

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
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**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)

**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  
Joseph Alioto Jr. (Public Member)  
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)  
Gayle Miller (Designated, Department of Finance)  
Stephen Padilla (Coastal Commission)

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Conservancy's January 21, 2021 public meeting. Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

There were several public comments.

**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:

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**A. WOOD CREEK ON THE FELT RANCH PROPERTY**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred eighty-eight thousand four hundred and eighty dollars (\$188,480) to The Buckeye Conservancy (“the grantee”) to conduct planning and prepare designs, permit applications and environmental review documents for off-channel salmonid rearing habitat restoration along Wood Creek on the Felt Ranch property in Humboldt 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 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 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.
3. The Buckeye Conservancy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

**B. HAMILTON WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed two million four hundred seventy-four thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,474,600) to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“the grantee”) to complete implementation of the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project in Novato, Marin County.

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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 restoration and enhancement of natural habitats in the San Francisco Bay Area and public access improvements to and around the Bay.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

**C. ELK RIVER ESTUARY RESTORATION PROJECT**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to nine hundred and seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$979,000) received from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), and nine hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$980,000) received from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to the City of Eureka (City) to augment the Conservancy's prior authorizations of \$2,356,000 for implementation of the Elk River Estuary Restoration Project, within the City of Eureka in Humboldt County.

This authorization is subject to all of the conditions imposed upon the City through the September 6, 2018; December 10, 2018; and September 3, 2020 Conservancy authorizations for this project (Exhibits 2, 3, and 4).

Findings:

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

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy 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.

**D. WHITE SLOUGH RESTORATION PROJECT**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to retain a contractor to conduct post-

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construction monitoring of the White Slough Restoration Project in the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on Humboldt Bay.

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.

**E. UPPER SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred eighteen thousand eight hundred ninety-five dollars (\$218,895) to the California Urban Forests Council ("the grantee") to plant approximately 500 trees through community events that engage residents in communities in the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed.

Prior to the 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 acknowledgment of Conservancy funding and Proposition 1 as the source of that funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required 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.

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Findings:

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

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

**F. TERMINAL FOUR WHARF REMOVAL PROJECT**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to \$1,434,400 to the City of Richmond to augment the Conservancy's November 19, 2020 grant of \$3,000,000 for the final design and implementation of the Terminal Four Wharf Removal Project near Point San Pablo, Contra Costa County.

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:

- a. A work program, budget, schedule, and the names of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the work.
- b. 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 *Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Terminal 4 Wharf, Warehouse and Piling Removal Project* adopted by the Conservancy November 19, 2020.

Findings:

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

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1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 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.

**5. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

- A. Julian Nesbitt, Conservancy Civic Spark Fellow, presented the Coastal Conservancy Project Selection Criteria Update. The Board discussed and directed staff to include this item on the agenda for a future meeting.
- B. Deborah Ruddock, Legislative Analyst, presented the Legislative report.
- C. Conservancy members Ann Notthoff and Bryan Cash gave an update on the search for new Executive Officer.

**SOUTH COAST**

**6. BAYSHORE BIKEWAY**

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 three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to the San Diego Association of Governments (“the grantee”) to construct the Barrio Logan segment of the Bayshore Bikeway 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 and Proposition 1 as the source of that 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.

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 addressing the impacts and potential impacts of climate change on resources within its jurisdiction (Section 31113) and Chapter 5.5 regarding reducing contamination of waters within the coastal zone (Section 31220).
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**7. THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CAMINO CIELO BRIDGE**

Sam Jenniches of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed seven hundred thirty-four thousand seven hundred and thirty dollars (\$734,730) to the County of Ventura ("the grantee") to conduct planning and to prepare designs and environmental documentation for the replacement of the Camino Cielo Bridge over the Ventura River 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 in completing 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:

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1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code and 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.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**8. CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH**

Peter Jarausch of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred thirty-three thousand, six hundred fifty dollars (\$433,650) to the City of Hermosa Beach (“the grantee”) to renovate an impervious and deteriorated beach parking lot into a green, multi-benefit parking lot and to prepare final design plans to renovate a second parking lot in the City of Hermosa Beach.

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.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. In addition, to the extent appropriate, the City of Hermosa Beach 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 the System of Public Accessways.



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

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**9. NATIVE OYSTER LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT**

Evyan Sloane of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed eight hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$890,000) to the San Diego Unified Port District (“the grantee”) to restore 2.5 acres of native oyster habitat by installing and monitoring reef elements made of cement and oyster shell at the Chula Vista Wildlife Reserve in South San Diego Bay.

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

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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**10. THE IMPACTS OF SEA LEVEL RISE ON ROCKY INTERTIDAL HABITAT**

Evyan Sloane of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty-one thousand eight hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$151,869) to the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation (“the grantee”) to collect topographical map data, analyze the impacts of sea level rise on rocky intertidal habitats, and identify potential restoration and enhancement areas across 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. 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 Section 31111 and Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal resource enhancement.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The California Marine Sanctuary Foundation is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA**

**11. POINT MOLATE BEACH PARK**

Marilyn Latta of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

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Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Lina Velasco of City of Richmond and Bruce Bayaert of Trails for Richmond Action Committee.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the City of Richmond (“the grantee”) for construction of a 1.25-mile segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail from Point Molate Beach Park to the Winehaven Historic District, City of 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.
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 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 independently reviewed and considered the San Francisco Bay Trail at Point Molate Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), adopted by East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) on May 1, 2018, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effect to a less-than-significant level, and there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project may have a significant

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effect on the environment, as defined in 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15382.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**NORTH COAST**

**12. MAD RIVER FLOODPLAIN AND PUBLIC ACCESS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Michael Bowen of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to six hundred thirty four thousand eight hundred and twenty three dollars (\$634,823) to California Trout, Inc. ("the grantee"), of which three hundred fifty eight thousand six hundred thirty nine dollars (\$358,639) is from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Coastal Wetlands Grant Program, to implement the Mad River Floodplain and Public Access Enhancement Project along the Mad River, Humboldt County, CA.

Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee will 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. The names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding from Proposition 1 and the USFWS National Coastal Wetlands Grant Program.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required 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 and which protect the public interest in the improvements.
6. The grantee shall ensure that the project improvements are consistent with the Conservancy's "Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development."

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Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Conservancy has independently considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Mad River Floodplain and Public Access Enhancement Project adopted by the McKinleyville Community Services District on September 2, 2020 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (both attached as Exhibit 2 to the accompanying staff recommendation), and finds that the project as designed avoids, reduces or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**13. OCEAN RANCH RESTORATION PROJECT**

Michael Bowen of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Natalie Washburn of the Ducks Unlimited Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed four million five hundred forty seven thousand five hundred twenty dollars (\$4,547,520) comprised of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) of Conservancy funds, one million eight hundred twenty-one thousand nine hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$1,821,938) from the US Fish and Wildlife Service's National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program, and one million nine hundred seventy-five thousand five hundred eighty-two dollars (\$1,975,582) from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant Program, to Ducks Unlimited and for the Conservancy to retain environmental consultants to implement the

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Ocean Ranch Restoration Project at the Ocean Ranch Unit of the Eel River Wildlife Area near Loleta, Humboldt 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, Proposition 1 funding and other funding sources for the project.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that Ducks Unlimited has entered into agreements sufficient to ensure that the project will be implemented, operated, and maintained.
6. Evidence that Ducks Unlimited has entered into and recorded an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(d) sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.
7. In addition, to the extent appropriate, Ducks Unlimited shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy's "Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development" into the public access component of the project.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resources projects.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. Ducks Unlimited 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 Ocean Ranch Restoration Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) adopted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on February 19, 2021 pursuant to the California

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Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. As described in greater detail in the accompanying staff recommendation, the Conservancy finds that the proposed project (identified as Alternative 2 in the EIR) as designed and mitigated, the measures of which are outlined in the mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP, Exhibit 3) 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 proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**14. RESTORATION OF THE WILLIAMS CREEK WATERSHED**

Michael Bowen of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed three hundred seven thousand one hundred seventy dollars (\$307,170) to the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (“the grantee”) to conduct studies and prepare designs, permit applications, and a management plan for the enhancement of the Williams Creek watershed near Ferndale, CA.

Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee will 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 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection.

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

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**15. LOWER TENMILE CREEK**

Su Corbaley of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed four hundred ninety-nine thousand, seventy dollars (\$499,070) to the Eel River Recovery Project (“the grantee”) for planning and to prepare design and environmental compliance documents for water storage and erosion control projects that will enhance summer flows and improve water quality to benefit salmonids in at various sites along lower Tenmile Creek, a tributary to the South Fork Eel River in Mendocino County.

Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee will 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 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.
3. The Eel River Recovery Project is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.



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**CENTRAL COAST**

**16. LOS OSOS CREEK**

Tim Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed \$436,395, including \$386,395 awarded to the Conservancy by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Program, to the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District (“the grantee”) to restore approximately 56 acres of coastal habitat along Los Osos property in the lower Morro Bay watershed in San Luis Obispo County.

Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee will 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 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.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Los Osos Creek Wetland Restoration Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) adopted by the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District on February 26, 2021 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached 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

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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.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**17. PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AND HABITAT RESTORATION AT MORAN LAKE**

Hilary Hill of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Will Fourt of the Santa Cruz County Parks Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000) to the County of Santa Cruz (“the grantee”) to prepare technical analyses, design plans, environmental review documents, and permit applications for water quality and public access improvements and habitat restoration at Moran Lake in Santa Cruz County.

Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee will 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 a source of that funding.
4. 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 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resource protection and public access.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

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Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**18. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no Conservancy member comments.

**19. CLOSED SESSION**

The Conservancy did not hold a closed session.

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 P.M.