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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Sara Giroux Ramirez (Public Member)
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Natural Resources)
Susan Hansch (Alternate Coastal Commission)

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assembly Member Mark Stone

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
Jonathon Gurish, Staff Counsel

LOCATION:

State Capitol, Room 126
1315 10th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

1. ROLL CALL

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Sara Giroux Ramirez (Public Member)
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Natural Resources)
Susan Hansch (Alternate Coastal Commission)

- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy's June 15, 2017 public meeting.
Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Bosco asked the board if any consent items needed to be removed.
Consent Item D was moved to a regular item at the request of Bryan Cash.

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The modified consent calendar items were removed, seconded, and approved unanimously. They are as follows:

A. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WETLANDS RECOVERY PROJECT

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby augments its June 25, 2015 authorization to disburse an additional amount of up to twenty-seven thousand, six hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$27,679) to the Aquatic Science Center (ASC) for technical assistance needed to update the 2001 Regional Strategy for the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project. This authorization remains subject to the conditions of its June 25, 2015 authorization.”

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 in its June 25, 2015 authorization with respect to the Conservancy’s enabling legislation, Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, and the Conservancy’s most recent Strategic Plan.”

B. TIJUANA ESTUARY TIDAL RESTORATION PROGRAM II, PHASE 1

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association (“the grantee”) for pre-construction support activities for the Tijuana Estuary Tidal Restoration Program II/Phase 1 project at the Tijuana River Estuary in San Diego County, subject to the condition that prior to the disbursement of funds, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work program, including budget and schedule; the names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained for project work; and evidence that all funds needed to complete the project have been secured.”

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 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding enhancement of coastal resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

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3. The Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association is a nonprofit organization qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and its purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

C. MK RANCH CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby agrees to serve as a third-party beneficiary with a contingent right to enforce the terms of a conservation easement on the 2,000-acre MK Ranch (San Luis Obispo County Assessor’s Parcel Nos. 014-191-013, 014-191-051, 014-191-052, 014-191-056, 014-192-009, 014-192-011, 046-012-004, 046-012-005, 046-012-006, 046-012-007, 046-021-036, 046-021-037, 046-021-038, 046-021-040, 046-021-051, 046-021-052) to be donated to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County for the protection of natural, scenic, open space and agricultural resources, as shown in Exhibits 1 and 2 of the accompanying staff recommendation, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to acquiring of the conservation easement, the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (“Executive Officer”) all relevant acquisition documents, including but not limited to the conservation easement, donation agreement, title documents, and a baseline conditions report documenting the physical and environmental conditions of the property at the time of acquisition.
2. The conservation easement shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the property, and shall include the following terms:
 - a. the easement may not be amended, assigned, or transferred without prior written approval of the Conservancy;
 - b. the easement may not be used as security for any debt without prior written approval of the Conservancy;
 - c. the Conservancy shall be provided with annual monitoring reports regarding the condition of the property.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed project is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

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3. The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County is a nonprofit organization existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

E. LOWER CARMEL RIVER FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby augments its August 5, 2010 authorization to disburse an additional amount of up to two hundred and forty five thousand dollars (\$245,000) of federal grant funds to the Big Sur Land Trust (BSLT) to prepare project design, conduct additional environmental review, and prepare permit applications for the Lower Carmel River Floodplain Restoration Project in Monterey County. This authorization remains subject to the August 5, 2010 resolution conditions.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s June 5, 2008 and August 5, 2010 authorizations regarding the purposes and objectives of Chapters 3 and 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, respectively funding feasibility studies and Integrated Coastal and Marine Resources Protection; the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines; local watershed management plans and water quality control plans; the nonprofit qualifications of the BSLT; and compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.”

F. SALINAS RIVER MANAGEMENT

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to undertake technical studies to support development of a Salinas River Management Program, subject to the following condition that prior to disbursement of funds, RCD shall submit for review and approval by the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a work program, including tasks, schedule and budget; all contractors to be employed for the project; and evidence that all necessary landowner access agreements and permits have been secured.”

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Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapters 3 and 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, Sections 31111, 31113 and 31220 regarding funding technical studies, climate change impacts and integrated coastal and marine resources, respectively.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

G. CRYSTAL COVE STATE PARK

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the Irvine Ranch Conservancy (“IRC”) to develop an integrated resource management plan to enhance coastal sage scrub habitat in Crystal Cove State Park and surrounding protected lands of coastal Orange County. This authorization is subject to the condition that, prior to the disbursement of funds, the IRC shall submit for the review and approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work plan (including a schedule and detailed budget) and the names and qualifications of any contractors employed to complete the project.”

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 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal resource enhancement projects.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The IRC is a nonprofit organization qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, with purposes consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.

ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

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A. SAMOA DUNES AND WETLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT

Resolution:

“WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have enacted Section 164.56 of the California Streets And Highways Code establishing the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Fund (“EEM”), which is intended to provide grant funds to local, state and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program (“EEM Grant Program”), establishing necessary procedures and criteria, and is required to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of recommended projects from which the grant recipients will be selected; and

WHEREAS, these procedures established by the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) require a resolution certifying the approval to file an application by the applicant’s governing board before submission of the application to the CNRA; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the CNRA to carry out the Project, and

WHEREAS, the Samoa Dunes and Wetlands Acquisition Project seeks to conserve approximately 336 acres of open space that includes coastal dune habitat, wetlands, and coniferous dune forest on the North Spit of Humboldt Bay between the towns of Manila and Samoa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California State Coastal Conservancy:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Samoa Dunes and Wetlands Acquisition Project; and
2. Certifies that its staff understand the requirements in the EEM Grant Program Guidelines; and
3. Certifies that it will require the project property owner to have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. Certifies that it will require the project property owner to record a document against the real property that protects the State’s interest in the property; and

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5. If applicable, certifies that it will require the sub-grantee to comply with the provisions of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on projects awarded EEM Grant Program Funds; and
6. If applicable, certifies that it will require the sub-grantee to comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable licenses and permits will have been obtained; and
7. Certifies that the Conservancy will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and
8. Appoints the Executive Officer, or his designee, as agent to accept funds received from the EEM Grant Program, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, grant agreements, payment requests etc., which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.”

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 Conservancy's statutory authority under Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.
2. The proposed project for which funds are sought is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

Bryan Cash, abstained from the vote on this item. Item was moved and seconded. Approved by a unanimous vote the remaining members.

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4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Mary Small, Deputy Executive Officer, provided an update on the progress developing the new five-year (2018-2022) strategic plan for the Coastal Conservancy.
- B. Deborah Ruddock, Legislative Affairs Specialist, presented the legislative report to the board.
- C. Mary Small, Deputy Executive Officer, and Elizabeth Gagneron, CA Sea Grant Fellow, presented the climate ready technical assistant Grant (attached to these minutes)

NORTH COAST

5. MARTIN SLOUGH ENHANCEMENT

Karyn Gear of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Elijah Portugal, Projects Coordinator of Redwood Community Action Agency.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to one million seven hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$1,730,000), comprised of \$980,000 from a United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Coastal Wetlands Conservation (NCWC) grant and \$750,000 of Conservancy funds, to the Redwood Community Action Agency (“RCAA”) to enhance and restore wetlands, water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce flooding in and adjacent to Martin Slough in the Elk River watershed in Humboldt County. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to disbursement of funds for each phase of the project, RCAA shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:
 - a. a work plan, schedule, budget, and the names of any contractors to be employed for implementation of that phase of the project;
 - b. evidence that all permits and approvals necessary for that phase of the project have been obtained;
 - c. evidence that all necessary funds for implementation of that phase of the project have been obtained; and
 - d. an agreement sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 31116(c).

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2. RCAA shall acknowledge Conservancy and USFWS funding by erecting and maintaining signs that have been reviewed and approved by the Executive Officer.
3. In implementing the project, RCAA shall ensure compliance with:
 - a. All applicable mitigation measures and monitoring and reporting requirements for the project that are identified in the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration ("IS-MND") and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan ("MMRP"), attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 2, or in any permits, approvals or additional environmental documentation required for the project.
 - b. All requirements of the USFWS grant, including compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.
4. The period for challenging the Humboldt County Planning Commission's decision to issue a Conditional Use Permit and approve the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project shall have expired without an appeal to the Board of Supervisors."

Findings:

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

71 The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31251-31270), regarding the enhancement of coastal resources.

3. The Redwood Community Action Agency is a non-profit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.

4.. The Conservancy has considered the Final Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) (attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 2) adopted by the County of Humboldt on June 1, 2017, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, public comment to the IS-MND, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program developed to mitigate potentially significant environmental effects, and finds that the project as designed 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 may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382."

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Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

6. SOUTH JACOBY CREEK RESTORATION

Karyn Gear of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to three hundred seventy five thousand and seventy four dollars (\$375,074) of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) grant funds and up to one hundred sixty five thousand dollars (\$165,000) of Conservancy funds, for a total disbursement not to exceed five hundred forty thousand seventy four dollars (\$540,074) to the City of Arcata (City) for the restoration and enhancement of floodplain wetlands adjacent to Jacoby Creek, within the City of Arcata in Humboldt County (Exhibit 1).

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to disbursement of any funds for construction of the project, the City shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer:
 - a. A work plan, schedule, budget and the names of any contractors to be retained for project construction.
 - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals necessary for the project have been obtained.
 - c. Evidence that all necessary funds for implementation of the project have been obtained.
 - d. A plan for the installation of a sign acknowledging Conservancy and USFWS funding.
2. In implementing the project the City shall ensure compliance with:
 - a. All applicable mitigation measures as well as monitoring and reporting requirements for the project that are identified in the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (“IS/MND”) and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (“MMRP”), attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 2, or in any permits, approvals or additional environmental documents required for the project.
 - b. All requirements of the USFWS grant, including, but not limited to, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.”

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Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapters 3 and 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding addressing the impacts and potential impacts of climate change on resources within its jurisdiction (Ch.3), and the resource and recreational goals in the San Francisco Bay Area (Ch. 4.5).
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Marin Audubon Society, Point Blue Conservation Science, and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center are nonprofit organizations existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

CENTRAL COAST

7. CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED

Tom Gandesbery of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to Trout Unlimited (TU) to prepare plans, designs and permit applications for the removal or modification of fish passage barriers within the Carmel River Watershed, including modification to the fish ladder on San Clemente Creek and removal of the concrete ford on No-Name Road. This authorization is subject to the condition that, prior to the disbursement of funds, the TU shall submit for the review and approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer:

1. A work program including a schedule and budget for the project;
2. The names and qualifications of all contractors to be employed for the project;
3. Evidence that TU has sufficient rights to access the project sites for purposes of undertaking the project.”

Findings:

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

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1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding resource enhancement.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. TU is a nonprofit organization qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, with purposes consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.” Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

SOUTH COAST

8. CABALLERO CREEK PARK

Kara Kemmler of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (“the grantee”) for final design and implementation of Caballero Creek Park at the confluence of Caballero Creek and the Los Angeles River in the San Fernando Valley area of the City of Los Angeles, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer: a work program, including budget and schedule; names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained for project work; a signage plan for the project acknowledging Conservancy funding; and a signed agreement with the landowners, the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles, regarding (1) site access for construction and monitoring and (2) long-term operation and maintenance.
2. Prior to commencement of construction, the grantee shall submit final construction plans and evidence that all necessary permits and approvals have been obtained.
3. The grantee shall ensure that the design of project access facilities is consistent with all applicable federal or state laws governing access for persons with disabilities.”

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 regarding improving and protecting coastal and marine water quality and habitats (Section 31220).
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

9. SAN FERNANDO VALLEY STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT

Kara Kemmler of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the City of Los Angeles (“the grantee”) for design, implementation and monitoring of the San Fernando Valley Stormwater Capture Project at five sites in the San Fernando Valley in the City of Los Angeles, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work program, including budget and schedule; names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained for project work; and a signage plan for the project acknowledging Conservancy funding.
2. Prior to commencement of construction, the grantee shall submit final construction plans and evidence that all necessary permits and approvals have been obtained.”

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 5.5 regarding improving and protecting coastal and marine water quality and habitats (Section 31220).
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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10. CARDIFF STATE BEACH

Evyan Sloane of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to two million two hundred forty-two thousand five hundred forty dollars (\$2,242,540) for dune restoration and monitoring at Cardiff State Beach, as follows:

1. Up to two million seventy two thousand twenty-two dollars (\$2,072,022) to the City of Encinitas for project management, administration, engineering, and planning;
2. Up to eighty seven thousand two hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$87,229) to the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy for dune planting and biological monitoring; and
3. Up to eighty three thousand two hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$83,289) to the University of California Los Angeles for physical monitoring.

Prior to the disbursement of any funds to a grantee, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work program, including budget and schedule, and the names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed for these work program tasks.”

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 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Section 31113), regarding addressing the impacts of climate change and Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31251-31270) regarding resource enhancement.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.
4. The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s September 26, 2016 findings with respect to the California Environmental Quality Act.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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11. COMMUNITY WETLAND RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM

Kerstin Kalchmayr of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to two hundred and seventy-eight thousand, seven hundred and ten dollars (\$278,710) for 10 grants to specific nonprofit organizations and public agencies for community-based resource enhancement projects in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and San Diego counties, as more specifically described in the accompanying staff recommendation. These authorizations are subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for each project, each project grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer:
 - a. A work program, including project tasks, schedule and budget;
 - b. Names and qualifications of all contractors to be employed on the project; and
 - c. Evidence that all necessary permits and approvals for the project have been obtained.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapters 3 and 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding undertaking educational projects for K-12 students relating to the coastal resources (Ch.3) and enhancement of coastal resources (Ch.6).
3. Ventura Hillside Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy, Friends of the Santa Clara River, Friends of Colorado Lagoon, Earth Discovery Institute, Ocean Discovery Institute, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, and The Ocean Foundation all are nonprofit organizations qualified under Section 501 (c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. The purposes of these nonprofit organizations are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

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Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

12. MADRONA MARSH

Sam Jenniches of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to four hundred and sixty-nine thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$469,900) to Friends of Madrona Marsh (FOMM) to implement a freshwater vernal pool restoration project at Madrona Marsh in Los Angeles County, subject to the following condition:

Prior to the disbursement of funds, FOMM shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a work program, including budget and schedule; names of any contractors to be retained for project work; a written agreement between FOMM and the City of Torrance sufficient to enable FOMM to implement and maintain the project; and documentation that all funds needed to complete the project have been secured.”

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 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resource protection.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Friends of Madrona Marsh is a nonprofit organization qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and its purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

13. BAY AREA RESILIENT BY DESIGN CHALLENGE

Matt Gerhart of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Amanda Brown-Stevens, Managing Director of the Bay Area Resilient by Design Challenge.

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Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to three hundred forty nine thousand nine hundred thirty dollars (\$349,930) to the Trust for Conservation Innovation to carry out a regional design challenge to generate innovative and feasible solutions that protect bay shorelines and habitat and increase resilience to sea level rise in the San Francisco Bay Area, subject to the following condition:

Prior to the disbursement of funds, the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a final work program, schedule, budget, names and qualifications of any project contractors, and a plan for acknowledging Conservancy funding.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with section 31113 and Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding addressing the impacts and potential impacts of climate change on resources (§ 31113), and the resource and recreational goals in the San Francisco Bay Conservancy Program (Ch. 4.5).
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Trust for Conservation Innovation is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Meeting closed at 11:46 A.M. for a closed session.

During the closed session, the board conferred regarding *Pappas, et al. v. State of California, et al.* Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Case No. 1417388. Session was closed to the public pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(A).....

Meeting re-opened to public at 12:10 P.M.

15. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Conservancy member comments.

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16. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 P. M