

**STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

March 27, 2014

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chairman  
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)  
Peter Sadowski (Public Member)  
Susan Hansch (Designated, Coastal Commission Chair  
Bryan Cash (Designated, Natural Resources Agency)  
Karen Finn (Designated, Department of Finance)

**OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tom Roth for Senator Noreen Evans

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer  
Amy Roach, Legal Counsel

**LOCATION:**

City of Pacifica – Council Chambers  
2212 Beach Blvd.  
Pacifica, CA

**1. ROLL CALL**

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chairman  
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)  
Peter Sadowski (Public Member)  
Susan Hansch (Designated, Coastal Commission Chair)  
Bryan Cash (Designated, Natural Resources Agency)  
Karen Finn (Designated, Department of Finance)

Diamond Murphy, Board of Directors of Pacifica Land Trust, welcomed the Conservancy to Pacifica.

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**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014 CONSERVANCY MEETINGS**

The minutes of the January 23, 2014 and February 25, 2014 Conservancy meetings were moved and seconded, then approved by a vote of 6-0.

**3. CONSENT ITEMS**

**A. SOSCAL FERRY ROAD TO ANSELMO COURT BAY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to disburse up to \$120,000 (one hundred twenty thousand dollars) of previously granted Conservancy funds to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to construct 0.8 miles of multi-use trail between the cities of Napa and American Canyon, Napa County, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds, ABAG shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a final work program, schedule and budget, and a grant agreement between ABAG and the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District.
2. ABAG shall ensure installation of signs acknowledging the Conservancy and displaying the Conservancy logo in a manner approved by the Executive Officer.
3. In carrying out the project, ABAG shall ensure compliance by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District with all project actions and components that are needed to reduce or avoid significant environmental effects of the trail improvements as identified in the negative declaration adopted by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and accompanying the project staff recommendation as Exhibit 2.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report 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, Sections 31160-31165, regarding San Francisco Bay.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the negative declaration for the proposed project adopted by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District on March 8, 2010 pursuant to CEQA and finds no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment.”

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**B. CLIMATE READINESS CAPACITY BUILDING – SOUTH COAST REGION**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to \$20,700 to the University of Southern California for its Sea Grant Program to provide training sessions that will build the capacity of coastal communities in the southern California area to understand and plan for the impacts of climate change. The trainings are a component of state-funded models currently being developed to underpin adaptation strategies to address potential impacts to southern California’s coastal infrastructure.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Public Resources Code Section 31113, regarding addressing the potential impacts of climate change on coastal resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The University of Southern California is an organization existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

**C. ADOPTION OF UPDATED SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Resolution:

- “1. The State Coastal Conservancy hereby adopts the updated *San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan* (“IRWMP”, a copy of which is maintained at [www.bairwmp.org](http://www.bairwmp.org) under the “2013 Final Plan” link), a planning study based on data compilation that specifies water management and related goals and objectives for the San Francisco Bay Area and identifies priority projects which may be implemented with grant funding from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) with continuing funding provided by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coast Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). By adopting the updated IRWMP, the Conservancy acknowledges support for the implementation and continued development of the IRWMP to meet the IRWMP goals and objectives. However, the Conservancy is not making any commitment to expend funds or to implement any project identified in the IRWMP, except to the extent that the Conservancy has previously authorized implementation of a specific project or projects. The Conservancy shall determine, in its sole discretion and

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through a project-specific authorization, whether the Conservancy will fund or implement any IRWMP-identified project in the future, based on assessment of the merits of the project, its consistency with Conservancy enabling legislation, environmental review as required by the California Environmental Quality Act, and any other factors the Conservancy deems relevant. Adoption of the IRWMP does not preclude the Conservancy from funding or engaging in any other planning activities for the San Francisco Bay Area, from undertaking projects not identified in the IRWMP, or from efforts to secure funding for Conservancy projects from any source.

2. The adoption by the Conservancy of the updated IRWMP by paragraph 1, above, is hereby deemed adoption of the updated IRWMP as it may subsequently be revised as a result of the DWR acceptance process, provided that the Executive Officer of the Conservancy determines in writing that the revisions do not materially or substantially alter the updated Plan and do not result in changes adverse to the Conservancy's interests. The Executive Officer will provide a copy of any such determination to the Conservancy."

Findings:

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

1. The proposed adoption is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31160 et seq.), regarding the Conservancy's mandate to address the resource and recreational goals of the San Francisco Bay Area.
2. The proposed adoption is consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines adopted by the Conservancy Board on November 10, 2011."

Moved and seconded. Consent items were approved by a vote of 6-0.

**4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

1. The Executive Officer introduced Kate Goodnight who gave a presentation on the Conservancy's partnership with the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County.
2. The Conservancy adopted a resolution honoring Karen Christensen, Executive Director, Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County. The resolution was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Karen Christensen spoke at the end of the meeting in appreciation of her partnership with the Conservancy.

3. The Executive Officer and Deputy Executive Officer Mary Small provided an update on the Conservancy's progress implementing its new Strategic Plan.

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4. Deborah Ruddock provided a brief report on legislation that may affect the Conservancy.

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA**

**5. PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA GRANT PROGRAM**

Amy Hutzel of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.  
Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation:

Laura Thompson, Association of Bay Area Governments  
Craig Goldblatt, Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Bern Smith, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby recommends to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission that the following projects be included in the Priority Conservation Area Grant Program:

1. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust and Contra Costa Transportation Authority for acquisition of an easement over the Brentwood Wallace Ranch in Contra Costa County.
2. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to East Bay Regional Park District for construction of public access improvements at Breuner Marsh Restoration in Contra Costa County.
3. One hundred nineteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$119,711\*) to East Bay Regional Park District for construction of the San Francisco Bay Trail from Pinole Shores to Bayfront Park in Contra Costa County.
4. One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District for construction of the Pinole Creek Fish Passage project under Interstate Highway 80 in Contra Costa County.
5. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the City of Berkeley for construction of a staging area and segment of San Francisco Bay Trail at the Berkeley Marina in the County of Alameda.
6. Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) to East Bay Regional Park District for construction of a segment of San Francisco Bay Trail from Gilman Street to Buchanan Street in the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park in the County of Alameda.
7. Seven hundred twelve thousand seven hundred dollars (\$712,700) to the City of San Jose for construction of the Coyote Creek Trail from Brokaw Road to the Union Pacific Railroad in Santa Clara County.
8. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the San Mateo County Department of Parks for the acquisition of the 174-acre Loma Mar property to add to Memorial County Park in San Mateo County.

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9. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for the construction of an extension of the Bay Area Ridge Trail on Skyline Ridge in the Peninsula Watershed in San Mateo County.
10. One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the City of Pacifica for the design and construction of a segment of Bay Area Ridge Trail through the Lower Milagra Site connecting the parking lot to Milagra Ridge in San Mateo County.
11. One hundred sixty seven five hundred eighty nine dollars (\$167,589) to the City and County of San Francisco to conduct a conceptual plan to determine how to best improve pedestrian and bicycle access along and across Twin Peaks Boulevard in the City and County of San Francisco.
12. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the City and County of San Francisco for the development of a conceptual plan for a new park at 900 Innes along the India Basin shoreline in the City and County of San Francisco.
13. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Port of San Francisco for the construction of public access improvement at Crane Cove Park at Pier 70 in the City and County of San Francisco.”

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:

1. The proposed recommendation is consistent with Section 31113 and Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Conservancy’s authority to address the potential impacts of climate change and the resource and recreational goals of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Sadowski abstained.

\* This figure was revised from \$119,600, as set forth in the staff recommendation, to \$119,711 by Conservancy staff at the meeting, prior to the motion to approve the resolution.

**6. JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**7. PUERCO CANYON ACQUISITION**

This item was postponed to a future date.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

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There was no closed session.

**9. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no Conservancy Member Comments

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment at 3:00 pm.