance documents to enhance creek habitat and reduce flood risk in the Jacoby Creek watershed in the community of Bayside and the City of Arcata, Humboldt County (the “project”).

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

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. To the extent appropriate, the grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s Coastal Access Project Standards into the designs.
4. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and, to the extent practicable, signage informing the public that the project received funding from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Conservancy resolution is effective only if legislation is enacted that exempts program guidelines and selection criteria for the disbursement of funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (“Proposition 4”), Public Resources Code Sections 90000-95015, from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act at Government Code sections 11340-11361.

**Findings:**

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded.

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

**16. OSPREY HILL RANCH ACQUISITION**

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**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three million fifty thousand dollars (\$3,050,000) to Sonoma Land Trust (“the grantee”) for the Osprey Hill Ranch Acquisition Project, consisting of acquisition of a 365-acre ranch, Assessor’s Parcel Number 101-130-013, for public access and for natural resources, habitat, open space, working lands, and cultural resources protection, restoration, and management in Sonoma County, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer):
  - a. All relevant acquisition documents for the acquisition including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
  - b. A baseline conditions report; and
  - c. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. The grantee shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
3. The property acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated for the purposes of public access and for natural resources, habitat, open space, working lands, and cultural resources protection, restoration, and management. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
4. Conservancy Proposition 4 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.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Conservancy resolution is effective only if legislation is enacted that exempts program guidelines and selection criteria for the disbursement of funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (“Proposition 4”), Public Resources Code Sections 90000-95015, from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act at Government Code sections 11340-11361.

**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 Sonoma Land Trust 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, Urie, Bosco Nays: none

**17. SANTA BARBARA OCEAN COLLECTIVE SHORESIDE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed five hundred seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$507,500) to Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara (“the grantee”) to undertake the Santa Barbara Ocean Collective Shoreside Infrastructure Planning project, consisting of engaging tribes and other stakeholders; conducting technical studies; preparing permit applications; and advancing to 60% design plans to develop an unused 16,000 square foot lot on the Santa Barbara City College campus into a community boat yard (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.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Conservancy resolution is effective only if legislation is enacted that exempts program guidelines and selection criteria for the disbursement of funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (“Proposition 4”), Public Resources Code Sections 90000-95015, from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act at Government Code sections 11340-11361.

**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 public accessways.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

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

**18. LOWER SYCAMORE CREEK FLOOD MITIGATION AND RESTORATION PLANNING PROJECT**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million fifteen thousand dollars (\$2,015,000) to the City of Santa Barbara (the “grantee”) to undertake the Lower Sycamore Creek Flood Mitigation and Restoration Planning Project, consisting of completing technical studies; conducting public outreach; evaluating design alternatives; and preparing 30% overall project design, 60% channel restoration design, environmental compliance documents, and permit applications for restoration of lower Sycamore Creek in Santa Barbara County (the “project”).

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

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

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Conservancy resolution is effective only if legislation is enacted that exempts program guidelines and selection criteria for the disbursement of funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (“Proposition 4”), Public Resources Code Sections 90000-95015, from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act at Government Code sections 11340-11361.

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

Moved and seconded.

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

**19. SAN GREGORIO RANCH ACQUISITION**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the Peninsula Open Space Trust (“the grantee”) to acquire the 196-acre San Gregorio Ranch (Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 081-030-060, 081-013-060, 081-013-070, and 081-021-130) to protect, restore, and enhance natural resources and wildlife habitat,

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including wildlife connectivity, and for public access and compatible agriculture use in San Gregorio, San Mateo County (the “project”), subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer):
  - a. All relevant acquisition documents for the acquisition including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed, conservation easement, 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, restore, and enhance natural resources and wildlife habitat, including wildlife connectivity, and for public access and compatible agriculture use. 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.
5. The grantee must submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer any amendment to its conservation easement over the property.

**Findings:**

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Peninsula Open Space Trust 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, Urie, Bosco Nays: none

**20. UKIAH WEST HILLS WILDFIRE RESILIENCY PROJECT**

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**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes: disbursement of a total amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (“grantee”) to implement the Ukiah West Hills Project, which consists of reducing fuels on 270-370 acres in the Ukiah Western Hills in Mendocino County (the “project”).

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

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

Additionally, pursuant to its April 18, 2024 authorization to disburse funds to the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District for purposes of awarding grants to public entities and nonprofit organizations for wildfire resilience projects, the Conservancy authorizes the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District to award a subgrant to the grantee for the project.

**Findings:**

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded.

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

**21. WILDFIRE RESILIENCY PROJECTS**

**Resolution:**

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of a total amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to one tribe and one nonprofit organization to carry out two

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projects (collectively, the “projects”) that will improve forest health and wildfire resiliency in the vicinity of Gasquet, Del Norte County and in the vicinity of Somes Bar, Humboldt County. The two projects are as follows:

- 1. Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation:** One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to implement 250-350 acres of fuels treatments, such as prescribed fire and cultural burning, on lands surrounding the Tolowa community of Mvs-ye-e (present-day Gasquet), in partnership with the U S Forest Service.
- 2. The Mid Klamath Watershed Council:** Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to implement critical fuel reduction treatments and prepare for cultural burning on 150-250 acres in the Wildland Urban Interface in the Klamath River watershed in the Six Rivers National Forest and along State Highway 96 in the vicinity of Somes Bar.

The Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation and Mid Klamath Watershed Council 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:**

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 Mid Klamath Watershed Council is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Cavaliere, Cash, Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Urie, Bosco Nays: none

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Public Comments: Rachel McCain; Donna Pepin

**22. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS**

No Board member comments.

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

No Public comments.

**24. CLOSED SESSION**

No closed session.

**25. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 P.M.