

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Ann Notthoff (Public Member), Vice Chair
Joseph Alioto Jr. (Public Member)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)
Gayle Miller (Designated, Department of Finance)
Stephen Padilla (Coastal Commission)

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bill Monning (District 17)
Senator Jerry Hill (District 13)
Staff Member Tina Andolina (Represented Senator Benjamin Allen District 26)
Assemblymember Mark Stone (District 29)
Staff Member Samantha Omana (Represented Assemblymember Monique Limón District 37)
Staff Member Laurel Brodzinsky (Represented Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez District 80)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
Amy Roach, Chief Counsel

LOCATION:

Teleconference

MEETING START TIME: 10:04 A.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Ann Notthoff (Public Member), Vice Chair
Joseph Alioto Jr. (Public Member)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)
Susan Hansch (Coastal Commission)
Gayle Miller (Department of Finance)

- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy's September 03, 2020 public meeting.
Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were numerous public comments regarding the Ballona Wetlands.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Bosco asked the board if any member requested any consent item be removed. Hearing no such request, the following consent items were moved for approval, seconded, and approved unanimously:

A. Portofino Cove in Huntington Harbor

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) to Orange County Coastkeeper (“the grantee”) to manage and maintain the public access easement at Portofino Cove in Huntington Harbor in the City of Huntington Beach, 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 for 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 Orange County Coastkeeper is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.”

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B. BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) to the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (“the grantee”) for the design and construction of 2.9 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail/Napa Valley Vine Trail between Calistoga and Bothe-Napa State Park in Napa County.

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

1. A detailed work program, including project schedule and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed on the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals necessary to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into 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 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access improvements to and around 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 “Napa Valley Vine Trail: St. Helena to Calistoga Section Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration” adopted by the Napa Valley Transportation Authority on August 19, 2020 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5. The Conservancy finds that the project, as mitigated, avoids, reduces or mitigates potential significant

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environmental effects and that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15382.”

C. PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA (PCA) GRANT PROGRAM

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby recommends to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission that the following projects (in geographic order) and recommended grant amounts totaling \$2,072,900 be included in the Priority Conservation Area Grant Program:

1. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the San Francisco County Transportation Authority for preliminary engineering and environmental documentation of Yerba Buena Island Multi-use Pathway in San Francisco County.
2. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the City and County of San Francisco to realign and improve existing trail network, including 1,226 linear feet of Ridge Trail, in order to control erosion, increase public safety, restore native plants, and provide interpretive and directional signs at Twin Peaks in San Francisco County.
3. One hundred thirty-five thousand one hundred dollars (\$135,100) to the City of South San Francisco to create a conservation and trail master plan for the 65-acre Sign Hill site in San Mateo County.
4. One hundred thirty-seven thousand nine hundred dollars (\$137,900) to the County of San Mateo for the San Bruno Habitat Conservation Grazing Pilot Program at San Bruno Mountain in San Mateo County.
5. Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project to plant trees and vegetation along transportation routes to buffer the community from air quality impacts, improve aesthetics, and reduce urban heat effects in the City of Oakland, Alameda County.”

Findings:

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

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

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D. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORELINE PROJECT

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to California Wildlife Foundation (“the grantee”) to develop final construction documents for ecotone earthwork as well as levee and ecotone revegetation as part of the Conservancy’s cost share required by the Project Partner Agreement for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Santa Clara Valley Water District.

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 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.
3. The California Wildlife Foundation is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.”

E. SOUTHERN SEA OTTER

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed seventy-nine thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$79,750) to Monterey Bay Aquarium to implement one project to assist in the recovery of the southern sea otter, specifically as follows: Monterey Bay Aquarium will raise and release up to three stranded

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sea otter pups to Morro Bay using captive female sea otters as surrogate mothers, and will analyze and circulate best practices for raising sea otter pups by surrogacy .

Prior to commencement, 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.”

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Integrated Coastal and Marine Resource Protection.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Monterey Bay Aquarium is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.”

F. MARSH MIGRATION AND ESTUARY DYNAMICS

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed forty-eight thousand two hundred and ten dollars (\$48,210) of funds received from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to augment the Conservancy’s previously authorized disbursements 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.”

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

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1. Up to twenty-eight thousand four hundred eighteen dollars (\$28,419) to the U.S. Geological Survey; and.
2. Up to nineteen thousand seven hundred ninety dollars (\$19,791) to the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project.

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

G. JALAMA BEACH

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the County of Santa Barbara (“the grantee”) to prepare feasibility and technical studies, design plans, and a County permit preapplication package for a new coastal trail, coastal access parking spaces and accessway improvements at Jalama Beach County Park, in northern 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.

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

5. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Mary Small, Deputy Executive Officer, described the process and schedule for updating the Conservancy's Project Selection Criteria.
- B. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Oversight Members State Senators Bill Monning and Jerry Hill, for their outstanding contributions benefitting the California Coast.
- C. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, presented the 2021 State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Schedule. The meeting schedule was moved and seconded. The 2021 State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Schedule was approved unanimously.
- D. Megan Cooper, Regional Program Manager for South Coast, presented a report on the Regional Strategy for the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project.

SOUTH COAST

6. ELK RIVER ESTUARY RESTORATION PROJECT

Joel Gerwein of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

There were numerous public comments supporting and opposing the project.

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority ("the grantee") to prepare plans, environmental documents, and permit applications for wetland restoration and public access facilities in the southern area of the Los Cerritos Wetlands.

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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 to implement 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 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.

7. ROSE VALLEY CREEK

Sam Jenniches 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 and forty-five thousand, nine hundred and ninety dollars (\$445,990) to California Trout, Inc. (“the grantee”) to plan and prepare designs, technical analysis, and reports for a riparian habitat restoration project at Rose Valley Creek in Los Padres National Forest in unincorporated Ventura 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 for the project.
3. Approves the Redwood National and State Park Visitor Center and Restoration Project, which includes the Prairie Creek Restoration Project.

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4. A plan for acknowledgement of the Conservancy and the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 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 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code regarding funding feasibility studies and plans (Section 31111) and Chapter 5.5 regarding restoration of fish and wildlife habitat in coastal watersheds (Section 31220).
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. California Trout, Inc. is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

8. BIG ROCK BEACH

Megan Cooper of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (“the grantee”) to construct new public beach access improvements at Big Rock Beach in the City of Malibu.

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.

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5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

In addition, to the extent appropriate, the grantee 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 a system of public accessways.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines."

STATEWIDE

9. EXPLORE THE CALIFORNIA COAST

Virgilio Cuasay, Shalini Kannan, Emely Lopez of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed six hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$695,000) to 21 nonprofit organizations and public agencies for 21 projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore the California coast. The projects described in the accompanying staff report may be modified to protect the health of participants during the COVID-19 pandemic so long as the modified projects promote this goal of facilitating and enhancing the public's opportunities to explore the California coast. The 21 nonprofit organizations and public agencies are as follows (presented in alphabetical order):

- Big Sur Land Trust: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to provide approximately 300 youth from Monterey County with an overnight summer camp experience along the Big Sur coast.
- Camp Phoenix: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to provide a 3-week, overnight summer immersion program for approximately 105 low-income Oakland youth along the San Mateo County coast.

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- City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to provide an eight-month program of coastal activities from Santa Cruz to Santa Barbara for approximately 105 at-risk and low-income teens from the City of Santa Maria.
- City Surf Project: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to provide surfing programs, at no or low-cost, to approximately 280 youth from Title 1 schools and underserved communities from San Francisco and the broader Bay Area.
- Community Initiatives (Fiscal Sponsor for Latino Outdoors): Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to provide a 5-month program, accessible to approximately 55 youth including low-income participants, English learners, Native American and immigrant high school and undergraduate youth of color, to explore various activities along the San Diego County coast.
- Environmental Traveling Companions: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to provide kayak adventures on San Francisco and Tomales Bay for approximately 840 under-resourced youth and people with disabilities from through the Bay Area.
- Fathers & Families of San Joaquin: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to provide healing retreats to the Monterey Bay coast for approximately 65 Stockton residents that are systems-impacted youth, formerly incarcerated individuals, victims of violence, and their respective families.
- Friends of the Dunes (Fiscal Sponsor for Tolowa Dunes Stewards): Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to provide coastal field trips that highlight the Tolowa coast in Del Norte County for about 1,100 participants from local and tribal groups and youth from across the state.
- LandPaths: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to provide approximately 420 low-income and English learner youth and their families coastal trips to explore and help steward the Sonoma County coast.
- Nature Collective: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to provide approximately 810 participants, including students from Title 1 elementary schools in the Escondido Union School District and their families opportunities to explore a variety of northern San Diego County coastal environments.
- Ocean Discovery Institute: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to provide coastal fields trips and ocean science education to approximately 1,800 3rd through 5th grade public school students in the community of City Heights in San Diego.
- Outdoor Outreach: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to provide coastal trips to introduce approximately 400 vulnerable and disadvantaged youth in San Diego to activities such as kayaking, paddle boarding, surfing, biking, hiking, and tide-pooling.

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- Outward Bound Adventures Inc.: Twelve thousand three hundred dollars (\$12,300) to provide a five-day, four-night excursion to California's central coast for approximately 25 youth from the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Tribe.
- Santa Monica Conservancy: Twenty-nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$29,200) to take approximately 15 underserved youth from the City of San Bernardino on an 11-day expedition to learn about coastal ecology and the history of people of color along the coast from Monterey Bay to Santa Monica Bay.
- Sierra Club Foundation (Fiscal Sponsor for Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors): Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to provide approximately 26 trips for approximately 1,000 students, parents, and teachers from Title 1 schools in Los Angeles County to parks, beaches, and wetlands along the coast from Pt. Mugu State Beach in Ventura County down to Crystal Cove State Park in Orange County.
- Social Good Fund (Fiscal Sponsor for Brown Girl Surf): Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to offer a surfing and ocean education project along the San Mateo Coast for approximately 100 underserved women and girls, primarily from Alameda and other Bay Area Counties.
- Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to provide an integrated recreation, education, and leadership coastal experience for approximately 130 Sonoma County youth.
- STOKED Mentoring Inc.: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to provide mentorship through ocean sports at Los Angeles County beaches to approximately 280 low-income, high needs youth, primarily from the MacArthur Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, and their families.
- Ventana Wildlife Society: Thirty-four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$34,800) to offer a nature prescription program at coastal locations throughout Monterey to approximately 200 participants from migrant farm-working families in East Salinas as a strategy to combat childhood obesity, anxiety, and stress.
- Waterside Workshops: Thirty-three thousand seven hundred dollars (\$33,700) to provide approximately 50 low-income East Bay youth outdoor recreational experiences in their own community and trips to coastal and bayfront sites in San Mateo, Marin, and Sonoma Counties.
- YES Nature to Neighborhoods: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to engage approximately 145 under-represented Richmond teens in marine, coastal, and bay conservation and experiential education. The environmental education and leadership development program includes outings to locations in Contra Costa and Marin counties.

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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. 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:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapters 3, 4.5 and 9 of Division 21 (Sections 31000 et seq.) of the Public Resources Code, regarding undertaking educational projects relating to coastal resources (Ch. 3), 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 project 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."

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

CENTRAL COAST

10. CAVE LANDING COASTAL ACCESS

Tim Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Shaun Cooper and Nick Franco of the San Luis Obispo County Park Department.

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed \$250,000 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars) to the County of San Luis Obispo

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(County) to construct public access improvements to an existing informal coastal park at Cave Landing, 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.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

In addition, to the extent appropriate, the grantee shall incorporate into the project 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.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines."

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

11. RENOVATE THE AVILA PIER

Tim Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Chris Munson and Andrea Lueker of Port San Luis Harbor District.

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to Port San Luis Harbor District ("the grantee") to renovate the Avila Pier located in Avila Beach, San Luis Obispo 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.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. In addition, to the extent appropriate, the grantee 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.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines."

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

12. TERMINAL FOUR WHARF REMOVAL PROJECT

Marilyn Latta of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Lina Velasco and Craig Murray of the City of Richmond

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to \$3,000,000 to the City of Richmond for final design and implementation of the Terminal Four Wharf Removal Project near Point San Pablo, Contra Costa County; and adopts the "Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Terminal Four Wharf, Warehouse, and Piling Removal Project" ("MND") and the "Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Terminal Four Wharf, Warehouse, and Piling Removal Project," attached as Exhibits 4 and 5 to the accompanying staff recommendation.

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Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the City of Richmond shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy's Executive Officer:

1. A work program, budget, schedule, and the names of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the work.
2. Evidence that all required permits and approvals have been obtained for the proposed project.

In carrying out the proposed project, the City of Richmond shall comply with all applicable mitigation and monitoring measures that are required by any permit or approval and with all measures that are identified in the MND adopted by the Conservancy."

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 resource goals of 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 considered the "Terminal Four Wharf, Warehouse, and Piling Removal Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration" (MND), attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5, and any comments received, and finds that, on the basis of the whole record, the proposed project avoids, reduces or mitigates any possible significant environmental effect of the proposed project and there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project, as mitigated, will have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15382. The MND represents the Conservancy's independent judgment and analysis."

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously

13. CODORNICES CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

Laura Cholodenko of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

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“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred seventy one thousand three hundred and fifty-seven dollars (\$271,357) to the City of Albany (“the grantee”) to prepare plans, designs and environmental review documents for Phase V of the Codornices Creek Restoration Project.”

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

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

14. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Conservancy member comments.

15. CLOSED SESSION

Meeting closed at 1:32P.M. for a closed session.

During the closed session, the Conservancy received information and advice from counsel regarding *Bordessa v. Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District*, Sonoma County Superior Court, Case No. SCV-256943.

Meeting re-opened to public at 1:46 P.M.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 P.M.