

COASTAL CONSERVANCY

Staff Recommendation
September 22, 2022

EXPLORE THE COAST RENEWAL GRANT PROGRAM, 2022-2023

Project No. 22-026-01
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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorization to disburse up to \$6,061,729 to augment 42 Explore the Coast grants to nonprofit organizations and public agencies to extend previously authorized projects to facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore the California coast. Participants are drawn from throughout the State and will visit coastal locations from Del Norte County south to San Diego County.

LOCATION: Various locations along the coast of California and the San Francisco Bay shoreline (See Exhibit 1).

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1: [Project Location Map](#)
 - Exhibit 2: [September 6, 2018, Staff Recommendation](#)
 - Exhibit 3: [August 22, 2019, Staff Recommendation](#)
 - Exhibit 4: [November 19, 2020, Staff Recommendation](#)
 - Exhibit 5: [September 23, 2021, Staff Recommendation](#)
 - Exhibit 6: [Project Letters](#)
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RESOLUTION AND FINDINGS

Staff recommends that the State Coastal Conservancy adopt the following resolution and findings pursuant to Sections 31119, 31160-31165 and 31400-31410 of the Public Resources Code:

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes an additional six million sixty-one thousand, seven hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$6,061,729) to augment 42 grants previously authorized to 41 nonprofit organizations and 1 public entity by the Conservancy on September 6, 2018

(Exhibit 2), August 22, 2019 (Exhibit 3), November 19, 2020 (Exhibit 4), and September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore the California coast. The 41 grantees are as follows (presented in alphabetical order):

- Amah Mutsun Land Trust: One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to bring 50 Amah Mutsun Tribal Band members to the Santa Cruz coast to learn about their ancestry and traditional lifeways, discover coastal resources from elders and experts, and explore a wide variety of coastal environments with their families and broader community.
- Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program: Two hundred forty-nine thousand nine hundred ninety dollars (\$249,990) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on August 22, 2019 (Exhibit 3) to provide a series of accessible outdoor coastal trips, bike rides, and activities on the California Coastal Trail and San Francisco Bay Trail for approximately 600 people with physical disabilities and vision impairments.
- Brown Girl Surf: One hundred eleven thousand eight hundred dollars (\$111,800) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to offer their Soul Surfer Program - surfing and ocean education programming - to approximately 140 women, girls, and gender expansive participants, primarily from Alameda and other Bay Area Counties.
- Camp Phoenix: One hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on November 19, 2020 (Exhibit 4) to provide a 3-week, overnight summer immersion program for approximately 200 low-income Oakland youth along the San Mateo County coast.
- City Heights Community Development Corporation: One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on August 22, 2019 (Exhibit 3) to provide community bike rides, community transit rides, and overnight bike camping experiences to Silver Strand State Beach and Ocean Beach for approximately 200 diverse low-income students and families from the City Heights neighborhood of San Diego.
- City of Santa Maria Recreation Department: Forty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$41,500) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on November 19, 2020 (Exhibit 4) to provide an annual program of coastal activities from Santa Cruz to Santa Barbara for approximately 150 at-risk and low-income teens from the City of Santa Maria.
- City Surf Project: Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide surfing programs that will serve approximately 460 vulnerable and foster youth in San Francisco throughout the school year, in partnership with four local high schools and five community-based organizations.

- Community Nature Connection: One hundred ninety-nine thousand six hundred thirty dollars (\$199,630) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to implement the Transit to Trails Coastal Access Program which will provide naturalist guided coastal trips to approximately 1,000 participants from underserved communities in Los Angeles.
- Earth Discovery Institute: Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to bring approximately 1,890 students and their parents from Southeast San Diego County to the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge for environmental education and recreational activities.
- Earth Team: Sixty-five thousand eight hundred dollars (\$65,800) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on August 22, 2019 (Exhibit 3) for a coastal hiking, kayaking, and environmental education project for up to 240 high school students from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.
- Environmental Traveling Companions: Two hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$255,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide access to the northern California coast for approximately 375 Bay Area under-resourced youth and people with disabilities, through kayaking adventures in the San Francisco Bay or Tomales Bay.
- Friends of the Dunes: Forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$49,500) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide enjoyable coastal experiences exploring Humboldt Bay's beautiful and diverse coastal environments for approximately 1,000 Humboldt County participants from underserved communities.
- Friends of the Santa Clara River: One hundred sixty-two thousand seven hundred thirty-four dollars (\$162,734) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on - September 6, 2018 (Exhibit 2) for a field-trip based coastal watershed environmental education project for approximately 4,500 students in grades K-9 in Ventura County.
- GirlVentures: One hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to introduce up to 100 youth, primarily girls and gender non-conforming youth, from underserved and marginalized communities to various Bay Area coastal areas for recreational and skill-building activities.
- Greater Farallones Association: Sixteen thousand nine hundred dollars (\$16,900) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to deliver coastal field trips to approximately 175 science students from Title 1 high schools in the Point Arena Schools District where they will participate in a community science program focused on intertidal monitoring.
- Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek: Two hundred ninety-eight thousand nine hundred twenty dollars (\$298,920) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy

on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide four school-day field trips and three week-long camps at various San Diego coastal locations to approximately 275 fifth grade students, 30 high school/university student mentors, and 80 family members from underserved communities of southeastern San Diego.

- Humboldt Baykeeper: Sixty thousand nine hundred four dollars (\$60,904) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 6, 2018 (Exhibit 2) to offer free kayak tours, motorboat tours, and walking tours along the Eureka Waterfront Trail, Hikshari' Trail, Humboldt Bay Trail, and other coastal areas in the Humboldt Bay area to approximately 1,000 participants from Eureka and Arcata in Humboldt County.
- LA Nature for All: One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide 15 wellness-focused coastal trips, which include transportation, meals, interpretation from bilingual naturalists, and family-friendly activities, for approximately 675 participants from disadvantaged communities in and around Los Angeles.
- LandPaths: One hundred seventy thousand nine hundred seventy dollars (\$170,970) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on November 19, 2020 (Exhibit 4) to provide approximately 770 low-income and English learner youth and their families coastal trips to explore and help steward the Sonoma County coast.
- LifeSail Inc.: One hundred sixty-three thousand two hundred dollars (\$163,200) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide day sails in Santa Monica Bay for approximately 680 underserved and at-risk youth from marginalized neighborhoods across Los Angeles County.
- LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired: Forty-eight thousand five hundred thirteen dollars (\$48,513) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on - September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide completely accessible coastal recreational activities for approximately 30 blind high school students and young adults from the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Literacy for Environmental Justice: Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide approximately 550 low-income residents of Bayview-Hunters Point and surrounding communities with kayaking adventures, overnight camping, habitat restoration environmental education and workforce development opportunities along the San Francisco Bay shoreline.
- Little Manila Rising: Two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide approximately 80 community members, primarily low-income youth from South Stockton and surrounding communities, family-oriented recreation days and weekend coastal retreats to learn about their connections to the land and coast and develop stronger relationships with nature.

- Living Coast Discovery Center: Forty-two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$42,800) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to offer hands-on environmental engagement opportunities at locations along the San Diego coast for up to 84 youth residents from Housing on Merit, a nonprofit that creates bridges to permanent affordable housing for vulnerable populations.
- Los Indios de San Gabriel DBA San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians: Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide approximately 45 Kizh Nation tribal youth and adult members with a cultural and environmental stewardship day camp and weeklong overnight camp at culturally significant locations along the southern California coast.
- MeWater Foundation: One hundred twenty-two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$122,700) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide 90 surf and ocean education camps at multiple Bay Area beaches for approximately 1,800 youth from low-income and trauma-impacted communities primarily from the City of San Francisco.
- Nature Collective: One hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on November 19, 2020 (Exhibit 4) to provide approximately 1,365 participants, including students from Title 1 elementary and high schools in the Escondido Union/High School District and their families, opportunities to explore a variety of northern San Diego County coastal environments.
- NatureTrack Foundation, Inc.: Forty-five thousand three hundred dollars (\$45,300) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide over 300 wheelchair users and others who are mobility impaired with an accessible beach or coastal trail experience along the Santa Barbara Coast.
- O'Neill Sea Odyssey: One hundred eleven thousand seven hundred fifty-six dollars (\$111,756) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on August 22, 2019 (Exhibit 3) to provide bus transportation and an ocean-based environmental learning experience for approximately 5,000 elementary school students from underserved communities in Santa Cruz, Monterey, and Santa Clara counties.
- Ocean Discovery Institute: Two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on November 19, 2020 (Exhibit 4) to provide coastal fields trips and ocean science education to approximately 12,000 3rd through 5th grade public school students in the community of City Heights in San Diego.
- Outdoor Outreach: Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide approximately 1,500 low-income youth in southeastern San Diego, City Heights, and El Cajon the opportunity to enjoy the coast through activities including kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, surfing, fishing, hiking, biking, and tide-pooling at select locations along the San Diego coast.

- Reef Check Foundation: One hundred eighty-nine thousand four hundred twenty dollars (\$189,420) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide experiential on-and-under-the-ocean stewardship training and marine science educational opportunities to approximately 60 young members of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo, Kashia Band of Pomo, Manchester Band of Pomo, Resighini Rancheria, Tolowa Dee-ní Nation, Redwood Valley Band of Pomo, Potter Valley Tribe, Middletown Rancheria, Big Valley Tribe, and the Amah Mutsun Land Trust.
- Refugees Enrichment and Development Association: One hundred sixty-two thousand four hundred dollars (\$162,400) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to offer four two-night retreats and six one-day trips to approximately 198 low-income refugees from Sacramento who experience geographic, economic, and social stressors to explore the coast in Point Reyes National Seashore.
- Santa Cruz Hub for Sustainable Living (fiscal sponsor for the California Field School): One hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide six seven-day overnight bicycle camping trips for approximately 90 high school students from the Fruitvale neighborhood in Oakland.
- Shared Adventures: Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to serve approximately 250 people with disabilities and their family and/or caretakers from the Sacramento and Bay Areas, the Central Coast, and the Central Valley for a day of kayaking, snorkeling, out-rigger rides, beach wheelchair rides, marine education, and other activities at Cowell's Beach in Santa Cruz.
- The Latino Equity Advocacy and Policy Institute: One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide weekend coastal camping trips for approximately 476 participants from Huron, a disadvantaged community in the Central Valley, to hike sections of the California Coastal Trail, explore boardwalks, observe marine mammals, and visit the southern portion of Big Sur.
- The Ocean Foundation: One hundred forty-nine thousand dollars (\$149,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide approximately 80 coastal field trips and ocean education for approximately 2,500 third through sixth grade students and 80 teachers in the industrial-urban community of National City.
- Ventana Wilderness Alliance: Thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide four three-day coastal watershed backpacking trips along the Central Coast for approximately 40 low-income youth, most from communities of color, from Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, and Watsonville areas.
- Ventana Wildlife Society: Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to offer a nature

prescription program at coastal locations throughout Monterey to approximately 645 participants from migrant farm-working families in East Salinas as a strategy to combat childhood obesity, anxiety, and stress.

- Waterside Workshops: One hundred ninety-three thousand dollars (\$193,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide approximately 80 low-income East Bay youth outdoor recreational experiences in their own community and trips to coastal and bayfront sites in San Mateo, Marin, and Sonoma Counties.
- Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America: Seventy-six thousand nine hundred ninety-two dollars (\$76,992) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to provide two 3-day ocean camp experiences on Catalina Island for at least 420 youth from low-income and underserved Latinx communities of the East San Fernando Valley.
- Wilderness Youth Project: Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to augment the grant authorized by the Conservancy on September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) to take up to 534 students from low-income and underserved communities in Santa Barbara on three field trips to various locations along the Santa Barbara coastline to explore and learn about ocean and coastal ecology, forge relationships with experienced staff mentors, and develop a lasting connection with their natural surroundings.

Prior to commencement of the project, each 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 Chapters 3, 4.5 and 9 of Division 21 (Sections 31000-31414) of the Public Resources Code, regarding undertaking educational projects relating to coastal resources (Chapter 3), the resource and recreational goals in the San Francisco Bay Area (Chapter 4.5), and the establishment of a system of public accessways to and along the California coast (Chapter 9).
2. The proposed projects are consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The proposed nonprofit organizations are organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Staff recommends the Conservancy authorize \$6,061,729 to augment 42 Explore the Coast grants to nonprofit organizations and public agencies to extend projects that enhance the public's opportunities to explore the California coast and San Francisco Bay Area shoreline. These projects have been previously authorized as shown in the attached Exhibits 2, 3, 4, and 5.

All proposed "renewal" projects continue to meet the purpose of the ETC grant program, which seeks to provide coastal experiences for people and communities who face challenges or barriers to accessing or enjoying the coast (ETC Priority Communities). ETC Priority Communities include, but are not limited to, lower-income individuals and households, people with disabilities, people of color, indigenous communities, immigrant communities, foster youth, and other historically excluded communities who face societal challenges or barriers to accessing or enjoying the coast. ETC projects recommended for funding meet one or more of the following priorities: provides an enjoyable experience at the coast; reduces economic, physical, operational, or societal barriers to accessing or enjoying the coast; or inspires an ongoing coastal resource stewardship ethic through active learning and interactive activities.

In typical years, the Coastal Conservancy allocates hundreds of thousands of dollars through the Explore the Coast grant program to connect underserved communities to the coast. This year \$9 million was allocated for ETC projects as a result of a one-time \$14 million General Fund appropriation for the Explore the Coast Grant Program in 2021. To improve the program, this year, the Conservancy offered a shortened application process for organizations that had a current Explore the Coast grant and wanted to apply for funding to extend that existing grant. The goal of this renewal application process was to facilitate disbursement of the large ETC funding appropriation by reducing the application burden for grantees with projects that had already been selected by Conservancy staff and the ETC Advisory Board as priorities for funding. The renewal grant application offered a simplified pathway for existing grantees to increase the award amounts and extend the terms of their existing grants.

Staff estimates that the proposed 2022-2023 ETC Renewal grants will engage over 47,400 people through the proposed project activities. Of these 47,400 people, project partners estimate that the program will serve over 40,400 low-income Californians, 42,100 people of color, 2,040 homeless or foster youth, approximately 22,280 people for whom English is not their first language, and at least 5,870 people with physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities.

With easing of State and local jurisdiction restrictions related to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, all proposed projects include activities reflective of pre-pandemic operations. However, project partners will continue to respond and modify their programming if needed in order to respond to the evolving nature of community conditions and related public health recommendations.

Staff recommends funding the following 42 projects for the 2022-2023 ETC Renewal grants program. The renewal projects are arranged alphabetically by grantee. Each individual project summary includes the grantee; project name; recommended funding amount; geographic region of the participants; a brief project description; and information on the consistency of the proposed project with the Conservancy's proposed funding source, its enabling legislation, and its Strategic Plan. In addition, each project summary provides relevant information for project compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

AMAH MUTSUN LAND TRUST

\$100,000

Tribal Involvement in the Amah Mutsun Land Trust Coastal Stewardship Summer Camp

Central Coast, San Joaquin Valley

This grant augmentation will enable the Amah Mutsun Land Trust's (AMLT) Coastal Stewardship Program to bring approximately 50 Amah Mutsun Tribal Band members to the Santa Cruz coast in 2024 and 2025 to learn about their ancestry and traditional lifeways, learn about coastal resources from elders and experts, and explore a wide variety of coastal environments with their families and broader community. The AMLT Stewardship Program will provide two weeks of summer camp for activities focusing on inclusion, community, reflection, and evoking a love for the coast to inspire future generations of Indigenous coastal stewards. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in recreational activities including playing games on the beach, going on hikes, and doing teambuilding exercises, along with cultural activities like jewelry making, learning coastal ethnobotany, and sharing tribal stories about the coast. The program also incorporates resource stewardship activities in which participants will be removing invasive species, protecting ancient archaeological sites, and removing trash from State beaches.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for "the Explore the Coast Grant Program."

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

BAY AREA OUTREACH & RECREATION PROGRAM

\$249,990

Disability Outdoor Coastal Access Project

San Francisco Bay

This grant augmentation for Disability Outdoor Coastal Access Project will make it possible for people with physical disabilities and vision impairments to experience coastal resources and recreation. Bay Area Outreach and Recreation (BORP) will provide an additional three years of accessible outdoor coastal trips, bike rides, kayaking, and other activities on the California

Coastal Trail and San Francisco Bay Trail. The project will have four primary components: outreach to people with disabilities; group coastal trips (up to 24 outings); year-round adaptive cycling events on the Coastal Trail and Bay Trail; and new accessibility information for the BORP/Access Northern California website. While the project is fundamentally about recreation, BORP will partner with several agencies, including Junior Blind of Northern California, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, East Bay Regional Park District, Oakland Unified School District's Visually Impaired Program, and Access Adventures, to create educational opportunities around the coast's past and its future, and the need for responsible environmental stewardship of California's coastal resources.

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Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the August 22, 2019, staff recommendation (Exhibit 3).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the August 22, 2019, staff recommendation (Exhibit 3).

BROWN GIRL SURF

\$111,800

Soul Surfer Program

San Francisco Bay

The Soul Surfer Program is Brown Girl Surf's flagship program focused on physically connecting female-identifying and gender expansive people of color to the ocean and the California Coast. It includes a suite of complementary beach-based, female-centered surf programs designed to welcome participants into an inclusive and supportive surf community and provide meaningful growth opportunities as surfers, community leaders, and ocean advocates. The Soul Surfer Program works to provide a safe space for healing and joy for community members in the outdoors to demonstrate and reclaim the relationships that communities of color have with the ocean. This grant augmentation will provide approximately 140 participants with introductions to the ocean and surfing through Soul Surf Saturdays programming (weekends during the year and weekdays during the summer) and day camp during the summer. All programming is deeply intentional, joyful, multi-disciplinary, trauma-informed, and meets participants where they are at. Surf days typically involve an opening circle with music and movement, introduction to wetsuits and equipment for new participants, stretching, mindfulness, introduction to being in the ocean without a board, introduction to surfing technique on land, catching waves on a board, beach cleanup, and a picnic. In addition to the regular surf days, a Leadership Crew of around 30 participants will be engaged in up to 5 beach-based leadership building program days that further develop skills in surfing, surf instruction, ocean safety, and leadership.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for "the Explore the Coast Grant Program."

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Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CAMP PHOENIX

\$140,000

Camp at the Coast

San Francisco Bay

This grant augmentation for Camp Phoenix’s Camp at the Coast project will provide, over the course of the next three years, up to 200 low-income Oakland youth a 3-week, overnight summer immersion experience. The trips blend the joyful fun of sleepaway camp with exploratory, culturally relevant outdoor environmental education. For many youth, Camp Phoenix means academic environmental learning, but it also means access to many “firsts:” the first time seeing the ocean; the first time sleeping under the stars; the first time reading a novel under redwood trees; the first time picking berries to make ice cream; and the first time analyzing data from banana slugs. Through mindful outdoor discovery, environmental education, social emotional learning and personal growth, Camp Phoenix empowers youth to develop their leadership by deepening their sense of community agency and advocacy. After the summer camp experience, youth stay connected by attending year-round weekend nature excursions with Camp Phoenix. The Camp and the Coast Project focuses on the coast-centered environmental education components of the year-round and summer programs.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for “the Explore the Coast Grant Program.”

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the November 19, 2020, staff recommendation (Exhibit 4).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the November 19, 2020, staff recommendation (Exhibit 4).

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CITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

\$100,000

BLVD to Beach

South Coast

This grant augmentation will fund the BLVD to Beach program for an additional two years. The program will provide Environmental Justice focused Community Bike Rides, Community Transit Rides, Overnight Bike Camping Experiences to Silver Strand State Beach and Ocean Beach, and newly added Coastal Ride Prep Classes for approximately 200 diverse low-income students and families in City Heights. Over the course of two years, these events aim to make the coast more

accessible to low-income communities where car ownership is low, and in a region where public transit and bike infrastructure are currently deficient in connecting urban neighborhoods to the coast. These events also aim to facilitate community building, bike skill development, and awesome coastal experiences. In advance of the Bike Tours, participants will attend a Coastal Ride Prep class to equip them with basic foundational knowledge on safety, wayfinding, maintenance, and bike/helmet fittings. During the Environmental Justice Bike Tours, participants will participate in a curated, educational community bike ride that travels from City Heights to different coastal locations with speaker stops along the route. For overnight biking experiences, participants will participate in a 15-mile one-way group bicycle ride from City Heights to Silver Strand Beach. Once on the beach, recreational gear, water safety gear, and food will be provided to facilitate a fun afternoon on the beach and in the ocean. These experiences will teach the community to navigate their own coastal excursion to access the coast. Additionally, the community will have an opportunity to experience coastal camping. For many of these individuals it will be their first time camping.

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CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the August 22, 2019, staff recommendation (Exhibit 3).

CITY OF SANTA MARIA RECREATION DEPARTMENT

\$41,500

Teen Treks to the Coast

Central Coast

Teen Treks to the Coast is an annual program consisting of six coastal activities plus two overnight excursions to aquariums for 150 at-risk and low-income teens residing in the City of Santa Maria who have limited access to the coast. This grant augmentation will extend the program for an additional year. Program activities will focus primarily on enjoying the coast such as kayaking and beach recreation days, as well as activities with more of an educational component such as docent hikes at coastal bluffs and tide pools. At least one trip will include an overnight excursion. The City intends to recruit volunteers from nearby university marine biology and ecology departments to help provide the educational components of the program and to provide role-model and mentorship opportunities for the youth. The City will also provide each participant with a summer regional transit pass to encourage independent travel to the coast thereby reducing an economic and logistical barrier to accessing the coast for the teens.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for “the Explore the Coast Grant Program.”

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CITY SURF PROJECT

\$250,000

Intro to Surfing / Surfing 101 Expansion and Sustainability Project

San Francisco Bay

This grant augmentation will fund City Surf Project’s Surfing 101 program, a 3-week surfing program throughout the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years, serving approximately 460 vulnerable and foster youth in San Francisco in partnership with four local high schools and five Community Based Organizations (CBOs). The program will take place every year for three years and provide transportation, equipment, and snacks, as well as introductory surf instruction for schoolteachers, students, including those with disabilities, and CBOs. Surfing lessons and instructions will be used as vehicles to foster connections to nature, build healthy lifestyle habits, help participants find personal growth, and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. To encourage relationship amongst participants, each surfing session will begin and end with community circles and feature small staff to student ratios.

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COMMUNITY NATURE CONNECTION

\$199,630

Transit to Trails Coastal Access Program

South Coast

This grant augmentation for the Transit to Trails Coastal Access Program will enable Community Nature Connection (CNC) to work with community-based organizations in historically excluded areas within Los Angeles County to provide guided coastal access trips for roughly 2,000 participants for an additional two years. CNC collaborates with a variety of partners and for the purpose of this project will seek collaboration with the museum institutions in the Exposition Park neighborhood, the LGBTQ Centers located throughout Los Angeles County, tribal communities in Los Angeles County, and neighborhoods surrounding Compton Creek Natural Park, Los Angeles State Historic Park, and Los Angeles River Center & Gardens. The key

objectives of the project are: 1) To provide transportation to the coast and coastal areas; 2) To increase ocean and environmental literacy among participants; and 3) To provide guided enjoyable and meaningful experiences at the coast while sharing critical information on how to access coastal sites in the future.

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EARTH DISCOVERY INSTITUTE

\$200,000

Education Through Recreation

South Coast

Through this grant augmentation, Earth Discovery Institute’s Explorers program will bring approximately 1,890 students and their parents from Southeast San Diego County to the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge to explore the coast and participate in hands-on land restoration over the course of three years. Southeast San Diego includes a high proportion of families of color, low-income families, and families using English as a second language. Students will hike, observe birds, and learn about watershed processes. The program will incorporate Next Generation Science Standards aligned activities pertaining to the wetland and marsh habitat at the refuge. Students will have opportunities to talk with various guest speakers while visiting the refuge so that students can see the numerous career pathways in wildlife conservation. To connect environmental education to stewardship, students will participate in a restoration project by planting native species at the refuge. Students and their families will be invited on a weekend field trip for a kayaking tour of the San Diego Bay, while birdwatching and enjoying time together.

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Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

EARTH TEAM

\$65,800

LEAF'23-24 Hiking Series

San Francisco Bay

Through this grant augmentation, in the LEAF'23 and '24 Hiking Series program led by Earth Team staff, approximately 240 youth will participate in a series of field trips to different locations along the California coast and in coastal watersheds to engage in coastal exploration and stewardship. 85% of participants will be youth of color from eight Title 1 public high schools and 70% are from low-income families in Contra Costa County and Alameda County. Participants will learn about California's coastal resources, develop wilderness and backpacking skills, train for hiking and sea kayaking, and experience undeveloped coastal ecosystems. Activities during the field trips will include trail mapping and GPS positioning, GLOBE.gov data collection, night hikes, intertidal rocky habitats curriculum, tide exploration, and litter mapping and removal. In addition, the youth will learn self-reliance and leadership and team building skills, so they are equipped to continue visiting the California coast in the future. The field trip destinations will include Point Reyes National Seashore, Muir Beach, Pinnacles National Park, and more.

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Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's Enabling Legislation as described in the August 22, 2019, staff recommendation (Exhibit 3).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the August 22, 2019, staff recommendation (Exhibit 3).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the August 22, 2019, staff recommendation (Exhibit 3).

ENVIRONMENTAL TRAVELING COMPANIONS

\$255,000

ETC AccessAbility: Inclusive Sea Kayak and Coastal Adventures

San Francisco Bay

Environmental Traveling Companions' augmented AccessAbility program will provide an additional three years of access to the northern California coast serving approximately 1,650 participants with disabilities and youth from under-resourced backgrounds, through kayaking adventures on San Francisco or Tomales bay. Environmental Traveling Companions participants learn paddling and navigation techniques and are outfitted with paddling gear and adaptive equipment as needed. Using resources like tactile maps, laminated natural history cards, and lunchtime conservation activities, Environmental Traveling Companions will highlight marine ecosystems, the cultural and human history of the bays, and the plant and animal life that participants encounter during their kayaking adventures. After lunch, participants take part in educational and team-building games and a beach cleanup. On overnight trips, participants also participate in guided hikes, sensory awareness, and reflective activities, and learn about issues impacting California's coasts, such as climate change and ocean acidification. Environmental Traveling Companions encourages return visits to the coast by sharing resources such as SF Bay Area Water Trail Accessibility Maps, Wheelchair Rider's Guide, and information on accessing

beach wheelchairs. Environmental Traveling Companion's 's AccessAbility program inspires joyful connections to the coast; empowers participants with new knowledge of kayaking skills and estuarine ecosystems; and fosters a stewardship ethos for Bay Area beaches and estuaries.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for "the Explore the Coast Grant Program."

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Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

FRIENDS OF THE DUNES

\$49,500

Cultivating Coastal Connections

North Coast

This grant augmentation will fund Friends of the Dunes for two more years of its Cultivating Coastal Connections project, which will provide coastal experiences exploring Humboldt Bay's beautiful and diverse coastal environments for approximately 1,000 Humboldt County community participants. Participants will include Latinx and Spanish-speaking families, lower-income households, and the Wiyot Tribe, and will include people who have little or no previous experience exploring the outdoors. The project will include three program components tailored specifically for each community group: 1) monthly family-friendly nature programs in Spanish led by bilingual Latinx naturalists; 2) a series of workshops to help introduce inexperienced participants to the wonders of exploring nature, accompanied by 12 or more coastal location outings; and 3) partnering with the Wiyot Tribe to reconnect Wiyot youth groups and tribal elders to the Samoa Dunes and Wetlands Conservation Area and Traditional Ecological Knowledge.

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Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

FRIENDS OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER

\$162,734

Santa Clara River Explorers

South Coast

This grant augmentation Friends of the Santa Clara River to extend its field-trip based coastal watershed environmental education project, Santa Clara River Explorers, through 2025, serving up to 4,500 more youth in grades K-9. The River Explorers program brings students from Title 1 schools and community groups serving low-income youth to two locations along the lower Santa Clara River. Armed with a pair of binoculars, each participant will go on an exploratory hike through the two sites. Participants will have the opportunity to use the senses of touch, smell, sight, hearing, and even taste to engage with the surrounding habitat and wildlife. At the river's estuary, youth will perform experiments involving sand and water sampling and will have time to play on the beach. Environmental education topics that may be discussed include Native American use of plants, dune ecology, the importance of clean water in an ecosystem, and human impacts on the environment. **Funding:** The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for "the Explore the Coast Grant Program."

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's Enabling Legislation as described in the September 6, 2018, staff recommendation (Exhibit 2).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 6, 2018, staff recommendation (Exhibit 2). In addition, the proposed project will further the following:

- **Goal 16, Objective C:** The project helps to increase coastal access for all Californians by providing coastal experiences to underserved populations.

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

GIRLVENTURES

\$160,000

Increasing Coastal Access and Building Environmental Stewardship for Underserved Girls

San Francisco Bay

This grant augmentation will enable GirlVentures to continue their programming for two additional years (2024 & 2025), serving at least 50 girls and gender non-conforming youth from underserved and marginalized communities per year. The program will provide coastal immersion courses in which youth in grades 6-12 will experience the wonders of the California coast during 5 to 14-day expeditions that combine hiking, backpacking, and kayaking, with a social-emotional learning curriculum focusing on the environment, social justice, culture, and leadership. GirlVentures programs reduce economic, logistical, and social barriers to coastal access, and provide the opportunity for youth to build confidence, empathy, and life skills, and connect with nature along the coast. Programming will include excursions to coastal sites, including Point Reyes National Seashore, Half Moon Bay, and Tomales Bay.

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Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

GREATER FARALLONES ASSOCIATION

\$16,900

Connecting Students to the Coast through Community Science

North Coast

The Greater Farallones Association’s Connecting Students to the Coast through Community Science project will deliver coastal field trips to high school science students in southern Mendocino, northern Marin, and inland Sonoma. Through this project, North Coast students grades 9-12 with limited access to inquiry-based environmental education will experience hands-on outdoor education. This grant augmentation will fund the grantee’s project for one additional year and will connect 175 students from low-income/Title 1 schools to their local coast through LIMPETS (Long-Term Monitoring Program and Experiential Training for Students), a community science program that engages students in intertidal monitoring. The Association will also hold an all-day professional development workshop for 10-12 North Coast teachers to demonstrate exemplary outdoor education along the California coast.

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Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

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GROUNDWORK SAN DIEGO-CHOLLAS CREEK

\$298,920

Kids to the Coast

South Coast

This grant augmentation will enable Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek’s Kids to the Coast Program to be implemented from 2023 to the end of 2025. Each year the program will provide four coastal school-day field trips to approximately 275 fifth grade students, three week-long camps for roughly 40 fifth graders per camp and 30 high school and university student mentors, and five whale watching trips for about 80 family members per trip from underserved communities of Southeastern San Diego. Participants, including those with disabilities, will

explore San Diego’s rich coastal resources by visiting various coastal locations in San Diego, including San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge, the Living Coast Discovery Center, Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve, Cabrillo National Monument’s tidepools, Silver Strand State Beach, San Diego Bay, Mission Bay, the Birch Aquarium at Scripps, and Imperial Beach Pier. Students will learn the cultural history of and threats to marine ecosystems as well as actively participate in water sports and related coastal activities, including whale watching, tide pooling, snorkeling, boogie boarding, paddle boarding, and kayaking.

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HUMBOLDT BAYKEEPER

\$60,904

Explore the Bay / Explora la Bahía

North Coast

This augmentation will fund Humboldt Baykeeper’s Explore the Bay/Explora la Bahía project, which will provide free kayak tours, motorboat tours, and walking tours along the Eureka Waterfront Trail, Hikshari’ Trail, Humboldt Bay Trail, and other coastal areas in the Humboldt Bay area to approximately 1,000 participants over the course of three tour seasons (2023-2025). Through these tours, participants will be introduced to public coastal areas that are easily accessible from population centers in Eureka and Arcata. The grantee will work with partner organizations to reach those participants who face barriers to accessing the coast. Partner organizations include the Wiyot Tribe; English Express, a non-profit English as a Second Language (ESL) school; Centro del Pueblo, which unites diverse members of the immigrant indigenous population; Eureka Community Services (formerly Parks and Recreation); the Community Access Project for Eureka, which serves homeless, foster, and low-income youth in coordination with the Eureka City Schools District and the County’s Wraparound Program; Humboldt Asian and Pacific Islanders and Hmong Rising; Eureka NAACP; Black Humboldt and Youth Art Will Succeed; and two Cal Poly Humboldt organizations: the Indian Natural Resources, Science, and Engineering Program (INRSEP) and Ciencia Para Todos, which represents Spanish-speaking students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) majors.

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- **Goal 16, Objective C:** The project helps to increase coastal access for all Californians by providing coastal experiences to underserved populations.

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 6, 2018, staff recommendation (Exhibit 2).

LA NATURE FOR ALL

\$150,000

All Aboard for Nature

South Coast

Nature For All will expand its existing All Aboard for Nature pilot program, with the overarching goal of increasing equitable access to natural areas in and around Los Angeles for the region’s most disadvantaged communities that have been especially hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. The grant augmentation will allow the grantee to continue programming for 3 additional years, providing a total of 18 free wellness-focused coastal trips for 360 community members that will include transportation, accommodations for those with disabilities, family friendly and educational activities, meals, and interpretation from bilingual naturalists. Activities will vary depending on location but will include a hike during which participants will learn about the environment of the area being visited, followed by time for journaling, an activity like a nature-based scavenger hunt, and a closing meditation. In closing, participants are invited to join one of Nature for All’s Leadership Development Programs, to gain further experience in environmental stewardship, careers, and training in raising awareness of environmental issues and community activism. Potential trip sites include coastal areas and state parks including but not limited to Annenberg Community Beach House, Topanga State Beach, White Point Beach, Leo Carrillo State Beach, and the San Gabriel Mountains.

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LANDPATHS

\$170,970

Vamos Afuera

North Coast

This grant augmentation will fund three of LandPaths’ programs, including “Inspired Forward”, “Teen Treks”, and “Vamos Afuera”, for three additional years. These programs will engage

approximately 250 community members each year, for a total of about 770 people exploring and stewarding the Sonoma County coast—many for the first time. Through Inspired Forward, approximately 460 teens will visit the coast as part of their high school biology class, or through various gang and violence prevention programs, and Latino service organizations. They'll partake in a combination of coastal explorations including tide pooling, coastal hikes and paddles, and hands on science. Teen Treks takes students on a series of four consecutive day-long hikes and kayak paddles. The day-long hikes will take teens from LandPaths' Bohemia Ecological Preserve to Shell Beach at Sonoma Coast State Park over 4-5 days. Paddles will take place on the mid- and lower-reaches of the Russian River, with teens traveling all the way to the ocean on the final day. Vamos Afuera involves family paddles for groups of 16 on the Russian River, and a two-day, one-night coastal camping trip for groups of up to 30. Vamos Afuera will include engaging these same families in Coastal Cleanup Days in September 2023, 2024, and 2025. These programs will serve low-income or otherwise under-resourced individuals, increasing their knowledge of the Sonoma Coast's natural history and how they can access and steward it.

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LIFESAIL INC.

\$163,200

Sailing Adventures

South Coast

This grant augmentation will fund LifeSail Inc.'s Sailing Adventures project for three additional years, which will provide 86 day-sails to approximately 680 underserved and at-risk youth, including those with disabilities, and 340 family members/caregivers from marginalized neighborhoods across Los Angeles County. Over the course of two years, the project will enable participants to experience hands-on sailing, STEM principles in the real world, and ocean stewardship. Participants will learn close quarter and man-overboard sailing maneuvers to collect garbage that accumulates in our coastal waters, and then classify, weigh, and analyze marine debris. The overarching goal of the project is to provide participants with a visceral experience that helps them focus on possibilities outside their immediate environment, that encourages young people to enjoy the wind and waves, and that allows them to observe birds, sea lions, dolphins, and whales. The program will offer a safe, caring place for participants to discover their inner and collective strengths through an intimate introduction to the coastal environment using sailing adventures that uplift their lives and perspectives.

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LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

\$48,513

Youth Adventurers

San Francisco Bay

This grant augmentation will fund LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired’s Youth Adventurer Project, which will be expanded to include overnight and weekend trips along with the existing coastal and shoreline excursions for blind youth and young adults ages 14 to 26 from the San Francisco Bay Area. The project will take place over two years and will provide completely accessible coastal recreational activities for 30 participants. Blind youth are often excluded from recreational and outdoor activities, including coastal activities, due to misconceptions about abilities, overprotective families, transportation barriers, and self-confidence issues related to lack of experience. The project will significantly reduce these barriers by offering accessible activities specifically for blind kids at free or reduced cost. The project will enable participants to explore and enjoy California coastal locations, learn more about the environment, and develop life skills and confidence. Activities include kayaking, surfing, educational outings, and beach fun; however, while the focus of these activities will be fun and adventure with blind peers and mentors, students will also practice the skills of blindness and independence. They will also develop leadership skills and will learn more about science and the natural world. This project will include environmental education including museum and aquarium visits, group discussions, and opportunities to enjoy and appreciate natural resources.

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LITERACY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

\$50,000

Eco-Adventures Program

San Francisco Bay

Literacy for Environmental Justice’s Eco-Adventures program provides low-income and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) residents of Bayview-Hunters Point and surrounding communities with recreation, environmental education, workforce development, and stewardship activities in the San Francisco Bay. The grant augmentation will provide one additional year of programming, which will serve approximately 550 school children and community members, at no cost. Programming includes kayaking, overnight camping, habitat restoration, native plant propagation, hikes, air quality monitoring, and workshops on San Francisco’s natural, cultural, and environmental justice history at Literacy for Environmental Justice’s Native Plant Nursery, Sunset Point Campground, and throughout the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area (CPSRA). As part of the program’s workforce development element, two candidates will be chosen for the Eco-Apprentice program, a one-year, paid, full-time internship for low-income and BIPOC individuals in the fields of natural resource management and community development. Eco-Adventures is designed to familiarize participants with the CPSRA, San Francisco Bay ecosystems, and recreating in shoreline environments. Ultimately, participants will develop the comfort to become future stewards of the Bay.

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LITTLE MANILA RISING

\$240,000

Delta to the Sea: Exploring Our Connections to the Coast

San Joaquin Valley

Through Little Manila Rising’s Delta to the Sea: Exploring our Connections to the Coast program, approximately 80 community members, primarily low-income youth from South Stockton and surrounding communities, will participate in four annual weekend retreats to travel to locations on the San Joaquin Delta and the Marin Coast. This grant augmentation will fund the project for three years through 2025. Through these outings, participants will learn about their connections to the land and the coast and develop stronger relationships with nature. Participants, including those with disabilities, will take part in a set of activities, each with a healing focus, including culturally rooted healing practices led by indigenous spiritual elders to build a deeper understanding of the natural world, interpretive programming led by naturalists to learn about ecological resources and local history, coastal hikes to practice mindfulness in nature, and kayaking to gain comfort in outdoor spaces. New activities to be introduced to this program include a family-oriented recreation day at the San Francisco Maritime National

Historical Park and Presidio where participants learn about the history of cultural migration and efforts to steward and protect the coast. The Delta to the Sea program will be conducted through a collaboration between Little Manila Rising and trusted community partners and will be provided at no cost to program participants. Delta to the Sea is designed to address the first-hand and intergenerational traumas that Stockton communities of color face. With healing at the center of all activities, participants will build the individual skills necessary for strengthening community resilience and become better stewards of the environment.

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LIVING COAST DISCOVERY CENTER

\$42,800

Wildlife Day Camp for Alpha Project

South Coast

The Living Coast Discovery Center will offer hands-on environmental engagement opportunities for approximately 84 youth residents from Alpha Project, a nonprofit whose mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities. This grant augmentation will provide Wildlife Day Camps free of charge in summer 2024 and 2025. Through this partnership, the Living Coast will provide enjoyable experiences for youth populations who are homeless, housing insecure, or from low-income communities, and reduce the economic and logistical barriers to accessing and enjoying the coast. Selected participants will be integrated into camps comprised of the general public and will participate in a variety of outdoor activities like kayaking and tide pooling; meeting native wildlife up-close; and using crafts, stories, and scientific tools to learn about coastal resource conservation. The purpose of this project is to provide enjoyable, relaxing and healing experiences for kids that will inspire care for and create relationships with our coastal environment.

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LOS INDIOS DE SAN GABRIEL DBA SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS **\$50,000**

Kizh Nation Cultural and Environmental Stewardship Camp **South Coast, Inland Southern California**

This grant augmentation will fund the Kizh Nation Cultural and Environmental Stewardship Camp in the summers of 2024 and 2025. The camp offers approximately 45 Kizh Nation tribal youth and adult members day long trips to several culturally significant locations along the coast including the Dana Point Ecological Reserve, Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve, Los Cerritos Wetlands, Bolsa Chica State Beach, Ballona Wetlands, and others. The camp will also include a 3-day overnight camping trip to Catalina Island and a 2-hour guided kayak tour of Newport Bay. The Tribal participants will be taught ancient stories from Tribal Elders who will highlight the Tribe’s ancestral connection to the coastal location and the location’s cultural significance within the Tribe’s ancestral territory. In tandem, the participants will be able to explore the native flora and fauna of the location, be taught by the Tribal Biologist about the location’s ecological significance to the Tribe, and discuss ways the Tribe can fulfill its hereditary obligation of stewardship for coastal locations. A main goal of the program is to increase Tribal members’ knowledge of the Tribe’s oral history and traditional ecological knowledge so that this information can support the protection and preservation of the land and the Tribe’s rich culture in the future generations.

Funding: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

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MEWATER FOUNDATION **\$122,700**

MeWater Surf and Ocean Education Outdoor Exploration Camps **San Francisco Bay**

Through this grant augmentation, MeWater Foundation (MeWater) will provide 90 surf and ocean education camps to approximately 1,800 youth from low-income and trauma-impacted communities primarily from the City of San Francisco over the course of 2.5 years through 2025. Led by a team of mental health professionals and surfers, the project provides underserved and at-risk youth with access to their local beaches and coastal areas. All MeWater camps are accessible to youth with physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities. In addition to surfing lessons, activities include a comprehensive water safety lesson, mindfulness practice and emotional health exercises, snacks, and volunteer-led discussions, which help program participants be present in the moment and channel their energy into positive experiences. The camp will include an overnight camping trip and participants will take a night hike in Muir Woods. For many participants, these camps offer first-time experiences swimming

in the ocean, surfing, and camping. Each camp concludes with a beach cleanup that serves the dual purpose of mitigating coastal pollution, while also fostering social responsibility and understanding of environmental issues. Programs will take place at Muir Beach, Stinson Beach, and Bolinas Beach in Marin County, Ocean Beach in San Francisco, and Miramar Beach in Half Moon Bay.

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NATURE COLLECTIVE

\$160,000

Get Out In Nature (GOIN) & Summer Learning Program

South Coast

Through their two immersive programs, “GOIN” (Get Out In Nature) and “Summer Learning,” Nature Collective will provide students from Title 1 elementary and high schools in the Escondido Union High School District, which has an 86% Latinx population, and their families opportunities to explore and experience coastal environments. This grant augmentation will allow GOIN and Summer Learning programs to serve approximately 1,340 students and family members over the course of two years through 2025. GOIN activities include twelve opportunities (six per school year) for approximately 540 students and families to visit the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve and Nature Center or Cardiff State Beach as well as up to four Family Discovery Day Festivals. Each visit will focus on hiking, habitat, and wildlife investigations, nature journaling, scavenger hunts, or other family activities. Summer Learning will offer eight week-long camps and up to twelve half-day field trips to approximately 800 youth. Students will conduct habitat restoration, create nature art, and play nature-based games. GOIN and Summer Learning offers an environment that inspires and empowers students, many who do not typically have access to the beach, to discover and challenge themselves as they learn and interact with unique coastal habitats.

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NATURETRACK FOUNDATION, INC.

\$45,300

Fostering a Lifelong Fascination with Nature – Creating “New Tracks”

Central Coast

This grant augmentation will allow NatureTrack Foundation’s New Tracks program to provide another year of programming through 2023 for over 300 people who use wheelchair and other people who are mobility impaired. The program offers an accessible beach or coastal trail experience along the Central Coast. NatureTrack’s staff and over 100 volunteer docents will provide up to 12 docent-led field trips to beaches and coastal trails for participants. This program will also serve participants that are of varying emotional and cognitive ability, low income, people of color, veterans, and senior adults. Their program will take participants on field trips to coastal sites in Santa Barbara County from Carpinteria to Guadalupe Dunes using a Freedom Trax device, which transforms manual wheelchairs to battery-powered all terrain wheelchairs. During the visits to the beach or coastal trail, NatureTrack docents will engage participants in activities based on their comfort level, such as educational activities, art projects, and self-exploration. Participants will gain self-confidence through independently experiencing beach or coastal trails that have previously been inaccessible to them with manual wheelchairs. They can later volunteer as a docent with NatureTrack or similar organizations to develop leadership skills.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for “the Explore the Coast Grant Program.”

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

O’NEILL SEA ODYSSEY

\$111,756

Transportation for Ocean Stewards

Central Coast

Through their Transportation for Ocean Stewards project, O’Neill Sea Odyssey (OSO) will engage fourth to sixth grade youth with a hands-on science and environmental education field trip on a 65-foot catamaran on Monterey Bay and in a shore-side education center. This grant augmentation will provide transportation for 50 classes, approximately 1,750 students annually, to participate in the field trip over the course of three years through 2025. The catamaran includes three onboard learning stations: navigation, including compasses and triangulation; marine ecology, including the kelp forest, marine mammals, and human impacts on Monterey Bay; and marine biology, specifically examining and learning about plankton. These stations are complemented by three stations at the OSO Education Center: navigation,

including reading and plotting navigational charts; marine ecology, covering the water cycle, watersheds, and ocean pollution from land-based activities; and marine biology, where the plankton samples collected on the boat are examined further using microscopes. In addition, OSO provides standards-aligned, ocean-based curriculum for use in the classroom. Teachers are provided with additional lessons they can implement at school before and after the trip. The students to be served by this grant will continue to represent traditionally marginalized communities from the Santa Cruz, Monterey, and Santa Clara counties.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for “the Explore the Coast Grant Program.”

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the August 22, 2019, staff recommendation (Exhibit 3).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the August 22, 2019, staff recommendation (Exhibit 3).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the August 22, 2019, staff recommendation (Exhibit 3).

OCEAN DISCOVERY INSTITUTE

\$240,000

Ocean Discovery Institute’s In-School Program: Connecting Young People to Coastal Environments

South Coast

This grant augmentation will allow the Ocean Discovery Institute (ODI) to provide coastal field trips and ocean science education throughout 3 years until 2025 to approximately 12,000 3rd through 5th grade public school students in the community of City Heights in San Diego. Third graders will explore the La Jolla Tide Pools and the animals that live there. Fourth graders will visit La Jolla Cove to learn about the kelp forest located just offshore. Participants will also do a solo hike along the coast during which they have a chance to sit and listen to the sounds of the coast, smell the salt water, and use animal identification cards to recognize the different birds soaring overhead. Fifth graders will go to the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge where they will learn about the importance of wetlands. They will spend time observing marsh animals from small crabs to the birds of prey soaring above. They will be introduced to science tools such as binoculars and hand lenses. Students will spend time restoring the marsh by removing invasive plants and trash. Through its programs, ODI strives to help City Heights youth understand that they belong to a coastal environment and to begin seeing the possibility of careers related to marine and wetland science. Participants will also have the chance to visit the Cabrillo National Monument to learn about marine mammals and kelp forests, as well as visits to the Birch Aquarium to observe and discover coastal invertebrates and fish.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for “the Explore the Coast Grant Program.”

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the November 19, 2020, staff recommendation (Exhibit 4).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the November 19, 2020, staff recommendation (Exhibit 4).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the November 19, 2020, staff recommendation (Exhibit 4).

OUTDOOR OUTREACH

\$300,000

Coastal Adventure Club

South Coast

This grant augmentation will enable Outdoor Outreach to provide its Coastal Adventure Club program to 1,500 low-income youth recruited through trust-based partnerships with Title I schools and youth-serving social service agencies, as well through their open enrollment and family-focused programs that serve youth in low-income communities with limited coastal access. Youth participants will come from Southeastern San Diego, City Heights, and El Cajon. The program will provide participants the opportunity to enjoy and learn about the coast through activities including kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, surfing, fishing, hiking, biking, and tide-pooling throughout the course of three years until the end of 2025. Youth and their families will participate in two to four outings per month with 1-2 overnight sessions provided (such as overnight beach camping) for school partners. This intensive, eight-week program provides youth with hands-on, nature-based skills such as first-aid and CPR training and adventure-based program instruction, as well as professional skills such as communication, public speaking, time management, and financial literacy. Graduates of the program will be eligible for job opportunities as outdoor educators at Outdoor Outreach, where they work as peer mentors who empower hundreds of additional youths to see an alternative pathway for themselves and their futures.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for “the Explore the Coast Grant Program.”

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

REEF CHECK FOUNDATION

\$189,420

Dive Into Science... Plunge Into Stewardship

North Coast, Central Coast

With this grant augmentation, through its Dive into Science...Plunge into Stewardship Program, Reef Check Foundation will provide an additional three years of experiential on-and-under-the-ocean stewardship training and marine science educational opportunities to young members of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians. The program will be expanded to serve several

additional Northern California tribes including Kashia Band of Pomo, Manchester Band of Pomo, Resighini Rancheria, Tolowa Dee-ní Nation, Redwood Valley Band of Pomo, Potter Valley Tribe, Middletown Rancheria, Big Valley Tribe, and the Amah Mutsun Land Trust. Reef Check Foundation will train and certify 60 tribal youth, ages 17-24, in SCUBA, marine biology, and ocean conservation, and practice citizen science-based protocols for Northern California's kelp forest and rocky reef ecosystems. The Program's goals are to create curiosity and a sense of excitement about the ocean and raise awareness of how scientific research, education, and community engagement can help reverse current declines in ocean health and biodiversity while strengthening participants' connection to their ancestral coastline.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for "the Explore the Coast Grant Program."

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

REFUGEES ENRICHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

\$162,400

Refugee Retreats in Point Reyes

**Sacramento Valley &
Sierras**

Through their Refugee Retreats Program, Refugees Enrichment and Development Association will offer up to four two-night retreats and six one-day trips to a total of approximately 198 low-income refugees, per year of the program, from Sacramento to explore the coast in Point Reyes National Seashore, Bodega Head, Muir Beach, and Half Moon Bay. The grant augmentation will fund the program for three years through 2025. Program activities will include hiking on trails with scenic views of the ocean, whale and wildlife watching, a kite running tournament, guided kayaking and guided meditation, as well as additional camping activities while staying at the Point Reyes Lodge. The key objective of this program is to allow refugees with multiple life stressors and language and transportation barriers to experience the healing power of the coast as well as to reduce their feeling of depression, anxiety, and isolation. The program will be free for participants and will include transportation to and from the retreats and one-day trips, transportation to scheduled hikes, meals, and accommodations. To increase comfort levels during the retreat, participants will also be accompanied by bilingual staff members who speak and understand the Arabic and Dari languages.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for "the Explore the Coast Grant Program."

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

SANTA CRUZ HUB FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING (FISCAL SPONSOR FOR THE CALIFORNIA FIELD SCHOOL)

\$160,000

“California’s Changing Coast” Bike Touring Summer Camps

San Francisco Bay

With this grant augmentation, the California Field School (CFS) will organize up to five seven-day overnight bicycle camping trips during the spring and summer of 2024 and 2025. CFS will take up to 15 high school students each trip, with an overall goal of approximately 75 students from the Fruitvale neighborhood in Oakland. Most students from this neighborhood are first-generation youth of color. With this proposed renewal grant, students will be traveling by bike from San Francisco to Santa Cruz exploring the indigenous, ecological, and environmental history of the California coast along the way. Participants will take a ferry and learn how to get to the coast from their neighborhood by bike. Once on the coast, participants will bike, hike, and learn from docents, rangers, leaders, and each other. Each day of the bike ride, participants will be introduced to the different coastal regions, track questions in their journals, reflect on what they’ve learned, and read about different experiences on the coast. Participants will learn about the coast from locals and take part in hands-on activities that enhance their understanding of and connection to the land, such as studying habitats, testing water, conducting soundscape experiments, and observing flora and fauna. During morning and evening circle times, participants will have the opportunity to connect with each other by sharing their thoughts, feelings, and experiences from the day through guided discussion.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for “the Explore the Coast Grant Program.”

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

SHARED ADVENTURES

\$60,000

Day on the Beach

Central Coast

Shared Adventures is a non-profit organization in Santa Cruz that provides recreational opportunities year-round for people with disabilities by designing activities and outdoor recreation days for full accessibility. The Day on the Beach event is an annual event that welcomes people with disabilities from communities from the Sacramento/Bay Area, Central

Coast, and the Central Valley. Participants come to Cowell’s Beach in Santa Cruz for a full day of outdoor recreation, including kayaking, canoeing, snorkeling, and wheelchair rides along the beach. Shared Adventures conducts outreach to special education programs, independent living centers, veterans services, residential programs, and social workers to publicize the event. Through this grant augmentation, Shared Adventures will serve approximately 250 people with disabilities annually by providing them with the Day on the Beach event from 2023 through 2025. To accommodate people with various disabilities, a large platform will be temporarily constructed on the beach. To maximize accessibility, there will be roll-out mats, beach chairs, accessible parking, adaptive activities, food service, and physical therapists at all activity venues for assistance.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for “the Explore the Coast Grant Program.”

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

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THE LATINO EQUITY ADVOCACY AND POLICY INSTITUTE

\$100,000

LEAP Enrichment Activity to the Coast

San Joaquin Valley

Through the grant augmentation, Latino Equity Advocacy & Policy Institute’s (LEAP Institute) LEAP Enrichment Activity to the Coast project will provide weekly coastal camping trips to approximately 860 residents of Huron, CA, a disadvantaged community with a CalEnviroScreen rating of 81-85%. Transportation will be provided in electric vehicles obtained through a separate grant program from the California Air Resources Board. Activities will include FamCamp at San Simeon State Park, hiking sections of the California Coastal Trail, exploring boardwalks, observation at the Elephant Seal Observation Area, experiencing the southern portion of Big Sur, and participants creating journals of their activities. The objective is to provide farmworker families the opportunity to visit the coast, which most residents do not get to experience due to prohibitive costs and lack of reliable transportation, or due to disabilities. LEAP is a community-led organization in Huron that runs a number of programs related to improving community health and the environment.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for “the Explore the Coast Grant Program.”

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

THE OCEAN FOUNDATION

\$149,000

Ocean Connectors

South Coast

With this grant augmentation, The Ocean Foundation’s Ocean Connectors will provide about 80 coastal field trips and ocean education programs serving approximately 2,500 third through sixth grade students and 80 teachers in the industrial-urban community of National City over the course of two years (2024 & 2025). 90% of National City students are youth of color and 20% live below the federal poverty line. All schools in this district are categorized as Title I and lack any other source of consistent environmental education programming outside of Ocean Connectors. The Ocean Connectors program provides underserved students, including those with disabilities, with free marine science education, including coastal excursions, peer-to-peer learning, and access to community events and mentorship from marine scientists and aquarists. Activities include sea turtle, seabird and shark observation, whale watching, and coastal restoration work. New activities to be introduced to this ongoing program include marine life data collection during whale watching expeditions off the coast of San Diego and Eco Tours by boat, bike and kayak, third-grade programming, and an expanded in-class curriculum. Ocean Connectors serves all the schools in National City and strives to cultivate a future generation of passionate, globally aware, and empowered local residents who take active steps to enjoy and protect ocean health.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for “the Explore the Coast Grant Program.”

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

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VENTANA WILDERNESS ALLIANCE

\$13,000

Youth in Wilderness “Wilderness Watersheds”

Central Coast

Through this grant augmentation, Ventana Wilderness Alliance’s Youth in Wilderness program will provide an additional two years (2024 & 2025) of programming to take approximately 40 low-income youth (13-18 years old), most from communities of color from the Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, and Watsonville areas on four three-day coastal watershed backpacking trips along the Central Coast. Participants will have an immersive backpacking experience with all gear and food provided within one of four watersheds (Villa Creek, Hare Creek, Big Sur River, or Willow Creek) of the Big Sur Coast with education lessons and trail

stewardship taught by field instructors. With comfort in the outdoors as the goal, field instructors will teach about outdoor skills, manage group needs, and readily adjust programming based on agreed-upon group goals for their experience. Participants will learn about the connection between healthy watersheds and the ocean as well as gain confidence and leadership skills in the outdoors. Program alumni can also participate in student leadership, community leader training, or become field instructors themselves after the experience.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for “the Explore the Coast Grant Program.”

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

VENTANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY

\$300,000

Ocean Prescription Program for Migrant Farmworker Families

Central Coast

Through this grant augmentation, Ventana Wildlife Society (VWS), in partnership with the Alisal Health Clinic, will provide an additional three years of their nature prescription program to at least 645 participants from migrant farm-working families in East Salinas as a strategy to combat childhood obesity, anxiety, and stress. The project consists of weekly coastal nature education outings for youth, plus one-day outings and a two-day, one-night camping trip for families. Activities will be driven by participant interest but could include activities such as hiking, exploring, tide-pooling, wildlife watching, beach games, and kayaking. In addition to providing recreational outdoor activities, the program will nurture coastal resource stewardship by taking part in the SLEWTHS (Science, Learning and Education With the Help of Sea Lions) project, where participants will interact with sea lions, learn how they aid in academic research, and engage in a beach clean-up. While families are keen to fill the outdoor prescriptions given by doctors at the Alisal Clinic, the reality is that parents face a lack of resources such as transportation, money, knowledge of where to go, and information in Spanish. There is also fear of gangs, authorities, and even the outdoors in some cases, and the perception that many outdoor spaces are not particularly welcoming to people of color. To address the barriers farmworker families typically face in fulfilling such a nature-based prescription, VWS will support transportation costs associated with travel to the coast; healthy snacks; youth supervision; guidance on nature activities; introduction to safe places to visit the coast; and translation services. Additional resources, including materials in Spanish and bus passes, will be provided for repeat coastal engagements.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for “the Explore the Coast Grant Program.”

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

WATERSIDE WORKSHOPS

\$193,000

San Francisco Bay and Coastal Experiences

San Francisco Bay

Waterside Workshops is a non-profit organization that organizes outdoor recreation, job training, and social services for low-income youth in the Bay Area, including those who are in foster care, who have disabilities, are experiencing homelessness, have been previously incarcerated, or who are on probation. Waterside Workshops has worked with local youth between the ages of 14-24 for 14 years by partnering with local schools, group homes, social workers and other community organizations that refer youth to their program, and 60% of their program staff are people who previously participated in their programs. The grant augmentation will fund the existing project through 2025 to offer free programming to up to 80 youth per year with a total of approximately 160 youth in the Bay Area. Activities will include on-water boating activities at the Berkeley Aquatic Park and San Francisco Bay, 32 day-trips to the coast, and six multi-day camping trips in coastal parks.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for “the Explore the Coast Grant Program.”

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

WESTERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

\$76,992

Camp Emerald Bay Youth Access Renewal

South Coast

Camp Emerald Bay Youth Access, operated by The Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America (BSA), aims to remove economic, physical, and societal barriers to coastal access and education by organizing two 3-day ocean camp experiences on Catalina Island to serve at least 420 youth, including those with disabilities, from low-income and underserved Latinx communities of the East San Fernando Valley. The grant augmentation will support hands-on experiences at the camp's marine center while also providing access to kayaking, snorkeling trips, stand-up paddleboards, coastal marine and island trail hiking activities,

swimming lessons, aquarium visits, and campfires for sharing the day's adventures and reflecting on experiences. The program will also provide transportation to and from Catalina Island and overnight accommodations in the camp cabins and wall tents. Through interactive, fun educational activities, youth will gain a deeper understanding of island ecology and conservation.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for "the Explore the Coast Grant Program."

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

WILDERNESS YOUTH PROJECT

\$300,000

Bridge to Nature

Central Coast

This grant augmentation for Wilderness Youth Project's Bridge to Nature program will provide an additional three years of programming to take up to 534 students from low-income and underserved communities in Santa Barbara on a series of nine field trips to various locations along the Santa Barbara coastline. Each school year, this program takes students to Santa Barbara natural areas, including at least three trips to the coast. Over the course of the year, students have the opportunity to explore and learn about ocean and coastal ecology, forge relationships with the experienced staff of mentors, and develop a deep and lasting connection with their natural surroundings, including the ocean and Santa Barbara coast. Staff mentors from Wilderness Youth Project guide youth through self-directed exploration, games, awareness practices, naturalist skills, inquiry-based learning, and storytelling.

Funding: The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is from a FY 2021/2022 appropriation from the General Fund specifically for "the Explore the Coast Grant Program."

Enabling Legislation: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's Enabling Legislation as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

Strategic Plan: The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CEQA: The proposed project remains exempt from CEQA as described in the September 23, 2021, staff recommendation (Exhibit 5).

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY'S PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA:

The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Project Selection Criteria, last updated on September 23, 2021, in the following respects:

Selection Criteria

1. Extent to which the project helps the Conservancy accomplish the objectives in the Strategic Plan.

See the “Consistency with Conservancy’s Strategic Plan” section below.

2. Project is a good investment of state resources.

The Explore the Coast grants program has served approximately 1.8 million Californians since its creation. The projects recommended for funding under this authorization will serve an estimated 47,400, people from communities throughout the state and will provide public access to the coast for recreational, educational, and stewardship programs. The ETC renewal projects will leverage approximately \$7.4 million in additional funding and hundreds of hours of support by volunteers.

The ETC grants program is consistent with the San Francisco Bay Plan (see “Consistency with Bay Plan”, below) the California Coastal Act goal to “maximize public access to and along the coast,” and the conservation priorities to expand access to nature identified in [Pathways to 30x30](#).

3. Project includes a serious effort to engage tribes. Examples of tribal engagement include good faith, documented efforts to work with tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated to the project area.

Among the communities that are designated a priority under the grants program are federally-recognized tribes and indigenous communities. Project partners that serve these communities work with tribes to access coastal ancestral lands for traditional stewardship and leadership development, promote inter-generational communication, and practice traditional ecological knowledge. The following proposed ETC renewal projects are specifically designed to serve tribal communities. Several other renewal projects expect to serve some Native American participants.

- Amah Mutsun Land Trust (Tribal Involvement in the Amah Mutsun Land Trust Coastal Stewardship Summer Camp)
- Los Indios de San Gabriel DBA San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians (Kizh Nation Cultural and Environmental Stewardship Camp)
- Reef Check Foundation (Dive Into Science... Plunge Into Stewardship)

4. Project delivers multiple benefits and significant positive impact.

While the primary objective of the ETC grants program is to provide Californians joyful coastal experiences, the ETC program has several additional benefits. The projects recommended for funding will reduce economic barriers by providing participants with free or reduced-cost program fees. They will eliminate geographic barriers for coastal and inland communities alike through subsidized transportation. They will eliminate physical barriers by providing coastal experiences for persons with disabilities. They will reduce societal barriers by offering safe access and culturally relevant activities to coastal locations. In addition, the projects will help to protect California’s coast for future generations by inspiring a coastal stewardship ethic.

Underserved communities are disproportionately affected by social and environmental stressors. ETC projects recommended for funding are expected to alleviate these stressors either through direct coastal access or through a combination of access and intentional programming designed to provide mental and physical health benefits.

A subset of the projects recommended for funding will feature program elements that provide participants with leadership development and/or job training programs, preparing them for potential long-term opportunities in the environmental field.

5. Project planned with meaningful community engagement and broad community support.

The projects recommended for funding are primarily led by nonprofit organizations who either have close ties with the communities they serve or are led by the communities themselves. Engagement typically involves dialogue between the communities being served and staff with relevant training and cultural competency.

The broad level of support for environmental education, resource protection and enhancement, and public access projects is indicated by the large numbers of people that will participate in the 2022-2023 ETC program. It is estimated that over 47,400 people will be served by the 41 ETC projects. In addition, this suite of proposed ETC projects is supported by elected officials, numerous community and nonprofit organizations, and local agencies (See Exhibit 6).

PROJECT FINANCING

Coastal Conservancy	\$6,061,729
Others Funding (leveraged funds excluding in-kind)	\$7,410,748.76
Project Total	\$13,472,477.76

The anticipated source of Conservancy funding is a fiscal year 2021-2022 appropriation to the Conservancy from the General Fund specifically for the “Explore the Coast Program.”

Unless specifically labelled “Required Match” the other sources of funding listed above are provided as estimates. The Coastal Conservancy does not typically require matching funds, nor does it require documentation of expenditures from other funders. Typical grant conditions require grantees to provide any funds needed to complete the project. Conservancy funding will be leveraged by more than \$7.4 million by project partners. The projects will also benefit from hundreds of hours of volunteer time, plus donations or price reductions on outdoor gear, clothing, equipment, and transportation services, and free site and facility usages via partnerships between organizations.

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY’S ENABLING LEGISLATION:

The proposed projects remain consistent with the Conservancy’s Enabling Legislation as described in the September 6, 2018 (Exhibit 2), August 22, 2019 (Exhibit 3), November 19, 2020 (Exhibit 4), and September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) staff recommendations.

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY'S [2018-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN](#) GOAL(S) & OBJECTIVE(S):

The proposed projects remain consistent with the Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives as described in the September 6, 2018 (Exhibit 2), August 22, 2019 (Exhibit 3), November 19, 2020 (Exhibit 4), and September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) staff recommendations.

Consistent with **Goal 1, Objective A** of the Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, the proposed project below seeks to implement and support projects to promote awareness and use of the California Coastal Trail:

- Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (Disability Outdoor Coastal Access Project)

Consistent with **Goal 2, Objective A** of the Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, the proposed projects below seek to develop projects that expand opportunities for barrier-free access to and along the coast and coastal trails:

- Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (Disability Outdoor Coastal Access Project)
- City Surf Project (Intro to Surfing / Surfing 101 Expansion and Sustainability Project)
- Community Nature Connection (Transit to Trails Coastal Access Program)
- Earth Discovery Institute (Education Through Recreation)
- Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC AccessAbility: Inclusive Sea Kayak and Coastal Adventures)
- GirlVentures (Increasing Coastal Access and Building Environmental Stewardship for Underserved Girls)
- Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek (Kids to the Coast)
- LA Nature for All (All Aboard for Nature)
- LifeSail Inc. (Sailing Adventures)
- LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Youth Adventurers)
- Little Manila Rising (Delta to the Sea: Exploring Our Connections to the Coast)
- Los Indios de San Gabriel DBA San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians (Kizh Nation Cultural and Environmental Stewardship Camp)
- MeWater Foundation (MeWater Surf and Ocean Education Outdoor Exploration Camps)
- "NewTracks")
- Outward Bound Adventures (Otters & Estuaries)
- Shared Adventures (Day on the Beach)
- The Latino Equity Advocacy and Policy Institute (LEAP Enrichment Activity to the Coast)
- The Ocean Foundation (Ocean Connectors)
- Ventana Wilderness Alliance (Youth in Wilderness "Wilderness Watersheds")
- Waterside Workshops (San Francisco Bay and Coastal Experiences)
- Western Los Angeles County Council, BSA (Camp Emerald Bay Youth Access Renewal)

Consistent with **Goal 4, Objective A**, which seeks to support educational programs and interpretive events that improve public understanding and promote stewardship of coastal resources, all the proposed 2022-2023 ETC renewal projects will contribute to this goal.

Consistent with **Goal 13, Objective L**, the proposed projects below seek to implement projects that expand opportunities for barrier-free access to natural areas in the San Francisco Bay region:

- Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (Disability Outdoor Coastal Access Project)
- City Surf Project (Intro to Surfing / Surfing 101 Expansion and Sustainability Project)
- Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC AccessAbility: Inclusive Sea Kayak and Coastal Adventures)
- LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Youth Adventurers)
- Literacy for Environmental Justice (Eco-Apprentice Program)
- Waterside Workshops (San Francisco Bay and Coastal Experiences)

Consistent with **Goal 16, Objective A**, the proposed projects below seek to prioritize projects for funding that are located in disadvantaged communities or directly benefit disadvantaged communities:

- Camp Phoenix (Camp at the Coast)
- City Heights Community Development Corporation (BLVD to Beach)
- City of Santa Maria Recreation and Department (Teen Treks to the Coast)
- City Surf Project (Intro to Surfing / Surfing 101 Expansion and Sustainability Project)
- Community Nature Connection (Transit to Trails Coastal Access Program)
- Earth Discovery Institute (Education Through Recreation)
- Earth Team (LEAF'23-24 Hiking Series)
- Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC AccessAbility: Inclusive Sea Kayak and Coastal Adventures)
- Friends of the Dunes (Cultivating Coastal Connections)
- Friends of the Santa Clara River (Santa Clara River Explorers)
- GirlVentures (Increasing Coastal Access and Building Environmental Stewardship for Underserved Girls)
- Greater Farallones Association (Connecting Students to the Coast through Community Science)
- Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek (Kids to the Coast)
- LA Nature for All (All Aboard for Nature)
- LandPaths (Vamos Afuera)
- LifeSail Inc. (Sailing Adventures)
- Literacy for Environmental Justice (Eco-Apprentice Program)
- Little Manila Rising (Delta to the Sea: Exploring Our Connections to the Coast)
- Living Coast Discovery Center (Wildlife Day Camp for Alpha Project)
- Los Indios de San Gabriel DBA San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians (Kizh Nation Cultural and Environmental Stewardship Camp)
- MeWater Foundation MeWater (Surf and Ocean Education Outdoor Exploration Camps)
- NatureTrack Foundation, Inc. (Fostering a Lifelong Fascination with Nature – Creating “NewTracks”)
- O’Neill Sea Odyssey (Transportation for Ocean Stewards)

- Ocean Discovery Institute (Ocean Discovery Institute’s In-School Program: Connecting Young People to Coastal Environments)
- Outdoor Outreach (Coastal Adventure Club)
- Outward Bound Adventures (Otters & Estuaries)
- Reef Check Foundation (Dive Into Science... Plunge Into Stewardship)
- Refugees Enrichment and Development Association (Refugee Retreats in Point Reyes)
- Santa Cruz Hub for Sustainable Living (fiscal sponsor for the California Field School (“California’s Changing Coast” Bike Touring Summer Camps))
- Shared Adventures (Day on the Beach)
- The Latino Equity Advocacy and Policy Institute (LEAP Enrichment Activity to the Coast)
- The Ocean Foundation (Ocean Connectors)
- Ventana Wilderness Alliance (Youth in Wilderness “Wilderness Watersheds”)
- Ventana Wildlife Society (Ocean Prescription Program for Migrant Farmworker Families)
- Waterside Workshops (San Francisco Bay and Coastal Experiences)
- Western Los Angeles County Council, BSA (Camp Emerald Bay Youth Access Renewal)
- Wilderness Youth Project (Bridge to Nature)

Consistent with **Goal 16, Objective C**, all the proposed 2021-2022 ETC renewal projects will contribute to the goal of increasing coastal access for all Californians, by supporting organizations that provide coastal experiences to underserved populations.

CONSISTENCY WITH SAN FRANCISCO BAY PLAN

The following proposed projects remain consistent with the San Francisco Bay Plan as described in the September 6, 2018 (Exhibit 2), August 22, 2019 (Exhibit 3), November 19, 2020 (Exhibit 4), and September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) staff recommendations:

- Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (Disability Outdoor Coastal Access Project)
- Brown Girl Surf (Soul Surfer Program)
- City Surf Project (Intro to Surfing / Surfing 101 Expansion and Sustainability Project)
- Earth Team (LEAF’23-24 Hiking Series)
- Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC AccessAbility: Inclusive Sea Kayak and Coastal Adventures)
- LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Youth Adventurers)
- Literacy for Environmental Justice (Eco-Apprentice Program)
- MeWater Foundation (Education Outdoor)
- Waterside Workshops (San Francisco Bay and Coastal Experiences)

CEQA COMPLIANCE:

The proposed ETC renewal projects remain exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as described in the September 6, 2018 (Exhibit 2), August 22, 2019 (Exhibit 3), November 19, 2020 (Exhibit 4), and September 23, 2021 (Exhibit 5) staff recommendations.

Upon approval of the augmentations, Conservancy staff will file Notices of Exemption for each augmentation.