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MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jimmy Whittrock on behalf of Assemblymember Monique Limon

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
Amy Roach, Chief Counsel

LOCATION:

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

1. ROLL CALL

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

- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy's May 24, 2018 public meeting.
Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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3. CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Bosco asked the board if any consent items needed to be removed. The consent calendar was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

A. NAPA RIVER

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) to the County of Napa to restore Group B (Sites 15-20) of the Oakville to Oak Knoll Restoration Project located along the Napa River, subject to the following conditions:

1. No Conservancy funds shall be disbursed for the project until the Executive Officer of the Conservancy has reviewed and approved in writing:
 - a. A final work plan, including a budget and schedule.
 - b. The name and qualifications of any contractors that the County of Napa intends to retain to carry out the project.
 - c. A signage plan that acknowledges Conservancy funding.
 - d. A written agreement between the County of Napa and the landowners allowing the project to be implemented, maintained, and monitored.
2. The County of Napa shall provide 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 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, Sections 31160-31165, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

B. MANZANITA CANYON IN SAN DIEGO

Resolution:

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“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to the Ocean Discovery Institute to plan for water quality, habitat and climate change resilience improvements on the Triangle Property, a city-owned right of way at the head of Manzanita Canyon and to restore 0.2 acres of habitat in Manzanita Canyon, in San Diego 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:

- a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget
- b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
- c. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 1 as the source of funding
- d. Evidence of the City of San Diego assent to participate in grantee’s planning for anticipated improvements on the City’s property.
- e. Evidence that the grantee has entered into a written agreement with the City of San Diego authorizing the grantee to carry out the restoration component of 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 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal and marine resource protection.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Ocean Discovery Institute 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.”

C. FITCH MOUNTAIN

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the City of Healdsburg to construct public access improvements described in the Fitch Mountain Park and Open Space Preserve Management Plan, in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, subject to the following conditions:

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1. Prior to the disbursement of funds, the City of Healdsburg shall submit for review and approval by the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:
 - a. A work program including a schedule and budget for the project.
 - b. The names and qualifications of all contractors to be retained for the project.
2. The City of Healdsburg shall ensure that the project is consistent with all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations and guidelines governing access for persons with disabilities.”

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 Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
3. The Conservancy independently reviewed and considered the *Fitch Mountain Park and Open Space Preserve Management Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration* (MND) adopted by the City of Healdsburg on November 20, 2017, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3, public comment to the MND, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The Conservancy finds that the 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 may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382.”

D. JUGHANDLE CREEK FARM AND NATURE CENTER

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed \$250,000 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars) to the Jughandle Creek Farm and Nature Center (JCFNC) to augment the Conservancy’s October 1, 2015 authorization to disburse \$600,000 to construct educational and lodging facilities at the nature center. This authorization is subject to all of the conditions imposed upon JCFNC through the October 1, 2015 Conservancy authorization for this project (Exhibit 2). In addition, this authorization is subject to an additional condition, that the lodging facilities constructed utilizing these funds must be rented at affordable rates, as determined by the Executive

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Officer of the Coastal Conservancy.”

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 Conservancy’s Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Section 31119 (Chapter 3) and Sections 31400 et seq. (Chapter 9) of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding educational projects and public access facilities, respectively.
3. Public access facilities along the Mendocino coast at this location would serve greater than local public needs.
4. JCFNC is an 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.”

E. CACHAGUA CREEK

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to Trout Unlimited (TU) for the removal of a concrete road creek crossing and installation of a box culvert designed to allow fish migration on Cachagua Creek, a tributary to the Carmel River, subject to the following conditions:

Prior to commencement of the project, the Executive Officer of the Conservancy has reviewed and approved in writing:

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.
5. Evidence that TU has entered into and recorded an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(c), which enables it to implement, operate, and maintain the project, and is sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.”

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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 Chapter 5.5, of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Integrated Marine and Coastal Resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. Trout Unlimited is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the *Mitigated Negative Declaration for the 2017 Fisheries Habitat Restoration Project*, adopted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on February 28, 2018, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as designed and mitigated, avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects of the project to a less-than-significant level and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project, as mitigated, may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382.”

F. SAN FRANCISCO BAY LIVING SHORELINES PROJECT

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy authorizes disbursement of up to \$370,000 (three hundred seventy thousand dollars) of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) grant funds, to implement the Living Shorelines Project (LSP) in San Francisco Bay, at Giant Marsh on the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline in the City of Richmond, Contra Costa County, as follows:

1. Up to \$250,000 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars) for preparation and installation of native oyster elements.
2. Up to \$120,000 (one hundred twenty thousand dollars) to monitor the native oyster elements following installation.

These funds may be used to retain environmental services contractors or augment existing contracts needed to monitor the Living Shorelines projects at Giant Marsh, or to augment existing grants or provide new grants to nonprofit organizations and public

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entities to implement or monitor the Living Shoreline projects at Giant Marsh. Disbursement of the funds shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. If the grant is to a nonprofit organization, the grantee must be a nonprofit organization recognized 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.
2. Prior to initiating any project work and prior to disbursement of any funds, each grantee shall submit for review and approval of the Executive Officer:
 - a. A plan detailing the proposed project work, including a work program, schedule and budget.
 - b. All contractors the grantee intends to retain for the project.
 - c. Documentation that all permits and approvals needed for the project work have been obtained.
 - d. Any agreements required to enable the grantee to implement, maintain and monitor the project and to protect the state's interest in the installed oyster elements.
3. In carrying out any work, the grantee or contractor shall comply with:
 - a. All applicable mitigation and monitoring measures that are required by any permit or approval for the project.
 - b. To the extent that the work is funded by NFWF grant funds, all requirements of that grant.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed project remains consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the resource goals of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project remains consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines adopted on October 2, 2014.
3. The California Wildlife Foundation and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, potential grantees, are both nonprofit organizations recognized 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.”

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G. UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN MARIN COUNTY

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000), provided to the Conservancy under a grant from the Marin Community Foundation, to the following nonprofit organizations and public agencies for the projects, described below, that address the impacts of climate change and sea level rise in Marin County:

1. **Conservation Corps North Bay: *Nature-Based Wave Attenuation Project – Dunphy Park***. One hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) to evaluate a proposed, conceptual design for a detached 650-foot-long traditional sheet pile breakwater to be placed offshore from Dunphy Park, and to develop a nature-based solution for wave attenuation along the Dunphy Park shoreline as an alternative to the traditional engineered breakwater conceptual design being proposed and considered.
2. **Marin County Community Development Agency: *Nature-Based Adaptation at Stinson Beach***. One hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000) to assess the feasibility of a nature-based green infrastructure project at Stinson Beach to develop a resilient beach and dune ecosystem that enhances existing habitats and public access, supports vibrant recreational opportunities for users of all socioeconomic backgrounds, and provides flood and erosion protection against existing coastal hazards and future sea level rise.
3. **Marin County Flood Control District: *Constructed Bay Beaches as Soft Shoreline Alternatives to Hard Engineering***. One hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000) to develop conceptual designs for three sites that will utilize variations of natural bay beach design solutions for erosion problems.
4. **San Francisco State University, Romberg Tiburon Center: *Nature-Based Rocky Habitat Restoration and Education***. One hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000) to address knowledge gaps regarding rocky habitats, advance nature-based adaptation planning, and engage local community members through ecological research, restoration and adaptation planning and design, and community science engagement and education.

The authorization is subject to the condition that prior to the disbursement of funds, each grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a final work program, schedule, budget, names of any project contractors, a plan for outreach and for acknowledging Conservancy funding, and any agreements determined necessary for the project by the Conservancy’s Executive Officer.”

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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 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. Conservation Corps North Bay 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. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Deborah Ruddock, Legislative Affairs Specialist, presented the legislative report to the board.
- B. Valentin Lopez and EkOngKar Khalsa Amah Mustun Land Trust, presented an update on the Amah Mustun Land Trust Coastal Stewardship Summer Camp.
- C. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, updated on the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and the activities of Coastal Conservancy staff working with the Authority.
- D. Sarah Newkirk from The Nature Conservancy, reported on the Conservancy funded Coastal Habitat Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment.
- E. Joan Cardellino, South Coast Regional Manager, reported back on results of Los Angeles Downspout Disconnect Project and other Urban Greening efforts in LA.
- F. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, Presented a Resolution of Appreciation for Senior Staff Council Jack Judkins upon his retirement.

NORTH COAST

5. TENMILE CREEK WATERSHED, A TRIBUTARY TO THE SOUTH FORK EEL RIVER

Su Corbaley of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred thirty-seven thousand, eight hundred sixty-six dollars (\$237,866) to the

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Eel River Recovery Project to undertake the Tenmile Creek Water Conservation and Restoration Pilot Planning Project, a project to develop fish habitat enhancement plans for Tenmile Creek watershed and water conservation strategies for Streeter and Big Rock Creeks, tributaries to Tenmile Creek, located outside of Laytonville, Mendocino County. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy the following:
 - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
 - b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
 - c. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 1 as the source of that funding.
2. Prior to disbursement of funds, the grantee shall submit evidence that it has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to access private property to conduct assessments and collect data.”

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 Resources Protection projects.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Eel River Recovery Project 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.

6. HEADWATERS OF THE MATTOLE RIVER

Su Corbaley of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed four hundred twelve thousand, seven hundred-seventy dollars (\$412,770) to Sanctuary Forest, Inc. (SFI), to implement two restoration projects to improve anadromous salmonid habitat within the headwaters of the Mattole River. The two projects are: (a) the

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Baker Creek Upslope Groundwater Recharge Project, including construction of three ponds, planting of riparian vegetation, and post-project adaptive management; and (b) the Lost River Groundwater and Streamflow Enhancement Project, including site preparation, installation of instream structures, and construction of a pond. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of each project, the grantee shall provide:
 - a. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
 - b. A detailed work program that includes a scope, schedule, budget and a plan for acknowledging Conservancy funding and Proposition 1 as the source of that funding.
 - c. The names and qualifications of any contractors to be used for the project.

2. SFI shall submit for review and approval by the Executive Officer, and shall subsequently enter into and record, an agreement or agreements for that project sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate and maintain the project and sufficient to protect the public interest in the project improvements, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 31116(c). For the Baker Creek project, the required agreement(s) shall include an agreement with the owner of the project site, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.”

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 Resources Protection projects.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. Sanctuary Forest, Inc. 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.

7. BOLINAS LAGOON WYE PROJECT

Su Corbaley of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

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“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to two hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$285,000) to the Marin County Open Space District to prepare construction plans, permit applications and environmental documents for the Bolinas Lagoon Wye Project in Bolinas, Marin County. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a detailed work program, schedule, and budget, the names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project, and a plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 1 as the source of that 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 Chapter 6 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.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

8. RIPS REDWOODS PROPERTY

Lisa Ames of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: David Katz, Rip Goelet - Landowner

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) to the Sonoma County Agriculture Preservation and Open Space District (SCAPOS) to acquire a conservation easement over the Rips Redwoods Property, consisting of all or portions of Sonoma County Assessor Parcel Numbers 122-210-007, 122-210-008, 122-220-006, 122-230-001, 122-230-002, 122-230-008, and 123-110-007 as shown on Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff recommendation, and to facilitate Sonoma County’s acquisition of a trail easement over a portion of the property, in coastal Sonoma County.

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of any Conservancy funds for the acquisition, SCAPOS shall submit for review and approval by the Conservancy’s Executive Officer:
 - a. All relevant acquisition documents, including but not limited to an appraisal,

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- conservation easement, public trail easement, environmental assessment, agreement of purchase and sale, escrow instructions, and documents related to title;
- b. A baseline-conditions report and monitoring plan; and
 - c. Documentation that all other funds necessary to the acquisition have been obtained.
2. SCAPOSD shall pay no more than fair market value for the property interests as established in an appraisal approved by the Conservancy's Executive Officer.
 3. The easements acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated in a manner consistent with the purposes of natural resource and water quality protection, sustainable forest management, public access, and open space preservation.
 4. The terms of the grant agreement and the conservation easement acquired with these funds shall be consistent with the Conservancy's 'Conservation Easement Standards and Practices Governing Grants for the Acquisition of Conservation Easements'.
 5. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining on the property a sign, the design and placement of which has been reviewed and approved by the Conservancy's Executive Officer."

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 resources protection.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines."

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

CENTRAL COAST

9. ARROYO BURRO OPEN SPACE

Rachel Couch of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) to the City of Santa Barbara ("City") to restore riparian habitat along lower Arroyo Burro Creek to improve water quality, as shown on Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff recommendation. Prior to commencement of construction and to

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disbursement of any Conservancy funds, the City shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy the following items:

1. A work program, schedule and budget and the names and qualifications of any contractors or subcontractors that the City intends to employ to construct the project.
2. Evidence that the City can provide all remaining funds needed to complete construction.
3. Evidence that all applicable 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 Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding enhancement of coastal resources.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

SOUTH COAST

10. SANTA ANA RIVER PARKWAY AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

Greg Gauthier of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) hereby approves the Santa Ana River Parkway and Open Space Plan (the “Plan”), attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 1, which is a vision document that describes goals and objectives for the Santa Ana River region, and identifies potential priority projects for the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program (Chapter 4.6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code); provided, that this approval does not commit the Conservancy to adopt any guidelines recommended in the Plan, does not commit the Conservancy to grant funds for or implement any project identified in the Plan, and does not bind the Conservancy in its future decisions to grant funds for, or implement, any project.”

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

1. The proposed action is consistent with Chapter 4.6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program.
2. The Plan fulfills the requirements of Section 31174(b) of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

11. COMMUNITY WETLANDS RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM

Julie Gonzalez of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to one hundred seventy-six thousand six hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$176,689) for seven grants to specific nonprofit organizations for community-based natural resource restoration and enhancement projects in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange 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.
 - d. If the project site is not owned by the grantee, evidence that the grantee has entered into landowner agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement the project.”

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).

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3. Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation, Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy, Audubon Starr Ranch, Tides Center/Marine Education Project, Orange County Coastkeeper, South Coast Habitat Restoration, and The C.R.E.W. 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.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY

12. HORSE VALLEY ON THE RODDY RANCH PROPERTY

Avra Heller of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Abigail Fateman, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (ECCCHC) to restore riparian, wetland, and upland habitat in Horse Valley on the Roddy Ranch Property in Antioch, Contra Costa County, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of the project, ECCCHC shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy the following:
 - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
 - b. The names and qualifications of any contractors retained in carrying out the project.
 - c. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding, and Proposition 1 as the source of that funding.
 - d. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
 - e. Evidence that ECCCHC has entered into an agreement with the owner of the project site, East Bay Regional Parks District, and with any other needed parties, to ensure that the project will be implemented, operated, and maintained, and that the state’s interest in the project will be protected.
2. In implementing the project, ECCCHC shall ensure compliance with all applicable impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures and monitoring and reporting requirements for the project that are identified in the “East Contra Costa County Habitat

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Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan” (HCP/NCCP), the “Final Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report for the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan” (EIS/EIR), both attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4, and the “Horse Valley Creek and Wetland Restoration Project Mitigation and Monitoring Plan” (MMP), attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5, and in any permits, approvals or additional environmental documentation required for 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 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 and Guidelines.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the East Contra Costa HCP/NCCP, the EIS/EIR, and the associated MMRP, adopted by the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan Association (HCPA) on November 8, 2006, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), linked in the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy has also independently reviewed the project’s MMP attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5, which identifies the specific potential impacts and mitigation measures for the proposed project, as contemplated in the HCP/NCCP and EIS/EIR. The Conservancy finds that: (1) the proposed project, as designed by the HCP/NCCP and as modified pursuant the EIS/EIR, avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental and cultural impacts of the project to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment; (2) the EIS/EIR and HCP/NCCP did fully consider the impacts associated with the proposed project; and (3) there are no new impacts or more severe impacts, and that there are no additional mitigation measures required for the proposed project.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

13. CLOSED SESSION

14. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

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15. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Kyle Jones of Sierra Club CA made comments about the Hollister Ranch litigation.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 01:45 P. M