

COASTAL CONSERVANCY

Staff Recommendation
June 16, 2005

MALIBU ACCESS: DAN BLOCKER BEACH

File No. 03-163
Project Manager: Marc Beyeler

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorization to augment the Conservancy's January 29, 2004 authorization by disbursement of settlement funds in an amount up to \$20,000 plus accrued interest on this amount to Los Angeles County to construct beach access improvements at Dan Blocker Beach in Malibu.

LOCATION: Malibu, Los Angeles County (Exhibits 1 and 2)

PROGRAM CATEGORY: Public Access

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: Conservancy Staff Recommendation-January 29, 2004

Exhibit 2: Agreement between Coastal Conservancy and Save Open Space
Santa Monica Mountains

RESOLUTION AND FINDINGS:

Staff recommends that the State Coastal Conservancy adopt the following resolution pursuant to Sections 31400 *et seq.* of the Public Resources Code:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby augments its January 29, 2004 authorization by approving the disbursement of settlement funds in an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to Los Angeles County to construct beach access improvements at Dan Blocker Beach, located at 26000 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, and as more specifically described in Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff recommendation, subject to the conditions imposed by the Conservancy in its January 29, 2004 authorization.”

Staff further recommends that the Conservancy adopt the following findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that the proposed authorization remains consistent with the Conservancy's January 29, 2004 authorization with respect to its enabling legislation and project selection criteria and guidelines.”

PROJECT SUMMARY:

In January 29, 2004 the Coastal Conservancy approved funding to support construction of public access improvements at Dan Blocker beach in Malibu. (See Exhibit 1). Later in the year, the Conservancy agreed to receive settlement funds from dismissed litigation of \$20,000 from Save Open Space Santa Monica Mountains to develop coastal access along the Malibu Coast. The Conservancy and Save Open Space Santa Monica Mountains have agreed that the funds should be used to support the facilities at Dan Blocker beach (See Exhibit 2).

The proposed Dan Blocker Beach improvement project is located at 26000 Pacific Coast Highway in the City of Malibu and further explained in the Conservancy's January 29, 2004 staff recommendation. (See Exhibit 1).

Site Description, Project History, Enabling Legislation, Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives, Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, Local Coastal Program: These sections remain consistent with the Conservancy's January 29, 2004 authorization. (See Exhibit 1).

PROJECT FINANCING:

Coastal Conservancy (January 2004)	\$ 700,000
Coastal Conservancy (Settlement Funds)	20,000
Los Angeles County	<u>500,000</u>
Total Project Cost	\$1,270,000

The funding source for this authorization would be settlement funds from dismissed litigation (See Exhibit 2).

COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA:

This authorization does not have the potential for physical change to the environment as defined in California Code of Regulations Section 15064. The project was analyzed in a Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the County of Los Angeles and approved by the Conservancy in its January 29, 2004 authorization. (See Exhibit 1). A Notice of Determination was filed by the Conservancy in February 2004.