

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2009
State Capitol, Hearing Room 126
Sacramento, CA
10:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Doug Bosco, (Public Member), Chair
Ann Notthoff (Public Member), Vice Chair
Marisa Moret (Public Member)
Bonnie Neely, Chair, Coastal Commission
Bryan Cash (Designated Representative, Resources Agency)
Karen Finn (Designated Representative, Department of Finance)

OVERSIGHT LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Annette Porini was present representing Senator Joe Simitian
Assembly Member William Monning
Assembly Member Noreen Evans
Lucy Camarillo-Krohn was present representing Senator Lori Saldaña

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
Pat Peterson, Deputy Attorney General
Glenn Alex, Staff Counsel

1. ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 26, 2009 Teleconference minutes were approved without change by a vote of 4-0. Ms. Neely and Ms. Notthoff abstained from the vote.

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3. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. CENTRAL CALIFORNIA BEACH AND MARINE DEBRIS

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby augments its September 20, 2007 authorization to disburse an additional two hundred ten thousand dollars (\$210,000) of federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) funds from the U.S. Minerals Management Service through the California Resources Agency to Save Our Shores for the Central California Beach and Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Program, more particularly described in Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff recommendation. This authorization remains subject to the conditions of the September 20, 2007 authorization.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that the proposed authorization remains consistent with the findings made in its September 20, 2007 authorization.”

Consent item was approved by a vote of 6-0.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

- a. Strategic plan update was given by Sam Schuchat, including bar charts and fact sheets which were distributed to the Conservancy.(report attached to minutes)
- b. OPC Report – OPC meeting scheduled for the end of April and a special OPC meeting will take place to appoint a Crab Task Force.
- c. No Long Term Financial Strategy report was given
- d. Deborah Ruddock gave a brief Legislative report and copies were distributed to the Conservancy. (report attached to the minutes)

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

5. INVASIVE SPARTINA PROJECT CONTROL PROGRAM

Maxene Spellman of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the following:

1. Acceptance of a grant to the Conservancy in the amount of \$700,000 (seven hundred thousand dollars) from the United States Minerals Management Service

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Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), and a grant to the Conservancy in the amount of \$172,375 (one hundred seventy-two thousand three hundred seventy-five dollars) from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to implement treatment and eradication projects and water quality monitoring for the Invasive *Spartina* Project (ISP) Control Program.

2. Disbursement of up to \$400,000 (four hundred thousand dollars) of the CIAP grant and up to \$140,454 (one hundred forty thousand four hundred fifty-four dollars) of the EPA grant for 2009 (or subsequent) invasive *Spartina* treatment and eradication projects under the ISP Control Program, and up to \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand) of the EPA grant for water quality monitoring in connection with the invasive *Spartina* treatment and eradication projects.

Funds for treatment and eradication projects may be used to augment existing grants to the California Wildlife Foundation, Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed, the East Bay Regional Park District, City of Alameda, City of San Leandro, the San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District, the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Any grant of funds for treatment and eradication shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a. Prior to implementing any treatment and eradication project and prior to disbursement of any funds to the grantee, the grantee shall submit for review and approval of the Executive Officer a plan detailing the site-specific work for 2009, based on the outcome and extent of the 2008 treatment and including a list of identified mitigation measures, a work program for 2009 treatment and 2010 activities, if applicable, including a schedule and budget, and evidence that the grantee has obtained all necessary permits and approvals for the project.
 - b. In carrying out any treatment and eradication project, the grantee shall comply with all applicable mitigation and monitoring measures that are set forth in the approved site-specific plan, that are required by any permit, the amended Biological Opinion or approval for the project, and that are identified in the “Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report, San Francisco Estuary Invasive *Spartina* Project: *Spartina* Control Program” (FEIS/R), adopted by the Conservancy on September 25, 2003.
3. Modification of the Conservancy’s prior authorization of April 24, 2008, relating to disbursement of funds for ISP Control Program treatment and eradication, by permitting the use of any remaining funds authorized for 2008 treatment and eradication to be used for treatment and eradication in 2009 or subsequent years, as needed. ”

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Findings:

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

1. Disbursement of additional funds for the ISP Control Program treatment and eradication projects, and ongoing management for 2009, remains consistent with Public Resources Code Sections 31160-31165 and with the resolutions, finding and discussion accompanying the Conservancy authorizations of September 25, 2003, June 16, 2005, and April 24, 2008, as shown in the staff recommendations attached as Exhibits 1 through 3 of the accompanying staff recommendation.
2. The proposed authorization remains consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines last updated by the Conservancy on September 20, 2007.
3. The California Wildlife Foundation, Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed, and Friends of the Petaluma River are nonprofit organizations existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 6-0.

SOUTH COAST

6. BUENA VISTA LAGOON RESTORATION PROJECT

Deborah Ruddock of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.
Resolution

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes acceptance of a grant in the amount of one million five-hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) from the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and augments the Conservancy’s December 4, 2008 authorization in order to disburse an additional amount of up to five-hundred forty thousand dollars (\$540,000) to complete preliminary engineering design and environmental review for restoration of Buena Vista Lagoon, San Diego County. This authorization remains subject to the conditions of the December 4, 2008 authorization for the same project and is subject to an additional condition that prior to the disbursement of the SANDAG funds, the Conservancy’s Executive Officer shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with SANDAG, under terms acceptable to the Executive Officer, for acceptance of these funds for the project.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that the proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s findings under its December 4, 2008 authorization.”

Board Member Notthoff left the meeting before the vote. Moved and seconded.
Approved by a vote of 5-0.

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7. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL’S REPORT

No report was given

8. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENT

There were no Conservancy comments

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

10. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am