

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2022

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)
Donne Brownsey (Coastal Commission)

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Ben Allen (District 26)
Kara Woodruff (representing Senator John Laird, District 17)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amy Hutzell, Executive Officer
Jeannette MacMillan, Senior Staff Counsel

LOCATION:

California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 1st Floor – Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814

MEETING START TIME: 10:06 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)
Donne Brownsey (Coastal Commission)

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Conservancy's March 24, 2022, public meeting. Moved and seconded. Minutes Approved.

3. 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. SAN CLEMENTE DAM PIPELINE REMOVAL

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed five hundred ninety six thousand dollars (\$596,000) to California-American Water Company to remove or seal 1.3 miles of legacy water pipeline and its support structures from the Carmel River floodplain, 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.

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 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Integrated Coastal and Marine Resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the San Clemente Dam Seismic Safety Project, which addendum is attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5, both of which were adopted by the County of Monterey on January 26, 2022 in connection with its approval of a use permit for the proposed project. The Conservancy finds that the proposed modification of the San Clemente Dam Seismic Safety Project to include the proposed project will not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects and that no additional CEQA documentation is necessary.

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B. POTERO CREEK

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed three hundred seventy nine thousand three hundred seventy four dollars (\$379,374) to Trout Unlimited (the grantee) to remove the lower fish passage barrier on Potrero Creek located on the Carmel Valley Athletic Club property in the Carmel River watershed in 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.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.
6. Evidence that the grantee has entered into and recorded an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(d) sufficient to protect the public interest in the project.

Staff further recommends that the Conservancy adopt the following 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. Trout Unlimited is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

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4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the 2021 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program adopted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on November 16, 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 there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

C. PEDRO POINT HEADLANDS

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed forty-eight thousand dollars (\$48,000) to Pacifica Land Trust (“the grantee”) to augment the Conservancy grant of \$41,800, authorized on January 18, 2018, for community-based habitat restoration and trail enhancement at Pedro Point Headlands in San Mateo 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 a landowner access agreement from the City of Pacifica has been secured.

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 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. Pacifica Land Trust is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

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D. CACHAGUA CREEK

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred and ninety thousand dollars (\$290,000) to the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County (“the grantee”) to replace a concrete ford with a steel bridge on Cachagua Creek.

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 recommendation 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 reviewed and considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the 2021 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program adopted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on November 16, 2021, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. 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

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

E. ORMOND BEACH

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million two hundred ninety four dollars (\$1,000,294), of which \$967,114 was awarded to the Conservancy by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through its National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant program, to The Nature Conservancy (“the grantee”) to implement initial restoration efforts at the Ormond Beach wetlands complex in the City of Oxnard, 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 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 recommendation 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 enhancement of coastal resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Nature Conservancy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

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F. YMCA CAMP SURF

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the YMCA of San Diego County (“the grantee”) to prepare designs and environmental review documents for amenities at the YMCA Camp Surf facility including a restroom, equipment storage, classroom space, an outdoor kitchen, and outdoor showers to support on-beach camping at Imperial Beach 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.

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 10 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Lower-Cost Coastal Accommodations.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The YMCA of San Diego County is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

G. JENNER HEADLANDS PRESERVE

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to The Wildlands Conservancy (“the grantee”) for grazing infrastructure improvements to enhance native coastal prairie habitat, manage invasive plants, and reduce wildfire risk at the Jenner Headlands Preserve 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.

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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 recommendation 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 enhancement of coastal resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Wildlands Conservancy is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

H. JUG HANDLE CREEK FARM AND NATURE CENTER

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed five hundred eight thousand and four hundred dollars (\$508,400) to Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center (JCFNC) (“the grantee”) to construct two cabins with restrooms and two new campground bathrooms and improve related infrastructure on the grantee’s property located in the community of Caspar, Mendocino 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.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into and recorded an agreement sufficient to protect the public interest in the project.

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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 10 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Lower Cost Coastal Accommodations.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The JCFNC is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

I. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORELINE PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three million one hundred sixty-one thousand nine hundred twenty-one dollars (\$3,161,921) received from the Association of Bay Area Governments to the Santa Clara Valley Water District (“the grantee”) to implement the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project in the community of Alviso, City of San José, 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. 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.

In addition, to the extent appropriate, the Santa Clara Valley Water District shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s ‘Coastal Access Project Standards’.

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 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Conservancy's mandate to address the resources and recreational goals of San Francisco Bay Area.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

J. PACIFICA PIER

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) to the City of Pacifica ("the grantee") to repair the Pacifica Pier, San Mateo County.

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

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

In addition, to the extent appropriate, the City of Pacifica shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy's "Coastal Access Project Standards."

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 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

K. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LIASION

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed five hundred forty thousand dollars (\$540,000) for consulting services to assist the

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Coastal Conservancy with Congressional appropriations and authorizations, federal agency staff authorizations, and related matters.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Public Resources Code Sections 31103 and 31104, regarding the Conservancy's ability to apply for and accept federal grants and receive other financial support from public sources and to carry out the purposes of Division 21. Projects supported by funding received because of this authorization are or would be consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapters 4.5, 5.5, and 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the protection and enhancement of natural resources in San Francisco Bay Area, marine, and coastal environments.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

L. WHEELING CAL'S COAST

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (BORP) to update and host Wheeling Cal's Coast, an online guide to wheelchair accessible parks and trails along the California coast and San Francisco 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.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Public Resources Code Sections 31400-31409.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the Conservancy's Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

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3. BORP is a nonprofit organization existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

M. HOLLISTER RANCH COASTAL ACCESS PROGRAM

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two million three hundred thousand dollars (\$2,300,000) to contract for services to prepare environmental review documents, a cultural and tribal resource survey, and a property appraisal for the Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program, in Santa Barbara County.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Public Resources Code Section 31111, regarding the Conservancy's ability to undertake planning and feasibility studies. The proposed authorization is also consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding System of Public Accessways.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Mary Small, Deputy Executive Officer of the State Coastal Conservancy, gave a presentation on the SCC's Legislative Report.
- B. Trish Chapman, Central Coast Regional Manager of the State Coastal Conservancy, gave a presentation on the Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program.

CENTRAL COAST

5. YMCA CAMP JONES GULCH EASEMENT

Trish Chapman of the State Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Sara Barth from the Sempervirens Fund.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed nine-hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) to Sempervirens Fund ("the grantee") for the acquisition of a conservation easement on the approximately 915-acre YMCA Camp Jones Gulch property (APN 083-320-060; 083-320-070; 083-330-030) for purposes of natural

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resource and watershed protection, habitat restoration, open space protection, education, and recreation, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer):
 - a. All relevant acquisition documents for the acquisition including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, conservation easement, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
 - b. A baseline conditions report; and
 - c. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. The grantee shall pay no more than fair market value for the conservation easement, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
3. The conservation easement acquired under this authorization shall be consistent with the Conservancy's Easement Standards (adopted May 24, 2007).
4. The easement interest acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated in a manner consistent with the purposes of natural resource and watershed protection, habitat restoration, open space protection, education, and recreation. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
5. Conservancy and Proposition 68 funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly-viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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.
3. Sempervirens Fund is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

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Moved and seconded. Motion was approved. Voting in favor: Bosco, Notthoff, Brownsey, Cash, Alioto. Voting against: none.

6. FINCH CREEK FISH PASSAGE

Trish Chapman of the State Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Jen Hunter from the Hastings Natural History Reservation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000) to the Regents of the University of California for the University of California at Berkeley (“the grantee”) to replace a creek ford through Finch Creek, located within Hastings Natural History Reservation, in the upper Carmel River watershed, 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.

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

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved. Voting in favor: Bosco, Notthoff, Brownsey, Cash, Alioto. Voting against: none.

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7. GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL MASTERPLAN

Karyn Gear and Peter Jarausich of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Caryl Hart of The Great Redwood Trail Alliance.

Senator Mike McGuire made comments regarding this item at a later time in the agenda.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the Executive Officer to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Great Redwood Trail Agency for the purposes of developing a master plan and community engagement program for the Great Redwood Trail, providing interim staffing services to the Great Redwood Trail Agency, and providing technical assistance to advance the Great Redwood Trail. The Conservancy further authorizes the disbursement of up to two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for engineering and environmental services, planning and design, public outreach, organizational development, advancement of the railbanking process, and interim staffing and other services as may be required related to the Great Redwood Trail.

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 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved. Voting in favor: Notthoff, Brownsey, Cash, Alioto. Voting against: none. Recused: Chair Bosco.

SOUTH COAST

8. BANNING RANCH

Megan Cooper of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Paolo Peroni of the Trust for Public Land and Elena Eager of Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority.

Resolution:

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The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed eleven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$11,500,000) to the Trust for Public Land (“the grantee”) to acquire 384 acres of the Banning Ranch property in Newport Beach and unincorporated Orange County, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer):
 - a. All relevant acquisition documents for the acquisition including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
 - b. A baseline conditions report; and
 - c. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. The grantee shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
3. The property acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated for cultural resource protection; open space protection; wildlife habitat; environmental restoration and conservation; potential lower-cost coastal accommodations; and public access, with a special focus on access for tribal nations and other tribal members whose ancestral homeland includes this site (collectively, the “Acquisition Purposes”). The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
4. Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife Service funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.
5. The titleholder shall prepare a Tribal Access and Engagement Plan (“Plan”) that achieves the following: access to the Real Property, cultural resources, natural resources, and cultural sites with minimal protocols; a “serious effort to engage tribes” consistent with the Coastal Conservancy project selection criteria, including a full fair equitable representation on decision making bodies related to the long term management of the site; meaningful engagement and involvement in the Real Property, for example membership in a management advisory council; potential co-management and ownership of the Real Property; and other actions identified in dialogue with tribal members whose ancestral homeland includes this site.

Findings:

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Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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.
3. The Trust for Public Land is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved. Voting in favor: Bosco, Notthoff, Brownsey, Cash, Alioto. Voting against: none.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

9. HERON'S HEAD PARK

Erica Johnson of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Carol Bach of the Port of San Francisco.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed nine hundred and eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$987,000) to the Port of San Francisco ("the grantee"), to be reimbursed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program, to enhance wetland habitat and stabilize the existing shoreline through nature-based solutions at Heron's Head 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:

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 recommendation 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.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved. Voting in favor: Bosco, Notthoff, Brownsey, Cash, Alioto. Voting against: none.

10. COYOTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK

Shalini Kannan of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Chris Barton and Katie Hornbeck of East Bay Parks.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed nine hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$988,000) to East Bay Regional Park District (“the grantee”) to restore wetland, grassland, and riparian habitat and install interpretive signs on a 159-acre portion of Coyote Hills Regional Park in the City of Fremont in Alameda 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 recommendation and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

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

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3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the “Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project Final Environmental Impact Report,” July 2019 (“Final EIR”) certified by the East Bay Regional Park District on September 3, 2019 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3.
4. The Final EIR identifies potentially significant effects of the Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project (“Project”) with respect to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology, Noise, Utilities, and Transportation. With regard to these impacts, as modified by incorporation of the mitigation measures identified in the Final EIR, the Project has been changed to avoid, reduce or mitigate the possible significant environmental effects of the Project, except for the impact identified in finding 5, below.
5. The Final EIR identifies dismantling and removal of the Patterson Ranch Labor Contractors Residence as a significant and unavoidable effect in the area of Cultural and Tribal Resources. Project alternatives that would avoid this impact are infeasible because they would cause greater impacts, including impacts to tribal cultural resources, air quality, geology, soils, hydrology, and water quality, and more significant greenhouse gas emissions and noise. Removal of the residence will be mitigated by making professional documentation of the building publicly accessible and installing interpretive signage to teach the public about this historical resource, but nevertheless will create a significant and unavoidable impact. Specific environmental and social benefits of the Project described in the accompanying staff recommendation and detailed in the Final EIR outweigh and render acceptable this unavoidable adverse effect; these benefits include restored native habitat and enhanced public access opportunities in an ecologically significant area.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved. Voting in favor: Bosco, Notthoff, Brownsey, Cash, Alioto. Voting against: none.

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11. STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027

Mary Small gave a brief presentation regarding the Strategic Plan 2023-2027 workshop that was to be conducted after the adjournment of the meeting.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were numerous public comments regarding the Ballona Wetlands.

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13. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Notthoff expressed her appreciation for the public's comments.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Meeting closed at 2:26 PM for a closed session.

During closed session, the Conservancy received information and advice from counsel regarding Pappas, et al. v. State Coastal Conservancy, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Case No. 1417388, and gave direction to counsel.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.