

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
September 03, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair  
Ann Notthoff (Public Member), Vice Chair  
Marce Gutiérrez-Graudiņš (Public Member)  
Joseph Alioto Jr. (Public Member)  
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)  
Stephen Padilla (Coastal Commission)

**OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Bill Monning (District 17)  
Senator Benjamin Allen (District 26)  
Samantha Omana (Representing AM Monique Limón {District 37})

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer  
Amy Roach, Chief Counsel

**LOCATION:**

Teleconference

**MEETING START TIME:** 10:01 A.M.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair  
Ann Notthoff (Public Member), Vice Chair  
Marce Gutiérrez-Graudiņš (Public Member)  
Joseph Alioto Jr. (Public Member)  
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)  
Stephen Padilla (Coastal Commission)

- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy's June 18, 2020 public meeting. Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**3. CONSENT ITEMS**

Chair Bosco asked the board if any consent items needed to be removed.  
At the request of Steve Padilla, Consent item 3D was removed from the consent calendar.

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

**A. RAILS-TO-TRAILS CONSERVANCY**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (“the grantee”) to undertake planning, including mapping, research, and stakeholder outreach to facilitate completion of two regionally-significant trail segments in Oakland, Alameda County and 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:

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 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration East Bay Greenway: Lake Merritt BART to South Hayward BART, adopted by the Alameda County Transportation Authority, attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that construction of the East Bay Greenway, as mitigated, avoids, reduces or mitigates potential significant environmental effects and that there is no substantial

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evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15382.”

**B. MARTIN GRIFFIN PRESERVE**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed eighty four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$84,250) to Audubon Canyon Ranch (“the grantee”) to restore native coastal prairie habitat and mitigate fire risk on the Martin Griffin Preserve, 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 (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.”

In implementing the project, the grantee shall comply with all mitigation measures and monitoring and reporting requirements for the project that are identified in the EIR 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 Audubon Canyon Ranch is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the California Vegetation Treatment Program Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

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which was certified by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection on December 30, 2019 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the project-specific checklist prepared by the grantee (attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibits 3 and 4), and the Conservancy finds:

- a. The proposed project is within the scope of the EIR.
- b. The EIR identifies potentially significant impacts in the areas of Biological Resources and Transportation as identified in the accompanying staff recommendation. With implementation of mitigation measures, these impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level.
- c. The EIR identifies significant and unavoidable impacts in the areas of Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions. These greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) and air quality impacts are due to vehicles, gas powered tools and prescribed burning associated with the initial and maintenance treatments. The standard project requirements and two mitigation measures will reduce these impacts but will not avoid them. The Conservancy finds it is infeasible to avoid, reduce, or mitigate the possible significant environmental effects of the project in these areas but that the specific environmental and other benefits of the proposed project as described in the Statements of Overriding Considerations contained in the EIR and in the accompanying Conservancy staff recommendation outweigh and render acceptable the significant unavoidable effects.”

**C. SAN DIEGO BAY NATIVE OYSTER LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to eighty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$86,500) to the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association (“grantee”) to augment the prior grant to develop studies, designs, engineering, and permitting and to expand the scope of the project to include final designs and permitting for the San Diego Bay Native Oyster Living Shoreline Project (“Project”) in San Diego County. This authorization augments \$313,953 of funding previously authorized for the Project by the Conservancy.

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, and the names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed for these work program tasks.”

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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 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.

**D. LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS – REMOVED FROM CONSENT**

**E. INDIAN CREEK**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby amends its September 19, 2016 authorization to grant funds for the Indian Creek Habitat Connectivity and Restoration Project to enable the grant to be disbursed for a revised project that expands the project area and implements new restoration techniques to more effectively improve the habitat connectivity for Coho and Chinook salmon between the upper and lower reaches of Indian Creek, a tributary to the Trinity River in Trinity County. The revised project will prepare final designs and restore approximately 3,000 linear feet of salmonid habitat in Indian Creek, a tributary to the Trinity River. This authorization is subject to the conditions that prior to construction of the project the grantee shall submit for review and written approval of the Executive Officer a revised work program, schedule, and budget, and shall comply with all of the conditions contained in the September 29, 2016 Conservancy authorization.”

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.

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3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Indian Creek Connectivity and Restoration Project Preliminary Assessment/Initial Study dated June 2020 and associated Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program, attached collectively to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. The Conservancy finds that the proposed 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.”

**F. AMBASSADOR PARK**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to City of Santa Barbara (“the grantee”) to conduct community outreach and prepare conceptual designs to redevelop Ambassador Park into a park that celebrates the cultural heritage of the Chumash native people in Santa Barbara 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. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. In addition, to the extent appropriate, the City of Santa Barbara shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s ‘Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development’.”

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 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access

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

**G. SAMOS DUNES AND WETLAND COMPLEX**

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the substitution of Friends of the Dunes as the interim fee owner of the 356-acre Samoa Dunes and Wetlands complex in Humboldt County, CA, and disbursement of an amount not to exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to Friends of the Dunes (“the grantee”) to provide interim management of the property.

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 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding a System of Public Accessways.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Friends of the Dunes is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.”

Consent Calendar Item 3D, Los Cerritos Wetlands, was briefly presented by Joel Gerwein, Coastal Conservancy. There were extensive public comments. The Conservancy continued the item to its November 2020 meeting.

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**4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

- A.** Hilary Walecka, Linda Tong, Julia Elkin, of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution and Findings:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby adopts the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Guidelines attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 1.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

- B.** Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, presented the legislative report.
- C.** Mary Small, Deputy Executive Officer, presented the Coastal Conservancy Annual Financial Report
- D.** Karyn Gear of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation regarding amendment of the Garcia River Forest revenue sharing agreement.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Chris Kelly of the Conservation Fund  
Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the Executive Officer to amend the Conservancy’s revenue sharing agreement with The Conservation Fund for the Garcia River Forest to provide for an immediate payment of \$5,000,000 and termination of the Conservancy’s rights to receive a share of any future revenues from the property, provided that if TCF enters into a purchase and sale agreement with a private, for-profit buyer for the property on or before May 31, 2021, TCF shall also remit to the Conservancy one-third of any sales proceeds over the existing property valuation of \$19,909,000.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**NORTH COAST**

**5. ELK RIVER ESTUARY RESTORATION PROJECT**

Julia Elkin of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to nine hundred and seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$979,000) to the City of Eureka (City) to augment the Conservancy’s prior authorizations of \$1,377,000 for implementation of the Elk River Estuary Restoration Project, within the City of Eureka in Humboldt County.



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This authorization is subject to all of the conditions imposed upon the City through the September 6, 2018 and December 10, 2018 Conservancy authorizations for this project (Exhibits 2 and 3).”

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 is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection projects.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**6. PRAIRIE CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT**

Su Corbaley of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Jessica Carter of Save the Redwoods League

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby:

1. Adopts the Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Redwood National and State Park Visitor Center and Restoration Project prepared under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), attached as Exhibit 6 to the accompanying staff recommendation.
2. Adopts the Redwood National and State Park Visitor Center and Restoration Project Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, attached as Exhibit 7 to the accompanying staff recommendation.
3. Approves the Redwood National and State Park Visitor Center and Restoration Project, which includes the Prairie Creek Restoration Project.
4. Authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million two hundred thirty-nine thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$1,239,800) to Save the Redwoods League (the “League”) to construct elements of the Prairie Creek Restoration Project at the former Orick Mill A site in Humboldt County, including a 2-acre pond and approximately 3 acres of upland habitat, subject to the following conditions:

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- a. Prior to commencement of the project, the League shall submit for review and approval by the Conservancy's Executive Officer:
  - i. a work program including schedule and budget, and the names and qualifications of contractors it intends to use to complete the project,
  - ii. a plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 1 as the source of that funding, and
  - iii. evidence that all necessary permits and approvals have been obtained.
- b. Prior to commencement of project construction, the League shall enter into and record an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(d) sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.
- c. In carrying out the project, the League shall comply with all applicable mitigation and monitoring measures identified in the Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and comply with all measures and conditions that are required by any permit or approval."

Findings:

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

- 1. The 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.
- 3. Consistent with 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15074, the Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, including comments received during the public review process, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program pursuant to its responsibilities as the lead agency for the Redwood National and State Park Visitor Center and Restoration Project under CEQA, and finds, on the basis of the whole record before it and its independent judgment and analysis, that there is no substantial evidence that Redwood National and State Park Visitor Center and Restoration Project as mitigated will have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15382.

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4. Save the Redwoods League is a nonprofit organization existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**CENTRAL COAST**

**7. HIDDEN BEACH COUNTY PARK**

Tim Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Jeff Gaffney of the Santa Cruz County Parks Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby 1) authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to County of Santa Cruz (“the grantee”) to prepare plans, environmental review documents, and permit applications for a new restroom at Hidden Beach County Park, Santa Cruz County, and 2) approves the transfer of fee title to five undeveloped beach and upland parcels located adjacent to Hidden Beach County Park (Santa Cruz County Assessor Parcel Numbers 043-13-134, 054-62-104, 043-16-144, 043-16-164, and 043-16-165) to the County of Santa Cruz as shown in Exhibit 3 to the accompanying staff recommendation; and 3) approves the disposition plan for the property transfer as shown in Exhibit 4 to the accompanying staff recommendation.”

Prior to commencement of the Hidden Beach Restroom planning 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.

In addition, to the extent appropriate, the grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s ‘Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development’ into the Hidden Beach Restroom project.”

The property transferred to grantee under this authorization shall be managed and operated as resource protection and open space for public recreational use. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.

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 public access.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**8. CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE 717-ACRE NICHOLSON RANCH**

Tim Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Kyle Walsh of the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County (LCSLO) to acquire a conservation easement on the 717-acre Nicholson Ranch in San Luis Obispo County (consisting of San Luis Obispo County Assessor Parcel Nos. 046-021-013, 046-031-029, and a portion of 046-021-048) (the property), for purposes of habitat protection, preservation of agriculture and open space, and protection of water supply and water quality, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, LCSLO 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, the conservation easement, purchase and sale agreement, deeds, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment and title report;
  - b. A baseline conditions report;
  - c. A monitoring and reporting plan; and
  - d. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. LCSLO shall pay no more than fair market value for the conservation easement, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.

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3. The easement interest acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated for the purposes of habitat protection, preservation of agriculture and open space, and protection of water supply and water quality. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument 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 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.

**SOUTH COAST**

**9. NEWLAND MARSH**

Christopher Kroll of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: John Villa of the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two million four hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$2,460,000) to acquire the approximately 44.3-acre Newland Marsh property (Orange County Assessor Parcel Nos. 114- 150-58, -59, -87, -90, -91, -92, 148-131-26, -27, -29) from the California Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”) for the purpose of protection of open space, coastal wetlands resources and public access consistent with these purposes; and to transfer the property to the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy. The authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to transfer of the property to Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy, the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) shall approve:
  - a. All relevant acquisition documents for the acquisition including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed, escrow

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instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;  
and

- b. A baseline conditions report
2. The Conservancy 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 the purpose of protection of open space, coastal wetlands resources and public access consistent with these purposes. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
4. Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Wildlife Conservation Board 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.

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 8 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.
3. The Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously

**10. CALIFORNIA COASTAL TRAIL CROSSING OF THE TIJUANA RIVER**

Sam Jenniches of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Supervisor Greg Cox of the County of San Diego

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed three hundred and forty six thousand dollars (\$346,000) to the County of San Diego

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("the grantee") to prepare a feasibility plan for a California Coastal Trail crossing of the Tijuana River in Tijuana River Valley Regional Park 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:

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. To the extent appropriate, the County of San Diego shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy's 'Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development'."

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 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (sections 31400-31410), regarding a system of public accessways.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines."

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA**

**11. SAND MINING IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND SUISUN BAY**

Erica Johnson of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Brenda Goeden of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC).

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the Executive Officer to disburse up to \$875,591(eight hundred seventy-five thousand five hundred ninety-one dollars) to retain and manage consultants to conduct scientific studies to evaluate impacts from sand mining in San Francisco Bay and Suisun Bay, including through contracts that have total amounts exceeding his delegated authority."

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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 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code regarding the San Francisco Bay Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**12. RUMRILL COMPLETE GREEN STREETS PROJECT**

Avra Heller of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Amanda Booth of the City of San Pablo.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to City of San Pablo (“the grantee”) for the Rumrill Complete Green Streets Project, which will reduce water pollution from stormwater runoff, encourage active transportation, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and provide carbon storage along the Rumrill Boulevard corridor in the City of San Pablo, Contra Costa County.”

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:

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.”

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 Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”



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Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**13. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no Conservancy member comments.

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

There were numerous public comments regarding the Ballona Wetlands.

**15. CLOSED SESSION**

Meeting closed at 1:52 P.M. for a closed session.

During the closed session, the Conservancy received information and advice from counsel regarding Defend Ballona Wetlands, et al. v. California State Coastal Conservancy, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 20STCV29911. The Conservancy authorized the Attorney General's Office to represent Executive Officer Sam Schuchat in this case.

Meeting re-opened to public at 2:21 P.M.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 P.M.