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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)  
Linda Locklin (Designated, Coastal Commission)  
Marce Gutiérrez-Graudiņš (Public Member)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer  
Amy Roach, Chief Counsel

**LOCATION:**

Teleconference

**MEETING START TIME:** 02:01 P.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)  
Linda Locklin (Designated, Coastal Commission)  
Marce Gutiérrez-Graudiņš (Public Member)

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

There were several public comments.

**3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

- A.** Conservancy Board Chair Doug Bosco, Deputy Executive Officers Mary Small and Amy Hutzel, presented Recognition of Executive Officer Sam Schuchat for his outstanding leadership of the State Coastal Conservancy.
- B.** Julian Nesbitt, Conservancy Civic Spark Fellow, presented the Coastal Conservancy Project Selection Criteria Update.

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- C. Jennifer Fields, Conservancy Sea Grant Fellows, presented an overview of State Coastal Conservancy's Wildfire Resilience Grant Program.

**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 approval unanimously:

**A. AUDUBON STARR RANCH SANCTUARY**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed seven thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$7,650) to National Audubon Society ("the Society") to create and maintain defensible space around buildings within its Audubon Starr Ranch Sanctuary, located in unincorporated Orange County.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The National Audubon Society is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

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**B. ARROYO HONDO PRESERVE**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed twenty-three thousand five hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$23,588) to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County (“the grantee”) to implement fire fuel management through the use of prescribed herbivory to reduce fuel loads and buffer wildfire spread in the southern portion of Arroyo Hondo Preserve located 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. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
3. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

**C. HOOPA VALLEY TRIBAL RESERVATION**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to the Hoopa Valley Tribe (“the grantee”) to help implement shaded fuel brakes or defensible space projects to protect the homes of approximately 76 vulnerable residents on the Hoopa Valley Tribal Reservation, Humboldt County.

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1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

**D. MISSION TRAIL NATURE PRESERVE**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea ("the grantee") to remove hazardous fire fuels in City's Mission Trail Nature Preserve, Monterey 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.

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5. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

**E. DAVIDSON RANCH RESERVE**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed forty-seven thousand, seven hundred twenty-one dollars (\$47,721) to Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency (“the grantee”) for eucalyptus removal and weed abatement in a high fire hazard severity zone at Davidson Ranch Reserve, in Santa Clara 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. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

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**F. COMMUNITY OF LEWISTON**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to the Trinity County Resource Conservation District (“the grantee”) to implement fuels reduction projects in the vicinity of Lewiston, Trinity County to decrease fire risk.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
  - c. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement the project.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

**G. ARROYO SECO CANYON AND DELAVEAGA PARK**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$ 100,000) to the City of Santa Cruz (“the grantee”) to undertake vegetation management on two city-owned properties at Arroyo Seco Canyon and DeLaveaga Park.

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. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
3. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

**H. VICINITY OF CAZADERO**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000.00) to the Cazadero Community Services District (“the grantee”) to acquire necessary equipment for, and to undertake, vegetation management activities to reduce wildfire risk in the vicinity of Cazadero, in the Russian River watershed, Sonoma County, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) a detailed work program, schedule and budget.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.

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

**I. CARPINTERIA-SUMMERLAND**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) to the Carpinteria Summerland Fire Protection District (“the grantee”) to conduct a multi-pronged fuels reduction treatment program in the southeastern foothills of Santa Barbara County, including continuous, year-round communitywide chipping, grazing livestock herbivory techniques, and continued maintenance of existing community fuel breaks.

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. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
3. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.
4. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

**J. NORTHERN SAN MATEO COUNTY**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes two grants as follows:

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- City of Pacifica: One hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) for the North County Fire Authority to implement a community chipper program to support reduction of fire fuel loads in the wildland urban interface.
  - City of Brisbane: Sixty seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$67,500) for the North County Fire Authority to reduce fire fuel vegetation along public roadways in the wildland urban interface.
1. Prior to commencement of each project, each grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
    - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
    - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
  2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

**K. BLITHEDALE SUMMIT OPEN SPACE PRESERVE**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred forty-four thousand dollars (\$144,000.00) to the City of Mill Valley (“the grantee”) to conduct vegetation management, defensible space activities, and fire-related public outreach to reduce fire risk in the vicinity of the Blithedale Ridge Fire Road in Mill Valley, 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:

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1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
3. 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 recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

**L. LITTLE BLACK MOUNTAIN PRESERVE, LAUFENBER RANCH, POLE MOUNTAIN PRESERVE, AND LIVE OAKS RANCH**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to Sonoma Land Trust (“the grantee”) to conduct wildfire risk reduction activities on the Little Black Mountain Preserve, Laufenberg Ranch, Pole Mountain Preserve, and Live Oaks Ranch properties in Sonoma County.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

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

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1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Sonoma Land Trust is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

**M. BOHEMIA ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE, RIDDELL PRESERVE, RANCHO MARK WEST PRESERVE, AND OCEAN SONG PRESERVE**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to LandPaths (“the grantee”) to conduct approximately 60 acres of fuels reduction and burn area restoration on the Bohemia Ecological Preserve, Riddell Preserve, Rancho Mark West Preserve, and Ocean Song Preserve properties in Sonoma 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. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
3. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Sonoma Land Trust is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

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**N. WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred ninety-four thousand and four hundred dollars (\$194,400) to Woodside Fire Protection District (“the grantee”) to implement fuel reduction practices and invasive plant removal.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
  - c. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. For the Thornewood Preserve project area, the Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered as a responsible agency the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District’s 2021 Wildland Fire Resiliency Program, Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District on May 12, 2021 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 2. The EIR analyzes several alternative ways to achieve the programmatic objectives of the Wildland Fire Resiliency Program which outlines a comprehensive approach to vegetation management, including pre-

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and post-response activities to wildland fire on Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District lands.

- a. The Conservancy finds that the Thornewood Preserve project may have potentially significant effects in the areas of Biological Resources, Geomorphology, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Human Health and Safety, Transportation, and Cultural Resources, as described in the CEQA section of the accompanying staff report. With regard to the potentially significant impacts in these areas, the Conservancy finds that the mitigation measures identified in the EIR avoid, reduce, or mitigate significant environmental effects of the project to a less-than significant level through mitigation measures identified in the EIR.
  - b. The Conservancy further finds that the Thornewood Preserve project may result in significant and unavoidable impacts regarding Aesthetics, Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas emissions, but environmental and other benefits of the proposed project as described in the accompanying staff recommendation outweigh or render acceptable these unavoidable adverse environmental impacts to achieve the objectives of the project.
4. The Conservancy adopts the Significant Impact Findings and State of Overriding Considerations set forth in the CEQA section of the accompanying staff recommendation.

**O. MENDOCINO COUNTY FUELS REDUCTION CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred ninety-seven thousand six hundred twenty-one dollars (\$197,621) to the County of Mendocino (“the grantee”) to implement the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction Capacity Building Project in Mendocino County subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. The grantee shall submit evidence that it has permission to implement the project from all project site landowners.

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3. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

**P. SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to San Lorenzo Valley Water District (“the grantee”) for vegetation management to protect critical infrastructure at and near water distribution facilities owned and operated by the District.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.

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

**Q. JENNER HEADLANDS PRESERVE**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$209,800.00) to The Wildlands Conservancy (“the grantee”) to undertake fuels reduction and vegetation management on the Jenner Headlands Preserve, Sonoma County.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Wildlands Conservancy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

**R. PALA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS’ RESERVATION**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to the Pala Band of Mission Indians (“the

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grantee”) to implement a hazardous fuels reduction project within a wildland urban interface on the Pala Band of Mission Indians’ Reservation in San Diego County.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. The grantee shall submit evidence that it has permission to implement the project from all project site landowners.
3. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program, and Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding water quality and habitat in a coastal watershed.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

**S. TILDEN REGIONAL PARK – T1002A AND WILDCAT CANYON REGIONAL PARK – WC005**

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred ninety thousand six hundred dollars (\$290,600) to the East Bay Regional Park District (“the grantee”) to expand on-going fuel treatments and fuel breaks and perform biological surveys on East Bay Regional Park lands, specifically in two recommended treatment areas: Tilden Regional Park - T1002a and Wildcat Canyon Regional Park - WC005 (Exhibit 1).

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. In implementing the proposed project, the grantee shall comply with all applicable mitigation measures and monitoring and reporting requirements in the **Final Environmental Impact Report Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the 2010 Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan** (see Exhibit 2 to the October 17, 2019 staff recommendation attached as Exhibit 2) and in any permits, approvals or additional environmental documentation required for the project.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA**

**5. SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK**

Virgilio Cuasay of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred seventy-seven thousand one hundred sixty-six dollars (\$277,166) to the Sonoma County Water Agency (“the grantee”) to conduct wildfire resilience activities at Spring Lake Regional Park, Sonoma County.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
  - c. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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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, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**6. SHILOH RANCH REGIONAL PARK AND PRESCRIBED GRAZING AT TAYLOR MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK**

Virgilio Cuasay of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three hundred forty-five thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$345,650) to Sonoma County Regional Parks ("the grantee") to conduct wildfire resilience activities consisting of creating shaded fuel breaks at Shiloh Ranch Regional Park and carrying out prescribed grazing at Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve, Sonoma County.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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 the Climate Ready Program.

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

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**7. SADDLE MOUNTAIN OPEN SPACE PRESERVE**

Virgilio Cuasay of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed five hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$575,000) to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (“the grantee”) to conduct wildfire resilience activities at Saddle Mountain Open Space Preserve, Sonoma County.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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 the Climate Ready 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 Saddle Mountain Open Space Preserve Management Plan Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH #2019059008) adopted by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District on August 6, 2019 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,

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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.

**8. LINDA FALLS PRESERVE, PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE DEMONSTRATION AND EXPERIMENTAL FOREST, SUSCOL INTERTRIBAL COUNCIL'S SUSKOL HOUSE LAND, AND MOORE CREEK PARK**

Moira McEnespy of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million seventy-eight thousand six hundred eighty-four dollars (\$1,078,684) to the Napa County Resource Conservation District ("the grantee") for wildfire resilience activities at Linda Falls Preserve, Pacific Union College Demonstration and Experimental Forest, Suscol Intertribal Council's Suskol House Land, and Moore Creek Park, Napa County; and adoption of findings under the California Environmental Quality Act.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
  - c. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. The grantee shall submit evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.
3. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready 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 Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan (No. 1-96NTMP-015 NAP) for Pacific Union College adopted by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection on October 9, 1996 pursuant to the Forest Practice Act's certified regulatory program under which a Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan functions as the equivalent of an Environmental Impact Report under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project at the Pacific Union College Demonstration and Experimental Forest 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.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**NORTH COAST**

**9. DRY CREEK RANCHERIA BAND OF POMO INDIANS**

Peter Jarausich of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred ninety nine thousand two hundred and fifty-three dollars (\$299,253) to the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians ("the grantee") to reduce the fire-fuels created by the 2019 Kincade Fire and restore approximately 57 acres of the Rancheria in Sonoma County.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

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2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rancheria Creek Restoration Project adopted by Sonoma County on December 28, 2019 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. The Conservancy finds that the 20-acre restoration portion of the project as mitigated avoids, reduces or mitigates the possible significant environmental effects to a level of less-than-significant 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.

**10. HEALDSBURG RIDGE, CALLAHAN AND FITCH MOUNTAIN**

Lisa Ames 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 fourteen thousand dollars (\$414,000) to the City of Healdsburg (“the grantee”) for its Fire Department to conduct wildfire fuel management and control line treatments on three open space preserves (Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Preserve, Callahan Open Space Preserve and Fitch Mountain Park and Open Space Preserve) adjacent to the city of Healdsburg, Sonoma 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.

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2. 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 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready 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 Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Preserve Management Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District on June 3, 2008 and has independently reviewed and considered the Fitch Mountain Park and Open Space Preserve Management Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the City of Healdsburg on November 20, 2017 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibits 3 and 4, respectively. 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.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**11. GREATER PRAIRIE CREEK WATERSHED WITHIN REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS**

Lisa Ames of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to Save the Redwoods League ("SRL") to conduct forest restoration treatments to improve forest health and wildfire resiliency in the Greater Prairie Creek Watershed within Redwood National and State Parks in Humboldt County.

1. 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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- a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
  - c. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. Save the Redwoods League 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/Negative Declaration and Environmental Assessment for the Greater Prairie Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project” adopted by the California State Parks on July 23, 2019 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 2. The Conservancy finds that there is no substantial evidence based on the record 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.

**12. MOUNT TAMALPAIS WATERSHED, AND TO REDUCE LADDER FUELS IN THE MARIN COUNTY PARKS BLITHEDALE SUMMIT PRESERVE.**

Michael Bowen of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to Marin Municipal Water District (“the grantee”) to implement vegetation management projects identified in the Biodiversity, Fire, and Fuels Integrated

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Plan (BFFIP) in the Mount Tamalpais Watershed and to reduce ladder fuels in the Marin County Parks Blithedale Summit Preserve.

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. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
3. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement the project.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready 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 “Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Biodiversity, Fire, and Fuels Integrated Plan” (“Final EIR”) certified by Marin Municipal Water District in October 2019 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3.
  - a. The Conservancy finds that the BFFIP portion of the proposed project will have potentially significant environmental effects in the areas of Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality and Tribal Cultural Resource, as described in the CEQA section of the accompanying staff recommendation, and that with the exception of effects on Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions, these effects will be mitigated to a less-than-significant level through the mitigation measures identified in the Final EIR.
  - b. The Conservancy further finds that the BFFIP portion of the proposed project may result in significant and unavoidable impacts to Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions but that environmental and other benefits of the proposed project as described in the accompanying staff recommendation outweigh and

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render acceptable these unavoidable adverse environmental impacts to achieve the objectives of the project.

4. The Conservancy adopts the Significant Impacts Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations set forth in CEQA section of the accompanying staff recommendation.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**CENTRAL COAST**

**13. SAN ANTONIO CREEK**

Rachel Couch of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars (\$396,000) to Santa Barbara County (“the grantee”) to conduct a community defensible space project in the San Antonio Creek area foothills of Santa Barbara County.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
  - c. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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**14. 11 PRESERVES IN SAN MATEO COUNTY**

Fanny Yang 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 thousand dollars (\$400,000) to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (“the grantee”) to reduce wildland vegetation fuels, remove fire prone invasive species, and expand shaded fuel break areas through their Wildland Fire Resiliency Program in up to 11 open space preserves in San Mateo County.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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 the Climate Ready 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 “Wildland Fire Resiliency Program Final Environmental Impact Report” (WFRP EIR) attached as Exhibit 4 of the accompanying staff recommendation, which was certified by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) on May 12, 2021 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed project is part of MROSD’s larger Wildland Fire Resilience Program (Program or WFRP).
  - a. The Conservancy finds that the project will have “potentially significant” effects in the areas of Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards, Hazardous Materials,

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and Wildland Fire, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Recreation and Transportation. With regards to these impacts, the Conservancy finds that the project, as modified by the incorporation of the mitigation measures identified in the WFRP EIR, avoids, reduces, or mitigates all possible significant environmental effects of the project to less-than-significant levels except for the potentially significant impacts identified in finding 3b below.

- b. The Conservancy further finds that the project may result in “significant and unavoidable” impacts to Aesthetics, but environmental and other benefits of the proposed project as described in the accompanying staff recommendation outweigh or render acceptable these unavoidable adverse environmental impacts to achieve the objectives of the project.
  - c. The Conservancy adopts the Findings regarding Significant Effects and Statement of Overriding Considerations set forth in this staff report.
4. The Conservancy has also independently reviewed and considered the MROSD Integrated Pest Management Program Final Environmental Impact Report (IPMP EIR) adopted on December 10, 2014 pursuant to CEQA and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5. The Conservancy finds that the project, as part of the IPMP as 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 portions of the project involving activities carried out pursuant to the IPMP, will have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15382.
  5. Mitigation measures have been adopted by the MRSOD as lead agency for the project. As landowner, implementation of these mitigation measures under both the MMRP for the WFRP EIR and the IPMP EIR is within the jurisdiction of MRSOD.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**15. QUARRY PARK**

Hilary Hill of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to San Mateo Resource Conservation District (“the grantee”) to establish a shaded fuel break and remove hazardous tree along fire roads within Quarry Park in El Granada, San Mateo County.

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1. 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) a detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. The grantee shall submit evidence that it has permission to implement the project from the project site landowner.
3. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.
4. The grantee shall comply with all Best Management Practices and Mitigation Measures outlined in the County of San Mateo Routine Maintenance Program Final Environmental Report (EIR).

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 the Climate Ready 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 County of San Mateo Routine Maintenance Program Final Environmental Report (EIR) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) certified by the San Mateo County Planning Commission on September 9, 2020 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). 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 proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**SOUTH COAST**

**16. LIPAY NATION OF SANTA YSABEL**

Megan Cooper of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

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The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three hundred seventeen thousand seventy-one dollars (\$317,071) to the Lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel (“the grantee”) to reduce fire fuels in undeveloped woodlands and open spaces and create defensible space around buildings, water systems, and roadways on Lipay Nation trust lands.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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 and 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program and Integrated Coastal and Marine Resources Protection, respectively.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**17. CITY OF CHULA VISTA AND IN SEVEN SAN DIEGO COUNTY PRESERVES**

Megan Cooper of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed six hundred sixty-one thousand three hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$661,367) to the Urban Corps of San Diego (“the grantee”) to conduct fuel modification for wildfire resilience in open space in Chula Vista and in seven San Diego County preserves.

1. 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

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following:

- a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. The grantee shall submit evidence that it has permission to implement the project from all project site landowners.
  3. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Urban Corps of San Diego 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 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Issuance of Take Authorizations For Threatened and Endangered Species Due to Urban Growth Within the Multiple Species Conservation Program Planning Area certified by the City of San Diego in January 1997, the Addendum to the Final EIR adopted by the City of Chula Vista in October 2000, and the Supplemental EIR for the Chula Vista Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea Plan adopted by the City of Chula Vista on May 13, 2003 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3. The Conservancy finds that the Chula Vista component of 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.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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**18. FLAT TOP PARK FIRE RESILIENCE**

Megan Cooper of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed five hundred eighty one thousand, five hundred dollars (\$581,500) to North East Trees (“the grantee”) to increase resilience to harmful wildfires at Flat Top Park in the City of Los Angeles.

1. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:
  - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
  - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
2. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.

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 the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The grantee is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

**19. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no Conservancy member comments.

**20. CLOSED SESSION**

The Conservancy did not hold a closed session.

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**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 P.M.