

*STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2026*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joy Sterling (Public Member), Acting Chair
Stephen Benson (Department of Finance)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)
Shana Gray (Coastal Commission)
Jeremiah Hallisey (Public Member)

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kara Woodruff (Representative for Senator Laird, District 17)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer
Ryan Berghoff, General Counsel

LOCATION:

Resource Agency Headquarters,
Room 2-201, 715 P St.,
Sacramento, CA 95814

MEETING START TIME: 10:02 AM

1. ROLL CALL

Joy Sterling (Public Member), Acting Chair
Stephen Benson (Department of Finance)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)
Shana Gray (Coastal Commission)
Jeremiah Hallisey (Public Member)

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2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy's June 18, 2026 public meeting. Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; 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 Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling (none opposed).

A. PACIFIC VALLEY TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY AND CONCEPTUAL PLAN

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the Ventana Wilderness Alliance (the "grantee") to undertake the Pacific Valley Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Plan, consisting of technical feasibility studies, community and tribal engagement, and a conceptual plan for a 4-to-6 mile segment of the California Coastal Trail and support facilities along the southern coast of Big Sur, Monterey 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 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding a System of Public Accessways.

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

B. SANTA ANA RIVER MOUTH MONITORING PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed fifty one thousand five hundred thirty seven dollars (\$51,537) to augment a previously authorized grant for a total amount of \$230,437 to Orange County Coastkeeper to conduct monitoring and outreach to protect endangered bird species and associated habitat located near the Santa Ana River Mouth in Orange County.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal resource enhancement.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Orange County Coastkeeper is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

C. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORELINE PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes two grants of amounts not to exceed: 1) \$1,865,000 to the California Wildlife Foundation to prepare designs for habitat restoration of Ponds A9-A15 and Pond A18 and designs for public access along Reaches 1-5, and 2) \$2,187,000 to Ducks Unlimited Inc. to construct tidal restoration features in 100 acres of Ponds A12 and A13, all as part of the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project in Santa Clara County (collectively “the projects”).

The California Wildlife Foundation and Ducks Unlimited Inc. 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.

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3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 4 as the source of that funding.
4. Prior to commencing each project, the grantee shall enter into and record an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(d) sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 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 California Wildlife Foundation and Ducks Unlimited, Inc. are nonprofit organizations organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

D. NORTH FORK MATTOLE CONSERVATION AND RESILIENCE ACQUISITION: AMENDMENT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes an amendment of the grant authorized on February 15, 2024, to the Mattole Restoration Council (the "grantee") to expand the scope of the project to include design and installation of interpretive signage and to conduct community and tribal engagement on the North Fork Mattole Property in Petrolia, Humboldt, County.

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

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

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 Chapters 3 and 8 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the functions of the State Coastal Conservancy and the reservation of significant coastal resources, respectively.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Mattole Restoration Council is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

E. ELK RIVER HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT: ACQUISITION AUGMENT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) to California Trout, Inc. ("the grantee") to augment a Conservancy grant totaling \$5,500,000 to expand the scope of the Elk River Habitat Restoration Project to include acquisition of the 121.5-acre Shanahan Ranch (currently Assessor Parcel Numbers 304-031-001, 305- 031-012, 305-031-013, 305-031- 002, and 304-181-001) in Humboldt 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 following acquisition purposes: preservation of open space; protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural resources and wildlife habitat; protection of cultural resources; public access; and agricultural use and California Native American tribal cultural use consistent with such purposes. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.

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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 State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 regarding greenhouse gas emissions, and Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding enhancement of natural resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. California Trout, Inc. is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Coastal Stories: Untold History of the Taa-laa-wa dee-ni' (Tolowa People)

B. 50TH Anniversary Videos

WILDFIRE RESILIENCE PROGRAM

5. WILDFIRE RESILIENCY

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of a total amount not to exceed one million eight hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,870,000) to one public agency and one nonprofit, to carry out two wildfire resilience projects (collectively, the "projects") that will improve forest health and wildfire resiliency in Sonoma and San Luis Obispo Counties. The projects are as follows:

1. **City of San Luis Obispo:** Seven hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$770,000) to implement fuel reduction treatments across approximately 250 acres in three City-owned open space areas, install grazing infrastructure in the Cerro San Luis Natural Reserve, and conduct cultural burns on roughly 40 acres in the Irish Hills Natural Reserve in partnership with yak tit^yu tit^yu yak tiłhini Northern Chumash Tribe.
2. **Pepperwood Foundation:** One million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) to implement fuel reduction and prescribed fire treatment for 1,509 acres of the Pepperwood Preserve along the property's ridgeline and to build workforce capacity through workshops and trainings.

The City of San Luis Obispo and Pepperwood Foundation are each a "grantee." Prior to commencement of each project, the grantee for the specific project shall submit for the review

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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.

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

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

6. STATE SCIENCE INFORMATION NEEDS PROGRAM: WILDFIRE IMPACTS ON COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to California State University's Council on Ocean Affairs, Science and Technology ("the grantee") to undertake the State Science Information Needs Program: Wildfire Impacts on Coastal Ecosystems, consisting of granting funds to California State University faculty, research scientists, and/or students to conduct a total of two to four research projects that will provide data on the impacts of wildfire on coastal ecosystems that is needed to advance coastal habitat restoration and wildfire resilience work across California ("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.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 4 as the source of that funding.

Prior to disbursing Conservancy funds for a research project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer: the research topic, scope of work, schedule, budget, and plan for documenting and disseminating the results of the research

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.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

7. Postponed

8. CANDLESTICK POINT CLIMATE SOLUTION LABORATORY

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed seven hundred seventy-two thousand dollars (\$772,000) to Literacy for Environmental Justice ("the grantee") to implement the Candlestick Point Climate Solutions Laboratory project, which consists of preparing final designs; preparing and submitting permit applications; and constructing a greenhouse, seed lab, workspaces, and storage unit to propagate plants for shoreline habitat restoration in San Francisco (the "project"). Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

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

Findings:

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

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

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

9. GOAT ISLAND TIDAL MARSH RESTORATION & PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three million ninety-five thousand dollars (\$3,095,000) to Solano Land Trust ("the grantee") to undertake the Goat Island Tidal Marsh Restoration & Public Access Project, consisting of restoration and enhancement of 89 acres of tidal marsh, transition-zone, and seasonal wetland habitat; and improvements to 1.36 miles of trails and amenities at Rush Ranch in Solano 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, including a plan for 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.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

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5. Prior to commencing the project, the grantee shall enter into and record an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(d) sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.

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

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Solano Land Trust 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) adopted by the County of Solano in August 2015 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that the Goat Island Tidal Marsh Restoration and Public Access Project as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

10. GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY – TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the Great Redwood Trail Agency ("the grantee") to plan, design, and construct segments of the Great Redwood Trail in the counties of Mendocino, Trinity, and Humboldt (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 that identifies the planning, design and construction work for Great Redwood Trail segments to be implemented within the grantee's fiscal year, which runs July 1-June 30.
2. Names and qualifications of any grantees or contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.

For each Great Redwood Trail segment to be planned, designed, or constructed under this project, the grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the 'Great Redwood Trail Master Plan' and to the extent appropriate, the Conservancy's 'Coastal Access Project Standards'.

Prior to commencement of construction of a Great Redwood Trail segment, the grantee shall submit for review and approval of the Executive Officer evidence that the grantee has entered into any agreements necessary to enable the grantee to construct the segment and that all permits and approvals required construct the segment have been obtained.

The grantee shall submit an updated work program for Executive Officer approval at least every 12 months. The grantee shall not plan, design, or construct any segment unless such work is included in the approved work 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 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.

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

11. GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL DEVELOPMENT – STATE ROUTER 36 TO FERNBRIDGE

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed nine hundred twenty-two thousand dollars (\$922,000) to the City of Fortuna ("the grantee") to undertake the Great Redwood Trail Development—State Route 36 to Fernbridge Project, consisting of coordinating with California Native American tribes, conducting community engagement, conducting resource studies, conducting vegetation management, and preparing 30% designs for an approximately 6.2-mile segment of the Great Redwood Trail in the City of Fortuna and unincorporated Humboldt County.

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

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. Evidence that all approvals required to conduct the project have been obtained.

The grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the 'Great Redwood Trail Master Plan' and, to the extent appropriate, the Conservancy's 'Coastal Access Project Standards'.

Findings:

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

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

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

12. GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL: WILLITS TO LONGVALE PLANNING AND DESIGN

Resolution:

Authorization to disburse up to one million five hundred seventy eight thousand dollar (\$1,578,000) to Mendocino Land Trust to implement the Great Redwood Trail Willits to Longvale Planning Project, consisting of conducting topographic surveys, preparing a geotechnical report and 65% designs, preparing permit applications and construction cost estimates, conducting community outreach, and coordinating with California Native American tribes for a 12.7-mile segment of the Great Redwood Trail in the City of Willits and unincorporated Mendocino 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.

The grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the 'Great Redwood Trail Master Plan' and, to the extent appropriate, the Conservancy's 'Coastal Access Project Standards'.

Findings:

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

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

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

13. MATTOLE ESTUARY BANK STABILIZATION AND ROAD REPAIR PROJECT

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 Mattole Salmon Group ("the grantee") to undertake an emergency streambank stabilization and road repair project (the "project"), consisting of 1) planning and bioengineering along approximately 2,000-feet of the Lower Mattole River, and 2) planning and reconstruction of approximately 1,000 feet of Lighthouse Road, to prevent emergency flooding and for improved resilience to flooding, storm surges, and erosion, protection of existing and future salmonid habitat improvements, and public coastal access near Petrolia, 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 the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 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.

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6. Prior to commencing the project, the grantee shall enter into and record an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(d) sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding flooding, storm surges, and erosion that threatens coastal communities, infrastructure, and natural resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Mattole Salmon Group is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

14. EUREKA FLOOD REDUCTION AND SEA LEVEL RISE RESILIENCY PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million seven hundred fifty five thousand four hundred sixty three dollars (\$1,755,463) to the City of Eureka ("the grantee") to undertake Phase I of the Eureka Flood Reduction and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Project (the "project"), which consists of improving the stormwater system by installing new outfall pipes and tide gates, expanding a channel, restoring tidal marsh, and improving associated upstream infrastructure, at Palco Marsh in Eureka to increase resilience to flooding from climate change.

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.

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 impacts of climate change.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Eureka Flood Reduction Sea Level Resiliency Project Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the City of Eureka on June 13, 2023 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. The Conservancy finds that the Eureka Flood Reduction Sea Leve Resiliency Project (“Project”) as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment.

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

15. JOLLY GIANT CREEK AND BUTCHER SLOUGH COASTAL RESILIENCE AND RESTORATION PLANNING PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed five hundred ninety seven thousand dollars (\$597,000) to the City of Arcata (the “grantee”) to undertake the Jolly Giant Creek and Butcher Slough Coastal Resilience and Restoration Planning Project, consisting of developing a coastal resilience and habitat restoration plan for the lower two miles of Jolly Giant Creek and completing 30% designs and environmental review for Butcher Slough on the Little Lakes property owned by the City of Arcata in Humboldt County (the “project”).

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

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

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

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

16. PEDRO POINT HEADLANDS RULEMAKING ACTION

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes adoption of regulations governing use of land owned by the State on behalf of the Conservancy at Pedro Point Headlands in San Mateo County, as set forth in Exhibit 2. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit the proposed regulations to the Office of Administrative Law for filing with the Secretary of State, and, if during its approval process the Office of Administrative Law determines that minor, non substantive corrections to the language of the proposed regulations are needed for clarity or consistency, the Executive Director may make such changes.

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 establishment and functions of the Conservancy.
2. The proposed regulatory action, while not a project, is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; Voting against: none

Public Comment: Samuel Casillas

17. PEDRO POINT HEADLANDS PROPERTY DISPOSITION

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby approves the Pedro Point Headlands Disposition Plan and authorizes the transfer of three parcels owned by the State on behalf of the Conservancy at Pedro Point Headlands in San Mateo County (San Mateo County Assessor Parcel Numbers 023 730-020, 023-730-220 and 023-740-020, collectively "the property") to the United States Government to be managed by National Park Service, at no cost, for open space preservation, natural resource protection, and public access as part of Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

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The authorization of the transfer of the property to the United States Government is subject to the following conditions:

1. The United States Government shall hold, operate, use, and manage the property for open space preservation, natural resource protection, and public access, and shall permanently dedicate the property to these purposes by an appropriate instrument 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 project is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21, Section 31107 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the transfer of land acquired by the Conservancy and with Chapter 9 of Division 21 (Sections 31400-31410) of the Public Resources Code, regarding the establishment of a system of public accessways to and along the California Coast.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

18. NATURE-BASED COASTAL RESILIENCE STRATEGY AND DUNE RESTORATION FRAMEWORKS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed eight hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$880,000) to the Regents of the University of California, San Diego (fiscal sponsor for California Sea Grant) and Southern California Coastal Water Research Project ("grantees") to collaboratively develop a Nature-based Coastal Resilience Strategy and Dune Restoration Frameworks for Southern California in Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego Counties ("the project"). The two grantees are as follows:

The Regents of the University of California, San Diego (fiscal sponsor for California Sea Grant): Eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) to develop all components of the Nature-based Coastal Resilience Strategy and Dune Restoration Frameworks.

Southern California Coastal Water Research Project: Eighty thousand (\$80,000) to advise about best practices for coastal wetland restoration, as one solution in the Nature-based Coastal Resilience Strategy and about how to integrate coastal wetlands with dunes and other nature-based solutions.

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

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

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 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.

Voting in favor: Gray, Cash, Benson, Hallisey, Sterling; Voting against: none

Public Comment: none

19. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

No Board Member comments.

20. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No Public comments.

21. CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 P.M.