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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair  
Ann Notthoff (Public Member), Vice Chair  
Marce Gutiérrez-Graudiņš (Public Member)  
Dayna Bochco (Coastal Commission Chair)  
Amanda Martin (Designated, Natural Resources)  
Gayle Miller (Designated, Department of Finance)

**OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

No oversight members attended.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer  
Amy Roach, Chief Counsel

**LOCATION:**

Bay Model Visitor Center  
2100 Bridgeway, Multi-Purpose Room  
Sausalito, CA 94965

**MEETING START TIME:** 10:05 A.M.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair  
Ann Notthoff (Public Member), Vice Chair  
Marce Gutiérrez-Graudiņš (Public Member)  
Dayna Bochco (Coastal Commission Chair)  
Amanda Martin (Designated, Natural Resources)  
Gayle Miller (Designated, Department of Finance)

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy's August 22, 2019 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. Gayle Miller recused herself from the consent calendar and left the room for voting. No consent item was removed. The following consent calendar items were moved for approval, seconded, and approved unanimously:

**A. LOS PEÑASQUITOS LAGOON**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association (“SWIA”) to continue physical, chemical, and biological monitoring of Los Peñasquitos Lagoon in San Diego County, consistent with the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Enhancement Plan. Prior to commencement of the project, SWIA shall submit, for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer), the following:

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 SWIA has entered into 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 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.

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3. The Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association is a nonprofit organization organized 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.”

**B. FEDERAL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the Executive Officer to enter into a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement (FCSA) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Santa Clara Valley Water District to study the portion of the Santa Clara County shoreline between San Francisquito Creek in the City of Palo Alto and the Guadalupe River in San José in order identify potential flood damage reduction, public recreation, and environmental restoration projects and to determine their eligibility for federal 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 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Conservancy’s mandate to address the resource and recreational goals of San Francisco Bay Area.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

**C. BEACH WHEELCHAIRS**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred twelve thousand one hundred fifty four dollars (\$112,154) to the following public entities and nonprofit organizations (“the grantees”) to acquire beach wheelchairs and associated storage:

- Six thousand six hundred seventy two dollar (\$6,672) to County of Humboldt to acquire beach wheelchairs for public use at Clam Beach County Park;
- The Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to Environmental Traveling Companions to acquire a beach wheelchair and beach walker for public use at Schoonmaker Beach in Marin County;

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- Thirteen thousand seven hundred sixty two dollars (\$13,762) to Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks to acquire beach wheelchairs for public use at Natural Bridges State Beach, Manresa State Beach, Twin Lakes State Beach, Seabright State Beach, and Palm Beach in Santa Cruz County;
- Eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to County of Santa Cruz to acquire a beach wheelchair and storage unit for public use at Rio Del Mar State Beach in Santa Cruz County;
- Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to Jack's Helping Hand to acquire beach wheelchairs for public use at Morro Bay and/or Avila Beach in San Luis Obispo County;
- Fourteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$14,500) to City of Santa Barbara to acquire beach wheelchairs for public use at East Beach in Santa Barbara County;
- Fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) to Heal the Bay to acquire beach wheelchairs for public use at Santa Monica State Beach and the Santa Monica Pier, and for student use at the Heal the Bay Aquarium programs in Los Angeles County;
- Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to Crystal Cove Conservancy to acquire beach wheelchairs for public use at the Crystal Cove State Park's Historic District Beach and El Moro Beach in Orange County;
- Five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500) to City of Laguna Beach to acquire beach wheelchairs for public use at Main Beach in Orange County;
- Eleven thousand one hundred dollars (\$11,100) to City of Oceanside to acquire beach wheelchairs for public use at Oceanside Pier and Oceanside Harbor Beach in San Diego County; and
- Thirteen thousand six hundred twenty dollars (\$13,620) to City of San Diego to acquire beach wheelchairs for public use at Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, and Ocean Beach in San Diego County."

Prior to commencement of each project, each grantee shall each submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A work program, including a plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding, a plan for maintaining the beach wheelchairs, and a budget.
2. Evidence of any written agreements required to enable the grantee to provide and maintain the beach wheelchairs and associated storage at each applicable beach location, and to conduct any related outreach.

Findings:

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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 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding System of Public Accessways.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks, Heal the Bay, Crystal Cove Conservancy, Jack’s Helping Hand, and Environmental Traveling Companions are nonprofit organizations organized 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.”

**D. BOLSA CHICA MESA**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to the Montebello Unified School District (“the grantee”) to produce three sets of three-dimensionally printed reproductions of 237 archaeological artifacts unearthed on the Bolsa Chica Mesa in Orange 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:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. Evidence that the grantee has entered into 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 authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding educational projects and programs.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

**E. CITY OF RIVERSIDE URBAN AND HISTORICAL ECOLOGY CASE STUDY**

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Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred five thousand dollars (\$205,000) to the San Francisco Estuary Institute (“the grantee”) to prepare the City of Riverside Urban and Historical Ecology Case Study. 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:

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.”

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 4.6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The San Francisco Estuary Institute is a nonprofit organization organized 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.”

**F. MARSH MIGRATION AND ESTUARY DYNAMICS STUDIES**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred forty-five thousand one hundred ninety dollars (\$145,190) of funds received from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to augment the Conservancy’s February 2, 2017 authorization for marsh migration and estuary dynamics studies that will further the goals of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties.”

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It is anticipated that the augmented funding will be disbursed as follows:

- 1) Up to thirteen thousand two hundred fifteen dollars (\$13,215) to the University of California Davis;
- 2) Up to twenty-five thousand three dollars (\$25,003) to the U.S. Geological Survey;
- 3) Up to five thousand two hundred fifty-four dollars (\$5,254) to the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project;
- 4) Up to thirty-one thousand four hundred three dollars (\$31,403) to Point Blue;
- 5) Up to five thousand nine hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$5,937) to the Aquatic Science Center;
- 6) Up to forty thousand five hundred eighty-four dollars (\$40,584) to the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association; and
- 7) Up to twenty-three thousand seven hundred ninety-four dollars (\$23,794) to the University of Southern California Sea Grant.

Prior to disbursement of funds, the grantees shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

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.

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.

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2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The USC Sea Grant, Point Blue, and the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association are nonprofit organizations organized 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.”

**G. COOPER CREEK ADDITION**

Resolution:

“ The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to Sonoma Land Trust (“SLT”) for the acquisition of the property known as the “Cooper Creek Addition”, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County (Sonoma County’s Assessor’s Parcel No. 038-261-010), depicted in Exhibit 2 to the accompanying staff recommendation. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer):
  - a. All relevant acquisition documents for the acquisition including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed and conservation easement, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
  - b. A baseline conditions report;
  - c. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. The grantee shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
3. The property acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated for habitat conservation, water quality, public access, recreation and open space. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
4. Conservancy funding from the Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 shall be acknowledged by erecting and



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maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly-viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the 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 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding improving public access to natural areas and protection of natural resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Sonoma Land Trust is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and has purposes consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.

**4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

**A. PROPOSITION 68**

Kelly Malinowski, Project Manager, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby adopts the Grant Program Guidelines for the State Coastal Conservancy Proposition 68 San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program– Climate Adaptation Funds as shown in Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff recommendation.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff recommendation and its attached exhibits, the Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The Grant Program Guidelines for the State Coastal Conservancy Proposition 68 San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program– Climate Adaptation Funds as shown in Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff report are consistent with

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Conservancy's statutory responsibilities under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code.

2. The Grant Program Guidelines for the State Coastal Conservancy Proposition 68 San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program– Climate Adaptation Funds as shown in Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff report are consistent with Division 45 of the California Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously

- B. Megan Cooper, South Coast Regional Manager, provided an update on the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority and the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration and Oil Consolidation Project in Long Beach and Seal Beach, Los Angeles and Orange Counties.
- C. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, presented the Coastal Conservancy Annual Financial Report.
- D. Trish Chapman, Central Coast Regional Manager, provided an update on the Hollister Ranch Public Access Plan.

## **SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA**

### **5. NORTH RICHMOND WATERSHED CONNECTIONS PROJECT**

Avra Heller of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Ben Botkin of Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG); Adele Ho of Urban Tilth; John Steere of Contra Costa County; Juliana Gonzalez of the Watershed Project

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed eight hundred eighty-four thousand dollars (\$884,000) to Contra Costa County (the “grantee”) to implement the North Richmond Watershed Connections Project, including installation of rain gardens and bioswales, street trees, and other new watershed-focused public trail amenities to create a 1.75-mile urban trail next to Fred Jackson Way in North Richmond, Contra Costa 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:

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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 and Proposition 1 as the source of that funding.
4. Evidence of all permits, easements and approvals required for the project under federal, state, and local law.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into landowner agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain 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 (Sections 31160-31165) of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access improvements to and around the 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 Urban Tilth Farm, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (collectively “MND”), adopted by Contra Costa County on November 13, 2018 (attached as Exhibit 4), and finds that there is no substantial evidence that the components of the proposed project addressed in the MND, as mitigated, will have a significant effect on the environment.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Fred Jackson First Mile/Last Mile Connection Project Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), which was adopted by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on July 23, 2019 (attached as exhibit 5), and finds that there is no substantial evidence that the components of the proposed project addressed in the MND, as mitigated, will have a significant effect on the environment.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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**6. SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER TRAIL**

Avra Heller of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Penny Wells of the Bay Area Sea Kayakers

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to develop and implement various projects for the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, directly or through subgrants, throughout the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties."

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:

1. A work plan for the project as a whole, including 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. Prior to commencement of work on, disbursement of funds for, or entering into any contract or subgrant agreement for any specific project, ABAG shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy with respect to that project:
  - a. A work plan, budget and schedule.
  - b. The names and qualifications of any contractors ABAG intends to retain to complete the project.
  - c. The proposed agreement with any subgrantee to whom ABAG intends to award grant funds to undertake the project.
  - d. Documentation that all permits and approvals for the project work have been obtained.
  - e. Documentation that ABAG has entered into agreements sufficient to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

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- f. Documentation that ABAG has entered into agreements sufficient to protect the public interest in the project.
5. In developing and implementing Water Trail projects, ABAG shall ensure compliance with all applicable mitigation and monitoring measures for the project that are identified in the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), and the associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, certified by the Conservancy on March 22, 2011, (Notice of Determination attached as Exhibit 5) and in any permits, approvals or additional environmental documentation required for the project.
6. For any project that is not exempt from requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), ABAG shall not commit to undertake or fund the project until the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project Management Team (“PMT”) (comprised of staff of the Conservancy, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, ABAG, and State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways), has determined that the project requires no further environmental documentation beyond the FEIR under CEQA, or if additional environmental documentation is required, until the appropriate public agency has undertaken the additional documentation required under CEQA and the Conservancy reviewed and considered the additional documentation and has authorized use of Conservancy funding for such project.
7. ABAG shall ensure that Conservancy funding is acknowledged through the inclusion of the Conservancy logo, in a manner approved by the Conservancy’s Executive Officer, in signs installed at project sites and in all media produced and managed under this grant.

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 the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, Sections 31160-31165.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Conservancy filed a Notice of Determination for the Water Trail on March 22, 2011 (Exhibit 5) following the Coastal Conservancy’s certification the FEIR. There

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have been no project changes or changes in circumstances or new information since that date that trigger the need for additional CEQA review of the project pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15162. No further action under CEQA is necessary.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**7. THREE CREEKS PARKWAY RESTORATION PROJECT**

Avra Heller of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Steve Rotherth of American Rivers.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed four hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) to American Rivers for the Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project, to restore 4,000 linear feet of riparian channel and twelve and a half acres of riparian and floodplain habitat and improve portions of Marsh Creek Regional Trail along the Marsh Creek flood control channel in Brentwood, Contra Costa County, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of the project, American Rivers 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 American Rivers has entered into all agreements necessary to implement, operate, and maintain the project with all applicable project partners, landowners, and easement holders.
2. Prior to commencing the project, American Rivers shall enter into and record agreements that the Executive Director determines are required or necessary to protect the public interest in the project.

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3. In implementing the project, American Rivers 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 Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) for the Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project, adopted by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on September 27, 2016, as well as Addendum I which was included in the Notice of Determination filed on March 29, 2019, and with any mitigation measures, monitoring, and reporting requirements required by permits, approvals or additional environmental documentation 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 IS/MND and associated MMRP for the Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project, adopted by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on September 27, 2016, as well as Addendum 1 to that document, which was prepared in December of 2017. These documents were incorporated into the Contra Costa County Public Works Department Notice of Determination dated March 29, 2018, which is attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. The Conservancy finds that the project as mitigated avoids, reduces or mitigates any possible significant environmental effects to a level of less-than-significant and that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment as that term is defined by 14 Cal. Code Regs. §15382.”
4. American Rivers 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.

**8. Bel Marin Keys Unit V Component of the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project**

Jeff Melby of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

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Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000), of which two million nine hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$2,980,000) will be reimbursed from grants, comprised of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from the Department of Water Resources through the Association of Bay Area Governments and nine hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$980,000) from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for construction and related post-construction costs of Phase 1 of restoration of the Bel Marin Keys Unit V component of the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project in Marin County. The Conservancy further authorizes the Executive Officer to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder to complete construction of Phase 1 of the Bel Marin Keys Unit V Expansion of the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project and other contracts as necessary to complete this phase 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 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.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**NORTH COAST**

**9. MARTIN SLOUGH ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Julia Elkin of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to one million eighty six thousand nine hundred and eighty two dollars (\$1,086,982) to the Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA), to be reimbursed by a grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), to implement the Ponds F & G Improvements of



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the Martin Slough Enhancement Project in the Elk River watershed in Humboldt County. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

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:

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 and California Department of Fish and Wildlife funding, noting Proposition 1 as the source of that funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Prior to commencing the project, the grantee and the landowner shall enter into and record an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(c) sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.
6. 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 IS/MND and MMRP reviewed by the Conservancy at its June 15, 2017 meeting, or in any permits, approvals or additional environmental documentation required for the project.
  - b. All requirements of the CDFW grant.”

Findings:

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

1. Disbursement of additional funds for the implementation of the project remains consistent with Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31251-31270) and with the resolution, findings and discussion accompanying the Conservancy authorization of June 15, 2017 as detailed in the staff recommendation attached as Exhibit 2 to the accompanying staff recommendation.
2. The proposed authorization remains consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

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3. The RCAA is a nonprofit organization organized 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.

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**10. SANTA ANA RIVER PARKWAY**

Megan Cooper of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Adolfo Cruz of City of Riverside; Patricia Lock Dawson of SAR Conservancy

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two million twenty five thousand dollars (\$2,025,000) to the City of Riverside (“the grantee”) for (1) the acquisition of 4 acres at 5200 Tequesquite Avenue in the City of Riverside in Riverside County, (the “acquisition project), and (2) the preparation of designs, engineering, and environmental documentation for 9 projects (the “planning projects”) along 4.7 miles of the Santa Ana River Parkway from Fairmount Park to Martha McLean Anza Narrows Park in the City of Riverside in Riverside County.

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of each planning 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.
2. The following conditions apply to grant funds for the acquisition project:

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- a. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition project, the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer:
    - i. All relevant documents for the acquisition including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
    - ii. A baseline conditions report;
    - iii. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition
  - b. The grantee shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
  - c. The property acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated for public access and recreation as part of the Santa Ana River Parkway. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
  - d. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly-viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.
3. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the planning project taking place at 5200 Tequesquite Avenue (APN 187-080-008), the grantee shall have submitted to the Executive Officer for review and approval evidence that the grantee has acquired the 5200 Tequesquite Avenue (APN 187-080-008) site.”

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 4.6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program and funding for recreational opportunities and trails, and wildlife habitat restoration, enhancement and protection
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

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Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**STATEWIDE**

**11. EXPLORE THE CALIFORNIA COAST**

Fanny Yang & Alexis Barrera of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Diane Poslosky of Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC).

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to eight hundred five thousand dollars (\$805,000) to the following nonprofit organizations and public agencies for 29 projects that facilitate and enhance the public’s opportunities to explore the California coast (presented in alphabetical order):

- Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation: Twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) to provide two one-week Explore the Coast summer camps for local low-income children, San Diego County.
- Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to provide a series of accessible outdoor coastal trips, bike rides, and activities on the California Coastal Trail and San Francisco Bay Trail for people with physical disabilities and vision impairments.
- City Heights Community Development Corporation: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to provide community bike rides, community transit rides, and overnight bike camping experiences to Silver Strand State Beach and Ocean Beach for approximately 200 diverse low-income students and families from the City Heights neighborhood of San Diego.
- Coalinga Huron Unified School District: Nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$9,800) for a 3-day, 2-night outdoor classroom trip to Channel Islands State Park for biology students from Coalinga High School in Fresno County.
- Earth Team: Twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000) for a coastal hiking, kayaking and environmental education project for high school students from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

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- Environmental Traveling Companions: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for a sea kayaking, coastal recreation, and environmental education project for people with disabilities and disadvantaged youth from throughout the Bay Area
- GirlVentures: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to provide coastal adventures such as camping, sea kayaking, and backpacking, as well leadership development to girls from underserved communities from throughout the Bay Area.
- Golden Gate Audubon Society: Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for field-trip based environmental education about the coast and creeks and wetlands for elementary school students from Title 1 schools in Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco Counties.
- Greater Farallones Association: Twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000) to provide coastal field trips and environmental education to Title 1 middle and high schools in the Bay Area.
- Heal the Bay: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the annual Nick Gabaldón Day and the Ocean Readiness program, swim lessons and ocean 101, for low-income residents, including students who attend Title 1 schools, in the Greater Los Angeles region.
- Humboldt Redwoods Interpretive Association: Forty-three thousand three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$43,325) for development and implementation of educational projects for small rural schools in Northern Mendocino County and Southern Humboldt County with limited resources.
- Life Sail Inc.: Seventeen thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$17,180) for a coastal adaptive sailing trip on Santa Monica Bay and beach recreation time for diverse youth with special needs and their family or caregiver.
- Los Angeles Maritime Institute: Thirty-one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$31,800) for bilingual (Spanish & English) coastal education and tall ship excursions for low-income communities in Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside Counties.
- Lost Coast Camp: Twenty-nine thousand eighty-four dollars (\$29,084) for its Coastal Exploration Program, involving beach exploration days and hikes as well as beach overnight backpacking trips for underserved Humboldt County youth.

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- MeWater Foundation: Twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars (\$25,500) for surfing and ocean camps that include ecosystem education, surfing instruction, mental health exercises and a beach clean-up for at risk and underserved Bay Area youth.
- O’Neill Sea Odyssey: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for bus transportation and an ocean-based environmental education project for underserved and disabled elementary school students from Fresno, Modesto, Monterey, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties.
- One World Bridge (fiscal sponsor for InterTribal Youth): Thirty-one thousand dollars (\$31,000) to provide coastal experiences for indigenous youth from the Kumeyaay and Luiseno Nations and educate them about Native maritime history, practices, and knowledge in southern California.
- Outdoor Outreach: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for its Coastal Adventure Club Program involving coastal kayaking, surfing, biking, and other trips for disadvantaged youth in San Diego County.
- Reef Check Foundation: Forty-six thousand four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$46,475) to provide experiential, on-the-ocean stewardship training and marine science education to members of the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Tribe from Imperial and Riverside Counties.
- Sierra Club Foundation (fiscal sponsor for Sacramento Inspiring Connections Outdoors): Six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) for recreational and educational field trips to Marin County serving youth and young adults from Sacramento.
- Social Good Fund (fiscal sponsor of Brown Girl Surf): Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a surfing and ocean education project for underserved women and girls, primarily from Alameda and other Bay Area Counties.
- Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation: Forty-nine thousand one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$49,165) for an integrated recreation, education and leadership coastal experience for Sonoma County youth.
- Sonoma Land Trust: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for a bilingual English-Spanish summer camp centered within the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge at Sears Point in Sonoma County.

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- The Ocean Foundation: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to provide free coastal excursions and marine science education for underserved 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> grade students from National City in San Diego County.
- University Corporation at Monterey Bay: Twenty-nine thousand eight hundred thirty-one dollars (\$29,831) for a 3-day, 2-night overnight ocean experience, including kayaking, field studies, watershed and marine debris activities, and beach stewardship, for students from Title 1 schools in Salinas and the Salinas Valley.
- Urban Surf 4 Kids: Forty thousand three hundred forty dollars (\$40,340) to provide 14 one-day surf therapy camps for foster and at-risk youth from throughout San Diego County.
- Ventana Wilderness Alliance: Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a wilderness immersion experience for youth through overnight backpacking trips in the Ventana and Silver Peak Wildernesses in Monterey County.
- Wildcoast: Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for a field-trip based Marine Protected Area education and stewardship project in San Diego County.
- YES Nature to Neighborhoods: Forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to engage Richmond youth in outdoor activities and leadership development.

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to execution of a grant agreement with a nonprofit organization grantee, each nonprofit organization grantee shall submit evidence that it meets Division 21 requirements for permissible grantees.
2. Prior to commencement of the project, 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 acknowledging Conservancy funding, and any other applicable agreements determined necessary for the project by the Conservancy's Executive Officer."

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 Chapters 4.5 and 9 of Division 21 (Sections 31000 et seq.) of the Public Resources Code, regarding the resource and recreational goals in the San Francisco Bay Area (Chapter 4.5) and the establishment of a system of public accessways to and along the California coast (Chapter 9).
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The proposed nonprofit organization grantees are nonprofit organizations organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and comply with Division 21 requirements regarding permissible nonprofit grantees. Revenue Code. The purposes of these nonprofit organizations are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

Meeting closed at 12:35 P.M. for a closed session.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(A), the Conservancy held a closed session regarding Pappas, et al. v. State Coastal Conservancy, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Case No. 1417388.

Meeting re-opened to public at 12:57 P.M.

**13. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no Conservancy member comments.

**14. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 P. M