

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Ann Notthoff (Public Member), Vice Chair
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)
Gayle Miller (Designated, Department of Finance)
Donne Brownsey (Coastal Commission)

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kara Woodruff (representing Senator John Laird, District 17)
Senator Benjamin Allen (District 26)
Helen Wolter (representing Senator Josh Becker, District 13)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amy Hutzel, Executive Officer
Amy Roach, General Counsel

LOCATION:

Fort Bragg Town Hall
363 N. Main Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

MEETING START TIME: 09:03 A.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chair
Ann Notthoff (Public Member), Vice Chair
Bryan Cash (Designated, Department of Natural Resources)
Gayle Miller (Designated, Department of Finance)
Donne Brownsey (Coastal Commission)

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Conservancy's May 05, 2022 public meeting. Minutes Approved.

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3. CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. FITCH MOUNTAIN

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to augment the Conservancy's previously approved grant of \$150,000 to the City of Healdsburg ("the grantee") to construct the Phase A public access improvements described in the Fitch Mountain Park and Open Space Preserve Management Plan ("Plan") and to expand the project to include construction of the Phase B public access improvements described in the Plan. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

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

Findings:

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

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

B. CLIMATE ADAPTION CENTER

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Members of the public Leslie Pencil and Thomas Ells

Resolution:

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The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to the County of Sonoma (“the grantee”) to develop a plan for a climate adaptation center at the former Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge, Sonoma County. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of the Conservancy

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

C. UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED ARUNDO DONAX ERADICATION PROGRAM

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed forty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$41,500) to the Council for Watershed Health (“the grantee”) to obtain permits and conduct surveys for an Arundo donax eradication program in the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed in Los Angeles County and to implement 1.82 acres of the program. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

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

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Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3, Section 31113, of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding addressing the impacts of climate change.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Council for Watershed Health is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CALVTP) Statewide Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), which was certified by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection on December 30, 2019 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), and the Project Specific Analysis and Addendum to the CALVTP PEIR for the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Arundo donax Eradication Program ("PSA-Addendum") (attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibits 3 and 4), and the Conservancy finds:
 - a. The Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Arundo donax Eradication Program (Program) is within the scope of the CALVTP, and the CALVTP PEIR adequately describes the Program for purposes of CEQA. As described in the PSA-Addendum, although portions of the Program will take place outside the treatable landscape as identified in the CALVTP, the Program area landscape conditions are similar to those of the treatable landscape, and the treatment types and activities are the same as those described in the CALVTP. None of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.
 - b. The PEIR and PSA-Addendum identify potentially significant impacts of the Program in the areas of Cultural Resources, Biological Resources, and Hazardous Materials as identified in the accompanying staff recommendation. With implementation of mitigation measures, these impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level.
 - c. The PEIR and PSA-Addendum identify significant and unavoidable impacts of the Program in the areas of Air Quality and Public Services. The project's air quality impacts are due to vehicles and gas-powered tools associated with the initial and maintenance treatments. The standard project requirements and two mitigation measures will reduce these impacts but will not avoid

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them. The project's public services impacts are due to the solid waste generated by cutting and chipping small Arundo stands and taking some of the resulting material offsite to processing facilities (biomass power plants, wood product processing facilities, and composting facilities). The potentially significant impact stems from the fact that such facilities may not have the capacity to process the material resulting from the project. The standard project requirements and one mitigation measure will reduce this impact but will not avoid it. The Conservancy finds it is infeasible to avoid, reduce, or mitigate the possible significant environmental effects of the project in these areas but that the specific environmental and other benefits of the proposed project as described in the Statements of Overriding Considerations contained in the accompanying Conservancy staff recommendation outweigh and render acceptable the significant unavoidable effects.

D. NEW RESTROOM AT HIDDEN BEACH COUNTY PARK

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed five hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$590,000) to the County of Santa Cruz ("the grantee") to prepare final plans and construct a new restroom at Hidden Beach County Park, located in Aptos, Santa Cruz County. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

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

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

Findings:

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

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

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E. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORELINE PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three hundred ninety-six thousand two hundred dollars (\$396,200) to San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory (“the grantee”) to rehabilitate a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service nursery in the City of Fremont and to grow and prepare the native plants and seeds necessary for revegetation of 17 acres of flood risk management levee that will be constructed as part of the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project in Santa Clara County.

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

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.
6. Prior to commencing the project, the grantee shall enter into and record an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(d) sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Conservancy’s mandate to address the resource and recreational goals of San Francisco Bay Area.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

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F. SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to the County of San Bernardino (“the grantee”) to augment the Conservancy grant of \$3,399,500, authorized on January 29, 2015, which was subsequently augmented by \$509,925 on August 7, 2019, to construct a 3.8-mile segment of the Santa Ana River Trail from Waterman Avenue, City of San Bernardino, to California Street, City of Redlands, County of San Bernardino. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A revised work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. An updated plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Prop 68 as a source of that funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the recreational goals of the Santa Ana River region.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

G. SANTA CLARA RIVER

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby designates The Nature Conservancy as the long-term management entity for the Santa Clara River properties acquired with Coastal Conservancy funding since 2001 and accepts the revised Enhancement Plan as an amendment to the Santa Clara River Conceptual Enhancement Plan adopted by the Conservancy on October 26, 2000.

Findings:

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

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1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding resource enhancement.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

H. BAY TRAIL AND RIDGE TRAIL AT VALLEJO

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to disburse up to \$366,250 of the Conservancy funds authorized as part of the San Francisco Bay Trail Block Grant No. 6 on October 17, 2019, to the City of Vallejo to complete full final design and engineering documents for the approximately two-mile segment of Bay Trail and Ridge Trail at Vallejo Bluff in Vallejo subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds, ABAG shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy final work programs, schedules and budgets, and grant agreements between ABAG and the City of Vallejo.
2. ABAG shall ensure installation and maintenance of signs acknowledging the Conservancy's funding and displaying the Conservancy logo in a manner approved by the Executive Officer. ABAG will also ensure installation and maintenance of signs acknowledging the project's Bay and Ridge Trail alignment and affiliation.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the improvement of public access to, within, and around the bay, coast, ridgetops, and urban open spaces of the San Francisco Bay area.
2. The proposed projects are consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. As a responsible agency, the Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the "Vallejo Bluffs Trail Project Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration" (IS/MND), adopted by the City of Vallejo on August 20, 2019. The Conservancy finds that the Vallejo Bluff Trails Project as described in the IS/MND includes the project proposed for funding, and that the Vallejo Bluff Trails Project as designed and mitigated, avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project may have a significant

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

I. BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL COUNCIL

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (RTC) (“the grantee”) for planning for future Bay Area Ridge Trail projects throughout the nine county San Francisco Bay Area region, and to conduct public engagement and outings for underrepresented trail users. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.

Findings:

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

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

J. TOMALES BAY WETLAND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred forty-eight thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars (\$248,915) to the Tomales Bay Watershed Council Foundation (“Council”) to prepare designs, permit applications and environmental compliance materials for the Chicken Ranch Beach Wetland Enhancement Project. Prior to commencement of the project, the Council shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.

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2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the enhancement of coastal resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Tomales Bay Watershed Council Foundation is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer, presented Personnel Update.
- B. Mary Small, Deputy Executive Officer, presented the Legislative Report.
- C. Mary Small, Deputy Executive Officer, presented draft of the Conservancy's Strategic Plan for 2023-2027.

The board discussed and public member Marce Hanscom made a comment

- D. Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer, presented the 2023 State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Schedule. The 2023 State Coastal Conservancy Meeting Schedule was approved unanimously.

NORTH COAST

5. DEHAVEN CREEK HEADLANDS

Lisa Ames of the State Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Thad Van Bueren of the Westport Village Society, and Jenny Shattuck.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed eight hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$845,000) to the Westport Village Society (WVS) for the acquisition of the approximately 26-acre DeHaven Creek Headlands property, Mendocino County Assessor Parcel No. 013-890-01-05 as shown on Exhibit 1, and preparation of a resource management plan for the property. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

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1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer):
 - a. All relevant acquisition documents for the acquisition including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
 - b. A baseline conditions report;
 - c. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition; and
 - d. A plan for acknowledgement of the Conservancy.
2. The grantee shall pay no more than fair market value for the property as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
3. The property acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated for cultural resources protection; open space protection; protection, enhancement, and restoration of natural resources and habitat; and public access and beach recreation compatible with such uses. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
4. Prior to preparing the resource management plan, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer a detailed work program, schedule, and budget, and names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
5. To the extent appropriate, the grantee shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy's "Coastal Access Project Standards".

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria. 3. The Westport Village Society is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

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SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

6. BAY ADAPT JOINT PLATFORM

Evyan Borgnis Sloane of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three million five hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$3,570,000) to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (“the grantee”) to implement the Bay Adapt Joint Platform tasks and actions related to: (1) development of Regional Sea Level Rise Adaptation Guidance; (2) regulatory improvements; and (3) continued coordination with stakeholders and communities. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

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

7. STIVERS LAGOON RESTORATION

Evyan Sloane of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two million one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$2,160,000) to the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (“the grantee”) to restore and enhance approximately 40 acres of wetland habitat and improve public access at Stivers Lagoon, adjacent to Lake Elizabeth in the City of Fremont. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

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1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 68 as the source of that funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Lake Elizabeth and Stivers Lagoon Marsh Design and Improvement Program's Environmental Impact Report (Program Improvement EIR) adopted by the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on August 9, 1993 and the Addendum to Program Environmental Impact Report for the Lake Elizabeth/Stivers Lagoon Design and Improvement Program (Addendum) adopted by the Alameda County Flood Control District on July 12, 2022 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibits 2 and 3. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash. Voting against: None.

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8. BEL MARIN KEYS

Linda Tong of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking on this staff recommendation: Thomas Ells

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes:

1. The Executive Officer to amend the Project Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project to include restoration of the Bel Marin Keys Unit V property, and
2. Disbursement of an amount not to exceed twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the non-federal share of project costs for the Bel Marin Keys Unit V expansion of the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code regarding restoration and enhancement of natural habitats in the San Francisco Bay Area and public access improvements to and around the Bay.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

9. CANAL DISTRICT COMMUNITIES

Marilyn Latta of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Cory Bytof

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) to the City of San Rafael ("the grantee") to conduct communityinformed technical feasibility study of sea level rise adaptation options along the shoreline of the City of San Rafael, Marin County with emphasis on involvement of the Canal District communities. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.

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2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

The Conservancy took a break. Meeting adjourned at 10:17a.m.; Meeting resumed at 10:29 a.m.

CENTRAL COAST

10. CITY OF PACIFICA

Tim Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in opposition of the Staff Recommendation: Samuel Casillas of Pacifica

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Robert Roy Van De Hoek

Amy Hutzel, Executive Officer, revised the recommended resolution to include a requirement for the grantee to coordinate with the California Coastal Commission.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed four hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$440,000) to the City of Pacifica (“the grantee”) to prepare plans, environmental review documents, and permit applications for two bluff protection structures to protect City-owned infrastructure in northern Pacifica in San Mateo County. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.

The grantee shall conduct close and early coordination with the California Coastal Commission

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in development of the plans.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Cash, Miller. Voting against: Notthoff.

11. WESTERN FLYER BOAT

Tim Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Robert Roy Van De Hoek

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed two hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) to the Western Flyer Foundation (“the grantee”) to restore the Western Flyer boat for the purpose of marine education and exploration on Monterey Bay. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

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

In addition, to the extent appropriate, the Western Flyer Foundation shall incorporate the guidelines of the Conservancy’s “Coastal Access Project Standards.”

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Western Flyer Foundation is a nonprofit organization organized under section

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501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

12. RENOVATIONS TO THE SANTA CRUZ HOSTEL

Erin Gravley of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed five hundred and eight thousand dollars (\$508,000) to the Santa Cruz Hostel Society (“the grantee”) to plan and implement renovations to the Santa Cruz Hostel including conversion of a storage shed to a private cottage, upgrades to restroom and kitchen facilities, accessibility improvements to Hostel grounds, and the creation of an outreach plan to increase use of the Hostel by low- and middle-income visitors from California’s Central Valley. Prior to preparation of plans and designs for the renovations, the grantee will submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following: 1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget for the planning component of the project. 2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the planning component of the project. Prior to commencement of construction of renovations, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer) the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget for the construction component of the project.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the construction component of the project.

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

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget for the construction component of the project.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the construction component of the project
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding and Proposition 68 as the source of that funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee

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to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

6. Prior to commencing the renovations, the grantee shall enter into and record an agreement pursuant to Public Resources Code 31116(d) sufficient to protect the public interest in the improvements.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 10 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Lower-Cost Coastal Accommodations.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Santa Cruz Hostel Society is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

13. ROCKS RANCH PROPERTY

Irvin Tang of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Robert Roy Van de Hoek.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County (“the grantee”) to acquire the 2,618-acre Rocks Ranch property for natural resource protection and restoration; wildlife connectivity; cultural resource protection; open space preservation; and to the extent compatible with the foregoing, agricultural preservation, tribal access, and potentially public access, located at the northern tip of the Gabilan Range in Monterey and San Benito Counties (San Benito County Assessor’s Parcel Numbers (APNs) 011-310-0030, 011-310-0060, and 011-310-0040 and Monterey County APNs 181141001000, 181141002000, and 181141003000), subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (Executive Officer):
 - a. All relevant acquisition documents for the acquisition including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
 - b. A baseline conditions report; and

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- c. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. The grantee shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
3. The property acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated for natural resource protection and restoration; wildlife connectivity; cultural resource protection; open space preservation; and to the extent compatible with the foregoing, agricultural preservation, tribal access, and potentially public access, with a focus on access for tribal nations and other tribal members whose ancestral homeland includes this site (collectively, the "Acquisition Purposes"). The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
4. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly-viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.

Findings:

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

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

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

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14. COASTAL STORIES PROJECTS

Emely Lopez and Fanny Yang of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Several members of the public spoke in support of this Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million, ninety-eight thousand, five hundred U.S. dollars (\$1,098,500) to three nonprofit organizations, one tribe, and two public entities for six storytelling projects that will enhance coastal public access by making the outdoors more inclusive and welcoming. The six grantees

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are as follows (presented in alphabetical order):

- Canal Arts (Fiscal Sponsor City of San Rafael): Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to collect tribal and immigrant stories and develop and install signage along a two-mile stretch of Bay Trail to share a chronological story about the past, present, and future communities and coastal landscape of San Rafael's Canal area.
- City of Crescent City: Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to tell ten unique Tolowa Stories with videos linked to QR codes displayed on kiosks throughout Beachfront Park in Crescent City, CA.
- Color the Water: One hundred fifty thousand five hundred dollars (\$150,500) to plan and develop up to three interactive and immersive surf art murals that will serve as public landmarks on the Venice coast, in the community of Watts, and potentially at Dockweiler State Beach in Los Angeles, CA.
- East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice: One hundred forty-eight thousand dollars (\$148,000) to plan and co-create two large murals that will document the historical use and relevance of Sleepy Lagoon for the Latinx community in Maywood, CA.
- Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center: Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to plan and develop stories past and present of the diverse people of Guadalupe and their relationship to the natural wonders of the nearby Guadalupe Dunes Complex.
- Wiyot Tribe: One hundred ninety-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$197,500) to develop tribal interpretive content about Wiyot land stewardship in Humboldt Bay, and to install interpretive signage at three coastal tribal village sites (Tuluwat, Digawuttklh, Mouralherwaqh), at the Wiyot Cultural Center, and at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center.

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. Any other applicable agreements determined necessary for the project by the Conservancy's Executive Officer.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 (Sections 31400

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et seq.) of the Public Resources Code, regarding the implementation of a system of public accessways to and along the California coast (Chapter 9).

2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The proposed nonprofit organizations are organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m. for lunch. Meeting resumed at 12:29 p.m.

15. EXPLORE THE CALIFORNIA COAST

Carol Martinez, Erin Gravley, and Vanessa Aczon of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Several members of the public spoke in support of this Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed three million three hundred one thousand five dollars (\$3,301,005) to 29 nonprofit organizations, 1 tribe, and 1 public entity for 31 projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore the California coast. With the approval of the Executive Officer of the Coastal Conservancy, the projects described in the accompanying staff report may be modified to protect the health of participants so long as the modified projects continue to promote the goal of facilitating and enhancing the public's opportunities to explore the California coast. The 31 grantees are as follows (presented in alphabetical order):

- Asian Pacific Environmental Network: One hundred eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$111,500) to provide up to 100 youth from Oakland with coastal day and overnight trips for a variety of recreational and educational activities throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County and the Inland Empire: One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to bring approximately 160 youth and their mentors from inland southern California counties and North Orange County to the coast over two years for guided, hands-on activities.
- Black Surf Santa Cruz, Inc.: One hundred thirteen thousand dollars (\$113,000) will serve approximately 720 participants from historically excluded groups, including people of color, through three surfing programs that aim to increase mental wellbeing, feelings of belonging, and psychological safety.
- California Health Collaborative: One hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000) to

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provide up to 10 coastal experiences over two years to approximately 100-125 lowincome and/or Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) youth ages 12-18 and their families from Kings County.

- Color the Water: One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for approximately 1,000 participants to take surf lessons individually or in small groups from surf instructors of color on the central and south coasts.
- Community Rowing San Diego: Sixty-two thousand dollars (\$62,000) to provide up to 45 middle and high school students who are primarily first-generation college aspirants of color with weekly after-school coastal recreation or research activities for three years in San Diego County.
- Conservation Corps North Bay: One hundred ninety-four thousand one hundred fiftyeight dollars (\$194,158) to provide up to 256 participants in the CCNB's job training program in Marin and Sonoma Counties with paid time off to enjoy field trips with recreational activities at Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County.
- Desert Recreation Foundation: One hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$158,000) to provide two years of coastal excursion programming for approximately 572 children, teens, seniors, and people with physical, cognitive, or emotional disabilities in the underserved and economically-disadvantaged communities of the Coachella Valley.
- Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM): One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to connect over 495 individuals of all ages who came to the US from Afghanistan, Syria, Ukraine, Laos, and Cambodia through a photography club and family field trips to the central coast.
- Friends of the Petaluma River: Sixty-two thousand seven hundred twenty-two dollars (\$62,722) to provide a six-month program that offers hands-on environmental engagement opportunities to develop a deeper connection to the ocean and the Petaluma Watershed for approximately 45 youth from traditionally marginalized communities.
- Hearts for Sights Foundation: Thirty-eight thousand seven hundred and seven dollars (\$38,707) to provide coastal day-outings, overnight trips, and outdoor leadership training for approximately 200 visually impaired people and family members in Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernadino Counties.
- Lily of the Valley Emmanuel Church of Jesus Christ: One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to provide approximately 160 participants the opportunity to explore and enjoy the Santa Cruz Beach Board Walk and Monterey Bay through recreational and coastal stewardship activities.
- Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation: Seventy-three thousand four hundred dollars (\$73,400) to serve approximately 27 Jamul Indian Village youth and 10 adult members with five field trips to iconic locations along the Kumeyaay Coast (La Jolla coastline) where they will explore, learn about, and re-connect with their ancestral lands.
- MarinLink: Nineteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$19,300) to offer sailing

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instruction to approximately 75-100 visually impaired individuals at the Treasure Island Sailing Center.

- MOSTe (Motivating Our Students Through Experience): Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to provide up to two annual coastal retreats to engage in beach activities, encourage community bonding, and foster environmental stewardship for approximately 90 middle and high school girls from underserved communities in Los Angeles County.
- Napa County Office of Education: One hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to take approximately 240 low-income students in grades 4-8 from the cities of Napa and Santa Rosa on a coastal retreat at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area for an immersive outdoor learning and coastal recreation experience.
- North Coast Resource Conservation & Development Council: One hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) to provide two two-night camping trips to MacKerricher State Park for approximately 25 youth and family members from the Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California in Lake County.
- Noyo Center for Marine Science: Fifty thousand five hundred dollars (\$50,500) to offer outdoor marine science experiences through an after-school program for approximately 120 youth from Fort Bragg and communities within Mendocino County.
- Orange County Adult Achievement Center (doing business as My Day Counts): Sixty-nine thousand seven hundred dollars (\$69,700) to provide two, twelve-month long trainings to develop leadership skills, learn and master new abilities, and improve overall physical and mental well-being for approximately 24 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through exploration and connection to the coast.
- Point Reyes National Seashore Association: Eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to provide day trips to the Point Reyes National Seashore for approximately 290 youth from low-income families from underserved communities in San Francisco, the East Bay, and Marin and Sonoma Counties.
- Project Avary: One hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) to take approximately 1,200 children of incarcerated parents and lower-income households to the Marin County shoreline for recreational and educational activities designed to foster long-term healing for the children and inspire a coastal stewardship ethic.
- Redwood Community Action Agency: Forty-six thousand three hundred twenty dollars (\$46,320) to provide day trips and family fun days for approximately 400 low-income and BIPOC community members at the geographically and culturally significant crossroads located at Little River State Beach and Moonstone Beach in Trinidad, CA.
- Refuge Armona: One hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) to take approximately 90 youth from socioeconomically disadvantaged communities in Armona to explore and engage in recreational activities along various regions of the California coast.
- Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment: One hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000) to provide exploration and knowledge of the San Francisco Bay coast

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and its watershed to approximately 50 high school students from low-income and environmentally stressed communities of color.

- Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians: One hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) to bring approximately 260 historically underserved youth to the Central Coast and the Channel Islands to learn more about marine resources and traditional native knowledge of these resources.
- Saved By Nature: One hundred fifty-three thousand seven hundred dollars (\$153,700) to provide approximately 600 people from underrepresented communities of color with coastal trips along the San Francisco to Monterey Bay shorelines to participate in recreational activities.
- Surfing Madonna Oceans Project: Eighty-four thousand dollars (\$84,000) to provide adaptive surfing and recreational coastal activities for approximately 400 youth who have physical and/or cognitive disabilities from San Diego, Orange, and Riverside Counties.
- Unity Care Group: Ninety-nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight dollars (\$99,998) to provide approximately 80 current and former foster youth from throughout Northern California with the opportunity to participate in any of nine coastal outings involving learning activities for career exploration and nature conservation.
- Watts Labor Community Action Committee: One hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to provide two years of group trips to approximately 707 Watts residents where they will explore coastal habitats, participate in coastal recreational activities, and learn about water stewardship.
- Wilderness Youth Project: One hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$127,000) to provide two years of afterschool ocean sport experiences, such as surfing, standup paddle boarding, kayaking, and free diving, throughout Goleta and South County Santa Barbara for approximately 35-40 youth of color and low-income background.
- Youth Mentoring Action Network (YMAN): One hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$127,000) for a 24-month project dedicated to creating enjoyable and engaging beach and coast-based experiences for approximately 240 youth from low-income families in the Pomona Valley-Inland Empire region of California.

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

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Any other applicable agreements determined necessary for the project by the Conservancy's Executive Officer.

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Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapters 4.5 and 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the resource and recreational goals in the San Francisco Bay Area (Chapter 4.5), and the establishment of a system of public accessways to and along the California coast (Chapter 9).
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The proposed nonprofit organizations are organized under section 501© (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

16. EXPLORE THE COAST RENEWAL GRANTS

Carol Martinez, Erin Gravley, Vanessa Aczon of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Several members of the public spoke in support of this Staff Recommendation.

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.

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- 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,

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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.

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- 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

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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,

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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

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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).

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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.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

WILDFIRE RESILIENCE PROGRAM

17. WILDFIRE RESILIENCE PROJECTS

Kostoula Vallianos of the State Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation 17 thru 21: Dave Shpak

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed ten million nine hundred ninety-six thousand six hundred dollars (\$10,996,600) to 14 nonprofit organizations, one tribe, 11 public agencies, and one consultant for 27 projects that develop and implement activities to increase wildfire resilience of California's natural lands and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire. The 26 grantees are as follows (presented in alphabetical order):

Alameda County Fire Department: One million nine hundred ninety-two thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,992,200) to develop and equip a fuel reduction crew of approximately 12 individuals who will work with homeowners and implement on-the-ground vegetation fuel reduction projects across Alameda County.

Audubon Canyon Ranch: Fifty-three thousand nine hundred dollars (\$53,900) to organize and lead training programs for the public on how to plan, coordinate, lead, and monitor prescribed burns on private lands in Marin County.

Bay Area Council Foundation: One hundred ninety-five thousand five hundred dollars (\$195,500) to develop a report on current fuels reduction efforts in the East Bay Hills of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and potential market incentives to encourage the private sector to assist with fuel reduction.

California Native Plant Society: Three-hundred thirty thousand two hundred dollars (\$330,200) to produce vegetation survey data and maps that will inform decision-makers about wildfire risk and land management practices in San Luis Obispo County.

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City of Albany: Two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000) to implement fuel reduction activities and develop a plan for future removal of dead and dying trees on Albany Hill.

City of El Cerrito: One hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000) to develop a comprehensive fire hazard reduction and vegetation management plan for the El Cerrito Hillside Natural Area.

City of Santa Cruz Fire Department: Two hundred nineteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$219,500) to remove overgrown combustible vegetation from Pogonip and Arana Gulch open spaces in the City of Santa Cruz and to purchase equipment needed to maintain treated areas.

East Bay Regional Park District: Five hundred twelve thousand eight hundred dollars (\$512,800) to create fine-scale vegetation maps for Contra Costa and Alameda Counties and to develop an online resource to support additional wildfire fuel hazard reduction planning.

Grassroots Ecology: Eighty-two thousand three hundred dollars (\$82,300) to enhance the ecological health and fire resilience of five city parks in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

Mattole Restoration Council: Three hundred seventeen thousand dollars (\$317,000) to host wildland fire-fighting training sessions and manage vegetation to continue the restoration of historical prairies in the King Range National Conservation Area in Humboldt County.

Mendocino County Fire Safe Council: Six hundred seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$677,500) to fund chipping and fuel clearing programs and to purchase a truck for safe transport of work crews and gear in Mendocino County.

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District: Five hundred ninety-one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$591,700) to reduce fuel load, implement a habitat restoration and vegetation management program, facilitate data collection for wildfire prevention, and conduct community outreach in the Carmel Valley.

Moraga Orinda Fire District: Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to establish a year-round prescribed grazing program, including purchase of equipment, at Painted Rock Preserve in Contra Costa County.

Pala Band of Mission Indians: Four hundred forty-five thousand two hundred dollars (\$445,200) to implement fuels treatments that were identified in the tribe's fire prevention planning process on the Pala Indian Reservation in San Diego County.

Pie Ranch: Three hundred sixty-one thousand dollars (\$361,000) to reduce wildfire risk and restore native plants at Pie Ranch near Pescadero in San Mateo County.

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Redwood Coast Land Conservancy: Two hundred sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$268,000) for vegetation management and fuels reduction on approximately 50 acres, including purchase of necessary equipment, at the Mills Bend Preserve in Mendocino County.

Resort Improvement District No. 1: Three hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$324,000) for roadside vegetation removal, including purchase of equipment, in Shelter Cove in Humboldt County.

San Diego Audubon Society: Seventy-three thousand seven hundred dollars (\$73,700) to reduce invasive vegetative fuels and restore native fire-resistant plants at Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve and Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary in San Diego County.

Sonoma County Regional Parks: Two hundred ninety-seven thousand dollars (\$297,000) to reduce hazardous wildfire fuel loads on the access road and to re-establish a section of the historic Old Monte Rio Fire Break in Monte Rio Redwoods Regional Park in Sonoma County.

Sonoma Ecology Center: Eight hundred eighty-nine thousand nine hundred dollars (\$889,900) to partner with five other organizations and conduct fuels management across multiple sites in Sonoma County and southern Mendocino County.

The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County: Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) to build permanent fencing around approximately 50 acres of land on the Arroyo Hondo Preserve to facilitate grazing and vegetation management.

The Pacific Forest Trust: One hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) to restore approximately 80 acres of degraded redwood forestland in the Fieldbrook Valley of Humboldt County.

Trinity County Resource Conservation District: Eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to implement approximately 20 acres of fuels reduction in Lewiston.

UC Irvine Nature: Sixty-one thousand two hundred dollars (\$61,200) for non-native vegetation thinning and native plant seeding to improve habitat and fire resiliency in the defensible space zone of the UC Irvine Ecological Preserve in Orange County.

Urban Corps of San Diego County: Three hundred twenty-five thousand nine hundred dollars (\$325,900) to implement approximately 27 acres of fuel reduction and treatment along evacuation corridors in Escondido, Rancho Santa Fe, and San Marcos in northern San Diego County.

Ventura Resource Conservation District: One million one hundred fifty-three thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,153,100) to develop community wildfire protection plans for communities

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in Ventura County, complete a countywide wildfire vulnerability assessment and develop a county-wide Regional Prioritization Plan.

In addition, the State Coastal Conservancy authorizes disbursement of up to nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) to hire a contractor who specializes in environmental documentation, permitting, and project development to provide technical assistance and help prepare environmental documentation for wildfire resiliency projects within the Conservancy's jurisdiction.

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

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Any other agreements determined necessary for the project by the Conservancy's Executive Officer.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed projects are consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The proposed grantees that are nonprofit organizations are organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Foothills Fire Management Plan, adopted by the City of Palo Alto on October 26, 2009 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that the Management Plan, as designed and mitigated, avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that implementation of the Management Plan may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382.

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Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

18. MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million and eighty thousand dollars (\$1,080,000) to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (“the grantee”) to reduce wildland vegetation fuels on approximately 200 acres of land, purchase equipment for use in wildland vegetation fuel reduction, refine existing prescribed fire plan and conduct associated environmental review, and increase the grantee’s Wildland Fire Resiliency Program capacity through hiring additional staff.

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

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
3. If the grantee uses the grant funds to purchase equipment costing \$5,000 or more, the grantee shall use such equipment for wildfire-related purposes for the duration of the useful life of the equipment.
4. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Climate Ready Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

19. EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the East Bay Regional Park District (“the grantee”) to conduct fuel treatments on 80 acres and implement a biomass facility pilot program in Anthony Chabot Regional Park.

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

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

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

20. SAN DIEGO CANYONLANDS FOR FIRE FUEL REDUCTION

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) to San Diego Canyonlands (“the grantee”) to conduct fire fuel reduction activities, including removal of brush, dead trees, and invasive, non-native vegetation, within the brush management zones of seven canyons in the communities of City Heights and Southeast San Diego.

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

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. A plan for acknowledgement of Conservancy funding.
3. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
4. Evidence that the grantee has entered into a written agreement with the City of San Diego sufficient to enable the grantee to carry out and maintain the project.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Section 31113 of Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code regarding the Climate Ready Program.

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2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the two Environmental Impact Reports listed below that were certified by the City of San Diego pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and that are attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Conservancy finds that the proposed project as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces, or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 Cal. Code Regulations Section 15382.

The two applicable CEQA documents are:

- a. Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Issuance of Take Authorizations for Threatened and Endangered Species due to Urban Growth in the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Planning Area (Project No. 93-0287/SCH No. 1993121073), Certified January 1997.
 - b. Final Subsequent EIR/Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Brush Management Revisions to the Land Development Code and Federal Grant from the Office of Emergency Services (OES), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (Project No. 31245/SCH No. 2004031041). Certified May 2004.
4. The grantee is a nonprofit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

21. REDWAY SHADED FUEL BREAK PROJECT

Resolution:

The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes a grant of an amount not to exceed one hundred seventy-five thousand and two hundred dollars (\$175,200) to the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (“the grantee”) to conduct Phase 1 of the Redway Shaded Fuel Break Project in Redway, CA.

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

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

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

Findings:

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

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding impacts and potential impacts of climate change on resources within the Conservancy's jurisdiction (Section 31113(a)).
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the California Vegetation Treatment Program Statewide Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) which was certified by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection on December 30, 2019, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Exhibit 2), and reviewed the project-specific checklist prepared by CAL FIRE Humboldt-Del Norte Unit (HUU) (attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 2), and the Conservancy finds:
 - a. The proposed project is within the scope of the PEIR.
 - b. The PEIR and the project-specific checklist identify impacts in the categories of Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Cultural Resources, and Biological Resources that are less than significant when mitigated, as discussed in the accompanying staff recommendation.
 - c. The PEIR and project-specific checklist identify a potentially significant but unavoidable impact (PSU) in the Transportation category. The impact is associated with additional vehicle miles travelled (VMT) by vehicles transporting work crews. The Conservancy finds that it is infeasible to avoid, reduce, or mitigate these impacts, but the benefits of the project described in the Statement of Overriding Considerations in the accompanying staff recommendation outweigh the impacts and render them acceptable.

Moved and seconded. Motion was approved.

Voting in favor: Bosco, Brownsey, Notthoff, Cash, Miller. Voting against: none.

22. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were numerous public comments regarding the Ballona Wetlands.

23. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Notthoff made a comment.

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24. CLOSED SESSION

The Conservancy did not hold a closed session.

25. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 P.M.