

San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program



South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond Restoration
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ABOUT THIS REPORT

The San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program (Bay Area Conservancy Program) was established in 1997 through state legislation authored by Senator Byron Sher.

The Bay Area Conservancy Program is administered by the California State Coastal Conservancy and received its first funding in July of 1999.

The Bay Area Conservancy Program provides a regional perspective and a coordinated funding approach. This report describes the projects that have been awarded funds in the sixth year of the Bay Area Conservancy Program. Grants have been awarded in all nine Bay Area counties that are within the jurisdiction of the Program, and for the full range of Program responsibilities—regionally significant public parks, trails, natural habitat preservation and restoration, farmland protection, and environmental education. All acquisitions have been with willing sellers, and have involved both the purchase of fee title ownership and conservation easements. Grant recipients have included public agencies and nonprofit organizations. All dollar amounts listed in this report are approximate and are subject to change as augmented with additional funds or reduced through project cost-savings measures. Additionally, not all projects approved by the Conservancy will be implemented due to unforeseen design, funding, or acquisition-related complications.

Despite the diversity of grant recipients and project purposes, all of the funded projects share several characteristics: They are regionally significant. Each achieves multiple goals. All are cooperative ventures bringing together many different agencies, organizations, and interests. They close institutional gaps and bring coherence and comprehensiveness to individual efforts.



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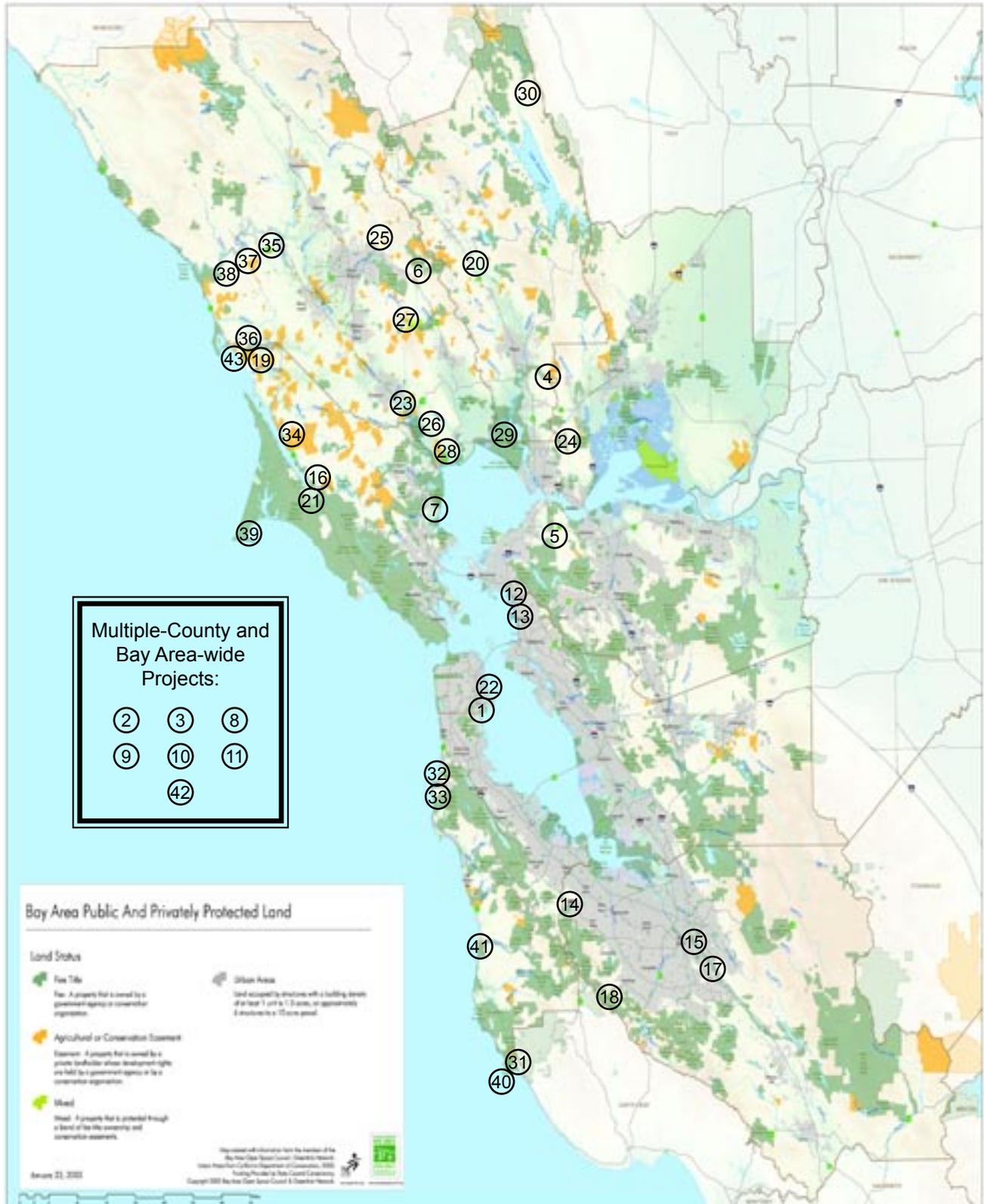
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MAP OF COASTAL CONSERVANCY BAY AREA PROJECTS (FY 2004–2005)

Note: Numbers on the map refer to the projects listed on the next two pages in the Summary of Projects (FY 2004–2005). Multiple-county and Bay Area-wide projects are not shown on the map, but are listed in the box on the left.



Funding Summary of Bay Area Conservancy Program Projects (FY 2004–2005)

* = Multiple-County or Bay Area-Wide Project

Grant Recipient/Project

Arc Ecology

1) Hunters Point Shoreline Park Master Plan

Association of Bay Area Governments

* 2) San Francisco Bay Trail Project, Block Grant #3

Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

* 3) Bay Area Ridge Trail Planning
 4) Napa Solano Ridge Trail Construction Project
 5a) Fernandez Ranch Trail Planning (d)
 6) Hood Mountain Regional Park, Johnson Ranch Expansion Property

California State Coastal Conservancy

7a) Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project (e)
 * 8) Bay Area Watershed Management / Habitat Protection and Restoration Plan
 * 9a) South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond Restoration Planning (f)
 * 10a) Invasive *Spartina* Project, Phase II Control Program (g)
 * 10b) Invasive *Spartina* Project, Phase II Control Program 2005-2006 Treatment (h)

Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration

* 11) San Francisco Estuary Watershed Fisheries Evaluation

City of Albany

12) Codornices Creek Restoration, Phase II

City of Berkeley

13) Berkeley Bay Trail Extension, Bike Bridge to East Lawn Segment

City of Palo Alto

14) Arastradero Preserve Gateway Acquisition

City of San José

15) Kelley Park Ridge Trail Planning Project

Coastal Conservancy Association

* 9b) South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project (i)

County of Marin

16) Marin Fish Passage Improvement Program

County of Santa Clara

17) Coyote Hellyer County Park, Bay Area Ridge Trail
 18) Sanborn County Park Trail Master Plan

Marin Agricultural Land Trust

19) Pozzi Ranch Conservation Easement

Muir Heritage Land Trust

5b) Fernandez Ranch Acquisition and Stream Restoration Planning (j)

Napa County Resource Conservation District

20) Napa River Rutherford Reach Restoration Project

	Bay Area Conservancy Program (a)	Additional Conservancy Funding (b)	Matching Funds (c) (some estimated)
1) Hunters Point Shoreline Park Master Plan	\$ 300,000		\$ 350,000
* 2) San Francisco Bay Trail Project, Block Grant #3	\$ 3,800,000		\$ 2,000,000
* 3) Bay Area Ridge Trail Planning	\$ 1,200,000		\$ 1,000,000
4) Napa Solano Ridge Trail Construction Project	\$ 100,000		\$ 46,000
5a) Fernandez Ranch Trail Planning (d)	\$ 58,000		
6) Hood Mountain Regional Park, Johnson Ranch Expansion Property	\$ 235,100		\$ 400,000
7a) Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project (e)	\$ 1,100,000		
* 8) Bay Area Watershed Management / Habitat Protection and Restoration Plan	\$ 337,500		\$ 700,000
* 9a) South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond Restoration Planning (f)	\$ 2,000,000		\$ 5,998,600
* 10a) Invasive <i>Spartina</i> Project, Phase II Control Program (g)	\$ 1,672,550		
* 10b) Invasive <i>Spartina</i> Project, Phase II Control Program 2005-2006 Treatment (h)	\$ 814,725		\$ 446,174
* 11) San Francisco Estuary Watershed Fisheries Evaluation	\$ 125,000		\$ 23,600
12) Codornices Creek Restoration, Phase II	\$ 815,000		\$ 1,540,000
13) Berkeley Bay Trail Extension, Bike Bridge to East Lawn Segment	\$ 80,000		\$ 50,000
14) Arastradero Preserve Gateway Acquisition	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 2,560,000
15) Kelley Park Ridge Trail Planning Project	\$ 70,000		\$ 350,000
* 9b) South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project (i)	\$ 650,000		
16) Marin Fish Passage Improvement Program	\$ 196,500		\$ 44,000
17) Coyote Hellyer County Park, Bay Area Ridge Trail	\$ 250,000		\$ 245,000
18) Sanborn County Park Trail Master Plan	\$ 75,000		\$ 75,000
19) Pozzi Ranch Conservation Easement	\$ 450,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,681,000
5b) Fernandez Ranch Acquisition and Stream Restoration Planning (j)	\$ 1,125,000		\$ 2,300,000
20) Napa River Rutherford Reach Restoration Project	\$ 279,400		\$ 321,100

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Funding Summary of Bay Area Conservancy Program Projects (FY 2004–2005)

* = Multiple-County or Bay Area-Wide Project

Grant Recipient/Project

Novato Sanitary District

- 7b) Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project (k)
- 7c) Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project, Novato Sanitary District Relocation (l)

Point Reyes National Seashore Association

- 21) Bear Valley Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan

Port of San Francisco

- 22) Pier 94 Wetland Enhancement

PRBO Conservation Science

- 23) PRBO San Francisco Bay Research Center

Solano Land Trust

- 24a) Vallejo Swett Ranch Acquisition
- 24b) Vallejo Swett Ranch Ridge Trail Planning

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

- 25) Bear Mountain Property Acquisition
- 26) Tolay Lake Ranch Acquisition
- 27) North Slope Sonoma Mountain Trail Planning

Sonoma Land Trust

- 28) North Point Joint Venture Acquisition (m)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- 29) Napa River Salt Marsh Restoration Project, Phase 2 Final Design

Wildlife Conservation Board

- 30) Lauffs Ranch Acquisition

Sub-Total

Total Conservancy Funds

Bay Area Conservancy Program (a)	Additional Conservancy Funding (b)	Matching Funds (c) (some estimated)
\$ 400,000		
\$ 1,300,000		
		\$ 86,000
		\$ 171,000
		\$ 4,560,100
		\$ 2,600,000
		\$ 57,000
		\$ 8,213,000
		\$ 16,000,000
		\$ 100,000
	\$ 500,000	\$ 12,320,000
		\$ 750,000
		\$ 11,000,000
\$ 24,327,875	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 76,987,574
\$25,827,875		

Program Funding Leverage: BACP Funds/Matching Funds

24%

76%

Bay Area Projects Funded with Additional Coastal Conservancy Funds

* = Multiple-County or Bay Area-Wide Project

Grant Recipient/Project

California State Parks Foundation

- 31) Año Nuevo Marine Education Center

City of Pacifica

- 32) Beach and Blufftop Accessway Reconstruction
- 33) Pedro Point Headlands Coastal Trail (n)

County of Marin

- 34) Marin County Coastal Access Easement Surveys

Bay Area Conservancy Program (a)	Additional Conservancy Funding (b)	Matching Funds (c) (some estimated)
	\$ 350,000	\$ 2,672,568
	\$ 350,000	\$ 30,000
	\$ 200,000	\$ 900,000
	\$ 38,000	

Continued...

Bay Area Projects Funded with Additional Coastal Conservancy Funds

* = Multiple-County or Bay Area-Wide Project

Grant Recipient/Project

County of Sonoma

35) Steelhead Beach River Park, Phase II

Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

36) Estero Americano Ranch Resource Restoration Projects

37) Dutch Bill Creek Sediment Control Project

LandPaths: Land Partners Through Stewardship

38) Willow Creek Interim Operation and Maintenance

Marin Conservation Corps

39) Elephant Seal Overlook Trail Rehabilitation

Oikonos Ecosystem Knowledge

40) Año Nuevo Island Habitat Restoration, Phase II

Peninsula Open Space Trust

41) San Gregorio Farms Acquisition, Reimbursable Grant (o)

Sail San Francisco

* 42) Tall Ships Exposition 2005

Sonoma Land Trust

43) Estero Americano Nature Preserve Enhancement Project

Bay Area Conservancy Program (a)	Additional Conservancy Funding (b)	Matching Funds (c) (some estimated)
	\$ 215,000	\$ 235,000
	\$ 650,000	\$ 519,000
	\$ 135,000	\$ 499,000
	\$ 300,000	\$ 900,000
	\$ 88,000	\$ 32,528
	\$ 160,000	\$ 90,000
	\$ 2,225,000	
	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,277,725
	\$ 40,000	\$ 25,900

Notes:

a) BACP Funds are those directly appropriated to the Bay Area Conservancy Program.

b) Additional Conservancy Funds are appropriated to the State Coastal Conservancy as an agency, of which some may be used by the BACP.

c) Matching Funds are all other funds, including grants to the Conservancy from the Wildlife Conservation Board, Bay-Delta Authority, and others.

d) Also see Muir Heritage Land Trust #5b below.

e) Total project costs for the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project is \$119 million, of which the state is contributing \$14 million. Also see Novato Sanitary District #7b & 7c below.

f) Funding for this project is from a grant by the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). Also see Coastal Conservancy Association #9b below.

g) Funding for this project is from a grant by the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). Also see California State Coastal Conservancy #10b below.

h) Funding for this project is from grants by CALFED and the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). Also see California State Coastal Conservancy #10a above.

i) Funding for this project is from a grant by the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). Also see California State Coastal Conservancy #9a above.

j) \$489,477 of funding for this project is from a grant by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), through the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program. Also see Bay Area Ridge Trail #5a above.

k) Also see California State Coastal Conservancy #7a above.

l) Also see California State Coastal Conservancy #7a above.

m) Additional Conservancy Funds for this project are from a grant by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

n) This authorization amends the June 4, 2003 authorization for preconstruction costs associated with the development of the Coastal Trail.

o) \$2,000,000 of this funding is in the form of a reimbursable grant.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE BAY AREA CONSERVANCY PROGRAM (FY 2004–2005)

Arc Ecology

1) Hunters Point Shoreline Park Master Plan

Location: City and County of San Francisco

- Bay Program Funds: \$300,000
Matching Funds: \$350,000

Arc Ecology will prepare four alternative concepts for a shoreline park on property known as Parcel E at the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Parcel E covers 160 acres, 48 acres of which is an industrial landfill and an additional 18 acres is a radioactive landfill. Negotiations are currently in process with the Navy on the toxic material remediation plan for Parcel E. The range of possible remediation strategies include: excavate the hazardous materials and remove off-site to an appropriate location; leave hazardous materials on-site with an impermeable cap to seal the contaminants in place; or leave inert contaminants in place and cover with clean soil. The initiation of a master plan process for a shoreline park on Parcel E will help in the negotiations regarding the clean up and transfer of the property. By developing a master plan while negotiations are underway, will help identify the specific types of remediation that will be appropriate for the park, and the cost of the clean up. Given the Superfund status of the Parcel, hazardous material remediation will be extensive and costly. Conceptual plans for the park will be developed in collaboration with interested residents from the local neighborhoods. Elements of the master plan will include habitat restoration, a Bay Trail connection through the site and a range of recreational facilities, landscaping, and interpretive signage.

Association of Bay Area Governments

2) San Francisco Bay Trail Project, Block Grant #3

Location: Various locations around San Francisco Bay

- Bay Program Funds: \$3,800,000
Matching Funds: \$2,000,000

The Association of Bay Area Governments and its associated nonprofit organization, San Francisco Bay Trail Project, will develop individual San Francisco Bay Trail projects. ABAG is a council of governments consisting of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties and 98 cities. Its primary purpose is to provide region wide planning and local government services. The Bay Trail board of directors is composed of representatives of local governments around San Francisco Bay, from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Conservancy and members of trail advocacy groups. The Bay Trail is supported by ABAG and is dedicated to completing the Bay Trail. By making a “block” grant to ABAG, which will be administered by the Bay Trail Project, the Conservancy reduces its own staff involvement and in the daily management tasks of the individual projects, while providing valuable oversight and guidance to the Bay Trail Project staff. The Bay Trail will establish criteria for potential Bay Trail access projects, will solicit and evaluate grant proposals, and recommend to the Conservancy the award of grant funds to selected projects, to implement selected projects and to monitor implementation of funded projects. The projects will be located along the Bay Trail spine (primary alignment, as well as spur (shoreline point-access) and connector trails (to regional destinations located inland of the shoreline.)

Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

3) Bay Area Ridge Trail Planning

Location: Various locations comprising the Ridge Trail alignment within the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties.

- Bay Program Funds: \$1,200,000
Matching Funds: \$1,000,000

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council will perform planning activities for future Bay Area Ridge Trail projects through February 2009. These activities will include planning and feasibility studies, data collection and resource evaluation for future construction and development of new Ridge Trail segments and the acquisition of interests in real property. The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council is working towards completing a 500-mile multi-use continuous ridgeline trail around San Francisco Bay. The Ridge Trail is a destination for visitors from within and outside the Bay Area for spectacular scenic views, opportunities for extended trips and connectivity to other trail systems, park and natural areas. The Conservancy has supported the Ridge Trail for work such as preparing trail construction plans and negotiating trail easements since 1998.

4) Napa Solano Ridge Trail Construction Project

Location: Tuteur Ranch and Skyline Wilderness Park in eastern Napa County

- Bay Program Funds: \$100,000
Matching Funds: \$46,000

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council will construct approximately 1.6 miles of Ridge Trail in eastern Napa County. 1.3 miles of the trail will be constructed on land owned by the Tuteur Family Trust, which has dedicated to the Ridge Trail Council a perpetual trail easement and agreement for the purposes of constructing a segment of the Ridge Trail on their ranchlands. In the adjacent Skyline Wilderness Park, and additional 0.3 miles will be



constructed to link the new trail on the Tuteur property with existing Ridge Trail segments. The trail alignment was designed to allow for future expansion of the Ridge Trail and to minimize potential impacts to environmental and archaeological resources. Implementation of the Napa Solano Ridge Trail Project supports the Ridge Trail's mission by extending an existing trail in a public park onto adjacent ridgetop grazing lands with the full support of a private agricultural landowner. Development of similar relationships between private landowners and the Ridge Trail will be crucial to the success of completing additional Ridge Trail segments since the majority of remaining proposed Ridge Trail alignment is on private lands.

5a) Fernandez Ranch Trail Planning

Location: Near City of Hercules, Unincorporated Contra Costa County

- Bay Program Funds: \$58,000
Note: Also see Muir Heritage Land Trust #5b below.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council will conduct trail planning on the Fernandez Ranch, for approximately 2.5 miles of new Ridge Trail to be constructed on the property. The planning process will also consider an additional internal loop trail, for people seeking a shorter trail experience. The planning for this project is necessary to develop trail routes that allow for future connections and to minimize impacts to environmental and archeological resources.

6) Hood Mountain Regional Park, Johnson Ranch Expansion Property

Location: Hood Mountain Regional Park, near City of Santa Rose, Sonoma County

- Bay Program Funds: \$235,100
Matching Funds: \$400,000

The Sonoma County Regional Parks will construct approximately 5 miles of new Bay Area Ridge Trail on the Johnson Ranch Expansion Property within Hood Mountain Regional Park. Hood Mountain is the largest regional park in Sonoma County, and is operated as a relatively undeveloped wilderness park with hiking, biking and equestrian trails. The new trail (Johnson Ranch Trail) will begin at the floor of Sonoma Valley, continue up a wooded canyon and forested hillsides to emerge at the watershed divide of the ridgeline where spectacular views across Santa Rosa and western Sonoma County. The trail also connects with existing trails within Hood Mountain and wind to the top of 2,370 foot Mount Hood, the highest mountain between Sonoma and Napa Valleys. The Johnson Ranch Trail is an officially designated segment of the Ridge Trail with eventual connections to Sugarloaf Ridge State Park to the north and east and Annabel State Park to the south. Additional parts of the project include construction of road improvements, a parking lot for cars, horse trailers, restrooms, benches, directional and interpretive signs, a bridge, trail fencing and minimal landscaping at the staging area.

California State Coastal Conservancy

7a) Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project

Location: Hamilton site is in southeast Novato, along the western margin of the San Pablo Bay, Marin County

- Bay Program Funds: \$1,100,000

Note: Total project costs for the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project is \$119 million, of which the state is contributing \$14 million. Also see Novato Sanitary District #7b & 7c below.

When implemented, the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project will create over 1,000 acres of high functioning wetlands, provide habitat for endangered species and bridge a gap in the North Bay's planned "ring of wetlands" running between Marin County shoreline eastward to Mare Island. Conservancy funds will be used for engineering services, technical studies, planning and other work associated with design and implementation of the Hamilton Wetland Restoration and proposed combined Bel Marin Keys project. Specifically, the funds would be used for the wetland site design; hydrologic and hydraulic studies and assessment; various tasks related to the biological and toxicological impacts, sanitary engineering and outreach.

8) Bay Area Watershed Management / Habitat Protection and Restoration Plan

Location: San Francisco Bay Watershed, including all nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area or portions thereof

- Bay Program Funds: \$337,500
Matching Funds: \$700,000

The Conservancy, in cooperation with the Association of Bay Area Governments and others, will prepare a Watershed Management/Habitat Protection and Restoration Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area region. The Plan will include a compilation and assessment of existing information about sub-watersheds and wetland habitats in the region, identify challenges to their management, protection and restoration in relation to water quality, water supply and flood protection issues, and identify and provide criteria for evaluating multi-objective projects for implementation using Proposition 50 and other funding sources. The Plan will be a stand-alone document that will assist the Conservancy in meeting the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy program requirements to identify long-term resource goals and guide future funding of projects that protect, restore, and enhance natural habitats and watersheds. The Conservancy is preparing a detailed scope of work for the Plan and will then contract with ABAG and environmental consultants to prepare separate elements. It will also be used as the watershed and habitat component of a Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The Integrated Plan will be divided into four major components: 1) water supply/water quality; 2) wastewater/recycled water; 3) storm water management/flood control; and 4) watershed management/habitat protection and restoration. Both plans will result in well reasoned, publicly supported recommendations for priority projects that, when implemented, will assist the region in meeting state and federal environmental laws and regional plans related to protection and restoration of habitat for special status and other species, and in improving water quality.

9a) South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond Restoration Planning

Location: San Francisco Bay, south of the San Mateo Bridge, in Alameda, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties

- Bay Program Funds: \$2,000,000
Matching Funds: \$5,998,600.
Note: Funding for this project is from a grant by the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). Also see Coastal Conservancy Association #9b below.

The Conservancy will conduct technical studies, planning data collection, and other work associated with the South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond restoration planning. These work elements are being conducted within the framework of the collaborative planning

process that has been established, and work products are being developed with the input and review of the Project Management Team, Stakeholder Forum, Science Team, National Science Panel, Regulatory Agency Group, and Local Government Forum. The Conservancy has already authorized \$5.5 million in grant agreements, interagency agreements or contracts for this project. This long-term restoration planning focuses on the 15,100 acres of salt ponds previously owned by Cargill Salt. The South Bay salt pond complex surrounds nearly the entire Bay south of the San Mateo Bridge on lands that were once tidal marsh. An estimated 85% of the historic tidal marshes in the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary have been filled or significantly altered over the past two hundred years for urban development, agriculture,



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and salt production. The Conservancy is working cooperatively with the California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in this effort. The planning will result in estimating the costs of restoration, identifying potential sources of funding, developing an implementation, monitoring and adaptive management plan, and obtaining all necessary permits for the first phase of restoration.

10a) Invasive *Spartina* Project, Phase II Control Program

Location: Baylands and lower creek channels of the nine counties that bound the San Francisco Bay

- Bay Program Funds: \$1,672,550
 Note: Funding for this project is from a grant by the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). Also see California State Coastal Conservancy #10b below.

The Coastal Conservancy will implement the Invasive *Spartina* Control Program for 2005 and 2006.

Additional environmental consulting services will provide for planning, preparation and compliance with regulatory requirements. Preliminary public outreach and education activities will occur that are necessary

for treatment and *Spartina* control work on private lands. An expanded signage program will operate and manage the program on an accelerated schedule through 2006. Since 2000, the Conservancy has managed the regionally coordinated effort to address the treatment and control of invasive *Spartina*. The spread of *Spartina* and its hybrids threaten the long-term health of the Estuary and to the species, which inhabit and rely upon the salt marshes and tidal flats along its perimeter. Project Monitoring Reports show that the non-native *Spartina* species average rate of increase in area was 244% with hybrids spreading at 317%. Only an aggressive comprehensive strategy aimed at treating all of the *Spartina* in the Estuary during 2005 and 2006 has a realistic chance of complete eradication.



10b) Invasive *Spartina* Project, Phase II Control Program 2005-2006 Treatment

Location: Baylands and lower creek channels of the nine counties that bound the San Francisco Bay

- Bay Program Funds: \$814,725
 Matching Funds: \$446,174
 Note: Funding for this project is from grants by CALFED and the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). Also see California State Coastal Conservancy #10a above.

The Conservancy will implement invasive *Spartina* treatment and eradication projects under the Invasive *Spartina* Project. The strategy for eradication of invasive *Spartina* guides the Site-Specific Plan and is designed to achieve the following objectives for the 2005/2006

treatment projects: 1) follow up work on control work that was previously completed 2) treat the remaining infested sites in the Estuary; and 3) minimize potential adverse side effects on the endangered California clapper rail and other listed species. Among the information for each site in the Site-Specific Plans are a description of the infestation, method for removal, and evaluation of impacts, and the mitigation measures the grantees are required to implement. San Francisco Bay has lost up to 93% of its original tidal marsh habitat. Fifty-five percent of the threatened and endangered species of the Bay Area are found in the tidal marshes. Left uncontrolled, introduced *Spartina* threatens to convert a significant portion of the open mudflats and tidal marshes to a monoculture, which will reduce habitat for the species endemic to the area.

Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration

11) San Francisco Estuary Watershed Fisheries Evaluation

Location: San Francisco Bay Area streams, including the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

- Bay Program Funds: \$125,000
Matching Funds: \$23,600

The Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration will evaluate the potential of the San Francisco Bay Estuary's streams to provide habitat for restored steelhead runs and to identify restoration projects in at least seven high priority watersheds for steelhead fisheries. The project enables watershed restoration funders and proponents to strategically select fishery restoration projects. Significant funds have been invested in the recovery of salmon and steelhead fisheries of the Bay Area estuary streams, often to the benefit of natural resources. However, these investments would be better informed and of greater benefit to fisheries if based on a comprehensive evaluation of the region's streams and a thorough investigation of all the problems preventing sustainable fishery runs in a watershed. Funding of fisheries restoration in the Bay Area has lagged behind other parts of the state because of lack of proper project identification and understanding of how completing such projects in a particular watershed will benefit the species overall. In 2004, the Conservancy funded a fisheries habitat inventory for central and southern coastal counties.

City of Albany

12) Codornices Creek Restoration, Phase II

Location: Codornices Creek, City of Albany, Alameda County

- Bay Program Funds: \$815,000
Matching Funds: \$1,540,000

The City of Albany will restore approximately one-third mile of Codornices Creek between 5th and 8th Streets in the Cities of Albany and Berkeley. The project began in the mid-1990's when the University of California began its redevelopment of the University Village student housing. As an alternative to culverting or channelizing the creek, the cities of Albany and Berkeley and other stakeholders worked with the University to create a project that would allow for creek



restoration and trail linkages. In April 2000 the Conservancy authorized \$100,000 for final engineering and planning for the creek between the railroad tracks and 8th Street. Nearly half of the creek project is now complete. This project will address flooding and bank stability problems as well as improve habitat for riparian species including the steelhead trout currently found in the creek. Codornices Creek is the only creek remaining in Berkeley and Albany where, for most of its run, is not buried in underground culverts. The project represents some of the best opportunities for riparian restoration in the urbanized east bay. The project will include construction of a bicycle and pedestrian trail from the bridge at 5th Street to San Pablo Avenue. The trail will provide a link to the Bay Trail and another regional trail, the Ohlone Greenway.

City of Berkeley

13) Berkeley Bay Trail Extension, Bike Bridge to East Lawn Segment

Location: City of Berkeley, Alameda County

- Bay Program Funds: \$80,000
Matching Funds: \$50,000

The City of Berkeley will prepare construction drawings and bid documents for a 2,700 foot Bay Trail extension from the existing I-80 Bike Bridge and Bay Trail on Frontage Road to the East Lawn, one of the City's shoreline parks. Once all segments of the trail extension are completed, this "spur" off the main Bay Trail will continue along the entire Berkeley waterfront in a 1.3 mile loop that connects back to the Bay Trail. This project has been identified as high priority as there is no safe or convenient access from the existing Bay Trail to the Berkeley shoreline. Once built, this segment will include a 12-foot-wide path that includes 2-foot-wide graded shoulders and a pedestrian bridge over Strawberry Creek as well as other amenities such as lighting, benches, and interpretive signage. Project construction will also include a

new water access for windsurfers and kayakers in the Marina. The Conservancy partially funded a Berkeley Bay Trail Extension to the Berkeley Marina Design Plan and Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. This plan re-designs and aligns trails, paths, landscaping and infrastructure throughout the City's Marina and Waterfront in order to enhance pedestrian, bike and wheelchair use and decrease conflicts with automobiles.

City of Palo Alto

14) Arastradero Preserve Gateway Acquisition

Location: Enid Pearson-Arastradero Preserve, City of Palo Alto, Santa Clara County

- Bay Program Funds: \$1,000,000
Matching Funds: \$2,560,000

The City of Palo Alto will acquire the 13-acre Arastradero Preserve Gateway parcel for the protection and restoration of natural resources and to provide public access within the Enid Pearson-Arastradero Preserve. The property is the last remaining inholding within the 609-acre Enid Pearson-Arastradero Preserve and has been sought by the City for over a decade. The property comprises a gently sloping drainage at the lower elevations of the Preserve.

Arastradero Creek runs along the eastern border. In addition to providing important habitat and public access, the Property is expected to be used for the construction of a 1,100 square foot visitor center, ranger and steward work place. The Preserve is enjoyed by thousands of visitors annually from all over the Bay Area and beyond. Santa Clara County will hold a conservation easement over the property to assure its natural, scenic and open space condition, and use for public access, in perpetuity. As a condition of the Conservancy and County funding, the City is also opening a trail through adjacent Foothills Park to the general public. Access to Foothills Park has historically been restricted to Palo Alto residents.



Source: Peninsula Open Space Trust



City of San José

15) Kelley Park Ridge Trail Planning Project

Location: Between Phelan and Story Roads in the City of San José, Santa Clara County

- Bay Program Funds: \$70,000
Matching Funds: \$350,000

The City of San José will plan a .6 mile segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail in Kelley Park along Coyote Creek. The City will prepare construction documents for the proposed trail and staging area. The planning will address traffic patterns, signage, visitor safety, site design, layout, and native landscaping. Permitting will also be conducted as part of the project. This trail will eventually complete a gap in the Coyote

Creek trail system and in the Ridge Trail. The completed Coyote Creek Trail will be 16 miles in length within San José and will provide a regionally significant and continuous trail to serve off-street commuters and recreational trail users. The Conservancy is a major partner in helping to implement the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Since 2001, the Conservancy has approved approximately \$3.5 million dollars in grants for planning and project implementation, helping complete more than 60 miles of new trail. This project will continue to build connections between existing trail segments and help complete the more than 400-mile trail by connecting the Diablo Range to the Santa Cruz Mountain Range via the Santa Clara Valley.

Coastal Conservancy Association

9b) South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

Location: San Francisco Bay, south of the San Mateo Bridge in Alameda, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties

- Bay Program Funds: \$650,000

The Coastal Conservancy Association (Association) will provide science review, through a National Science Panel and local Science Team for the South Bay Salt Pond Project. The National Science Panel is composed of seven internationally-recognized scientists representing a range of expertise in wetlands restoration and estuarine ecology, including sediment dynamics, water quality, shallow water food webs, migratory birds, and wetland ecology. The Panel members ensure that the Project learns from the efforts of wetland restoration efforts nationally and internationally, and is employing a scientifically rigorous planning process. The 15-member Science Team consists of recognized local experts on wetland restoration, hydrology, geomorphology, water quality, fish and wildlife, flood management and engineering, public access, and introduced species in San Francisco Bay. The continued efforts of the National Science Panel and Science Team help ensure that the South Bay Salt Pond restoration plan is scientifically sound and will raise the chance of successfully meeting the project objectives to restore habitat for endangered species, migratory birds and native wildlife, provide for flood management, and enhance public access. The south bay salt pond complex is spread over an area of approximately 15,100 acres. Salt ponds surround nearly the entire San Francisco Bay south of the San Mateo Bridge on lands that were formerly tidal marsh. An estimated 85% of the historic tidal marshes in the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary have been filled or significantly altered over the past two hundred years.



Source: Judy Irving

County of Marin

16) Marin Fish Passage Improvement Program

Location: Woodacre Creek, tributary to San Geronimo Creek, to Lagunitas Creek and Redwood Creek, Marin County

- Bay Program Funds: \$196,500
Matching Funds: \$44,000

The County of Marin will conduct final design and engineering activities for at least seven high priority fish passage improvement projects in the Woodacre and Redwood Creek watersheds as part of the Marin Fish Passage Improvement Program. By evaluating natural channel processes, fish habitat, and fish passage through existing road crossings on the two creeks, the project will identify structures that impede natural channel processes and impair the biological productivity of salmonids within the watersheds. A final report will include a technically detailed description of the watersheds, the quality of their fish habitat, and ready-to-build designs and permit application materials for at least seven specific fish passage improvement and habitat enhancement projects throughout the two watersheds. The objective of the project is to restore healthy populations of coho salmon and steelhead to Marin's coastal wetlands. Woodacre Creek is one of the most important salmon production subwatersheds in the Lagunitas Creek watershed. The Lagunitas Creek watershed is the largest watershed in Marin County and represents the largest drainage area into Tomales Bay and the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. The enhancement potential is high as Woodacre Creek hosts approximately 11% of the spawning Coho salmon in the 103-square mile Lagunitas Creek watershed. However Coho are prevented from using many portions of the creek by a series of barriers to fish passage. Redwood Creek drains an 8.9 square mile watershed from the west peak of Mt. Tamalpais to its mouth at Muir Beach. Redwood Creek already hosts a stable population that will benefit from the augmentation of available habitat. The County has committed substantial resources to developing a long-term resource enhancement program for its watersheds, including the establishment of a Public Works Program specifically dedicated to fish passage improvement. The Conservancy has made substantial commitments over the years to protecting and enhancing the coastal watersheds of Marin County. The Conservancy has been especially active in Tomales Bay.

County of Santa Clara

17) Coyote Hellyer County Park, Bay Area Ridge Trail

Location: Along the Coyote Creek recreational corridor at the southeastern end of the City of San Jose, in central Santa Clara County

- Bay Program Funds: \$250,000
Matching Funds: \$245,000

The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department will perform trail improvements at Coyote Hellyer County Park. This approximately ½ mile segment will complete the 16-mile, paved multi-use Coyote Creek Parkway.

The Coyote Creek trail system is an extremely popular

weekday alternative transportation commute route as well as a heavily-used weekend recreational facility. Coyote Hellyer County Park is surrounded by densely-populated residential areas. The project will improve access to businesses, school, recreation, and park facilities. It is also the primary alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, connecting the Diablo Ridge to the east and Santa Cruz Mountain range to the west through the City of San Jose, part of the regional Juan Bautista de Anza trail alignment, and part of the Santa Clara County subregional Coyote Creek / Llagas Creek Trail Alignment. The project upgrades a makeshift dirt trail to a paved trail accommodating pedestrians, mountain bikes and equestrians. The new trail will be 10' wide with 2' gravel shoulders on either side and will be realigned to be farther from Coyote Creek. The Project also contains some drainage improvements and minor retaining walls along some segments of the trail.



18) Sanborn County Park Trail Master Plan

Location: City of Saratoga in western Santa Clara County

- Bay Program Funds: \$75,000
Matching Funds: \$75,000

The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department will develop a Trail Master Plan for Sanborn County Park. The Master Plan includes the planning of a six-mile segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail in western Santa Clara County and environmental documentation for the plan. The project is located in the Santa Cruz Mountain Range in western Santa Clara County and focuses on a major gap of the Ridge Trail between Highways 35 and 17 within Sanborn County Park. Sanborn County Park has over 3,688 wooded acres of Redwood, Douglas Fir and Tan Oak, and offers

hiking, camping, and picnicking opportunities for a very diverse regional community. The trail will be developed as a multi-use trail connecting Sunnyvale Mountain to Lexington Reservoir through Lyndon Canyon. Trail widths will vary from between five and ten feet, with two foot shoulders to be sensitive to environmental conditions and terrain and to promote trail safety by limiting the speed of bicyclists in some areas.

Marin Agricultural Land Trust

19) Pozzi Ranch Agricultural Conservation Easement

Location: Eastern shore of Tomales Bay and adjacent to the mouth of Walker Creek watershed of west Marin County

- Bay Program Funds: \$450,000
Additional Conservancy Funds: \$1,000,000
Matching Funds: \$2,681,000

The Marin Agricultural Land Trust will acquire an agricultural conservation easement over the 1,125-acre Pozzi Ranch. The purchase of the easement will consolidate ownership of two contiguous properties into one parcel and one ranch and keep the use of the property in productive agriculture. The purchase will also allow a longtime ranching family to continue to operate in an area that is highly threatened for conversion to estates, the aesthetic scenic value of western Marin along the shore of Tomales Bay will be preserved, and the natural resources and water quality of Tomales Bay and Walker Creek will be protected from increased runoff from development. The purchase of agricultural land for subdivision and use as rural estates is one of the pressing problems facing the agricultural sector in Marin County. The property drains into Tomales Bay watershed, which is home to many threatened and endangered species such as the California freshwater shrimp, coho salmon and steelhead trout. The region also supports large numbers of wintering and migrating shorebirds, making it a significant habitat to preserve and protect from degradation.



Muir Heritage Land Trust

5b) Fernandez Ranch Acquisition and Stream Restoration Planning

Location: Near City of Hercules, Unincorporated Contra Costa County

- Bay Program Funds: \$1,125,000
Matching Funds: \$2,300,000
Note: \$489,477 of funding for this project is from a grant by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), through the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program. Also see Bay Area Ridge Trail #5a above.

The Conservancy grant to the Muir Heritage Land Trust helped the land trust to acquire the approximately 702-acre Fernandez Ranch in July of 2005 and to plan for the restoration of Rodeo Creek. The Fernandez Ranch is located in the upper portion of Rodeo Creek, which enters San Pablo Bay in the community of Rodeo, approximately two miles southwest of the Carquinez Bridge. Tributaries of Rodeo Creek are located on the property and have been eroded and destabilized from various causes. The restoration will reconnect the stream to the floodplain, restore a dynamic equilibrium to the stream, restore native plants in the corridor, and enhance and protect habitat for sensitive species such as the Alameda whipsnake, California red-legged frog, and the Western pond turtle.

Napa County Resource Conservation District

20) Napa River Rutherford Reach Restoration Project

Location: Approximately 4 1/2 miles of the Napa River, between Oakville Cross Road and Zinfandel Land bridges, approximately twenty miles upstream of the river mouth.

- Bay Program Funds: \$279,400
Matching Funds: \$321,100

The Napa County Resource Conservation District will complete detailed engineering designs, environmental review documents, and permit applications for the restoration of the Rutherford Reach of the Napa River. This section of the

Napa River has been impaired by severe channel erosion that has degraded the habitat value of the river to species such as steelhead trout, a federally listed threatened species and California freshwater shrimp, a federally listed endangered species. The Rutherford Reach of the Napa River is approximately 4 1/2 miles long and lies 20 miles upstream of the mouth of the river. The Napa River has long been a concern to the Conservancy. In 1996, the Conservancy funded technical studies for the lower reach (between the City of Napa and the river mouth), which resulted in development of a multi-objective flood management plan. Planning for the restoration for the Rutherford Reach of the Napa River was initiated and partially funded by the Rutherford Dust Society, a nonprofit association of vintners and growers owning or managing land within the Rutherford wine-growing region of Napa County. Non-native and invasive plants currently located adjacent to the Napa River, such as Himalayan blackberry and periwinkle, serve as hosts for the bacterium that causes Pierce's disease and can significantly affect vineyards. The public-private partnership working on planning this project provides an innovative model for encouraging other landowners to carry out similar restoration projects. The project will also result in the preparation of a maintenance plan for the stability and quality of the river environment after implementation of the initial phases of the restoration project. If implemented, this project could significantly improve fish and wildlife habitat within the river corridor, as well as reduce sedimentation at the downstream estuary.

Novato Sanitary District

7b) Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project

Location: Southeast Novato, along western margin of San Pablo Bay, Marin County

- Bay Program Funds: \$400,000
Note: Also see California State Coastal Conservancy #7a above.

In conjunction with the Conservancy's Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project, funds will be used for the Novato Sanitary District (NSD) to prepare detailed designs and construction drawings for the relocation of its de-chlorination plant to serve two existing sewage treatment facilities owned and operated by the NSD. As part of a large-scale infrastructure planning effort, the NSD concluded that it is more cost effective to replace the one de-chlorination facility currently located at Hamilton, with one at each treatment plant. Relocation of the de-chlorination plant is a feature of the authorized Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project; pursuant to federal law and Corps policy, relocations such as this are the sole responsibility of the nonfederal sponsor, although the PCA allows the Corps to conduct the work using Conservancy funds.

7c) Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project, Novato Sanitary District Relocation

Location: Southeast Novato, along western margin of San Pablo Bay, Marin County

- Bay Program Funds: \$1,300,000
Note: Also see California State Coastal Conservancy #7a above.

The Novato Sanitary District will construct replacement de-chlorination facilities that will help accomplish the Hamilton Bel Marin Keys restoration. A de-chlorination plant removes chlorine from treated wastewater prior to discharge into San Pablo Bay.

Point Reyes National Seashore Association

21) Bear Valley Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan

Location: Point Reyes National Seashore, Marin County

- Bay Program Funds: \$225,000
Matching Funds: \$86,000

The Point Reyes National Seashore Association will develop a watershed enhancement plan for the Bear Valley Creek watershed at Point Reyes National Seashore. The Plan provides for the planning and design of fish barrier removal and other resource enhancement projects through the Bear Valley Creek watershed. By evaluating natural channel process, fish habitat, and fish passage through existing road crossings on Bear Valley Creek, the project will identify all structures and areas that impede natural channel processes and impair the biological productivity of salmonids within the watershed. The objective of the project is to restore a healthy population of coho salmon and steelhead to Bear Valley Creek, the most visible stream within Point Reyes National Seashore and to provide ample opportunities for visitor education related to the nature and status of salmonids along the California coast. This enhancement plan will be developed consistent with the provision of interpretive and educational opportunities regarding watershed restoration and fisheries near park visitor facilities. Bear Valley is the main park Visitor's Center with an average daily visitation of 5,000.

Port of San Francisco

22) Pier 94 Wetland Enhancement

Location: City and County of San Francisco

- Bay Program Funds: \$132,600
Matching Funds: \$171,000

The Port of San Francisco has jurisdiction over the tidelands along the bayfront of the City of San Francisco. Pier 94 is located immediately south of and adjacent to the Islais Creek inlet along the southern shoreline of San Francisco Bay within the City and County of San Francisco. The Port of San Francisco will restore and enhance approximately six acres of tidal wetland in the bay at Pier 94. Although small, the wetlands at Pier 94 provide rare and valuable habitat in this highly industrialized portion of the Bay shoreline. The existing habitat at Pier 94 varies from low-quality concrete and asphalt substrate in some areas to high quality pickleweed and tidal pond habitat in others. Because wetland habitat is so limited in the Central Bay, Pier 94 supports a great deal of bird activity, particularly migratory waterfowl. The pickleweed marsh, mudflat and gravel beach offer foraging and roosting habitat to many species of birds. The primary goal of the project is to improve habitat quality, and enhance and expand the wetland/upland transition zone to provide additional habitat for marine fish, shorebirds, wading birds, waterfowl, and plants unique to this habitat.

PRBO Conservation Science

23) PRBO San Francisco Bay Research Center

Location: Shollenberger Park, Petaluma, Sonoma County

- Bay Program Funds: \$201,500
Matching Funds: \$4,560,100

PRBO Conservation Science will create education facilities, displays, and equipment at its new San Francisco Bay Research Center. PRBO's Center will be located in a business park adjacent to the Shollenberger Park and the Gray Ranch Property, the latter being purchased by the City of Petaluma through a grant from the Conservancy. Next to the Petaluma River, Shollenberger Park and Grey Ranch feature a mosaic of uplands, riparian, salt and brackish wetland habitats. Through the Center, PRBO will focus on San Francisco Bay ecology, increase numbers of participants in educational programs, and serve as a visitor center for the adjacent Shollenberger Marsh. A 750-square foot room will be used for educational activities and include displays in the visitor-serving areas and viewing scopes for educational programs as well as the preparation and installation of interpretive signage for the adjacent wetlands. PRBO's mission is to conserve birds and wildlife through innovative scientific research and outreach. Since 1965, PRBO has been a leader in Pacific coast avian and ecological research. PRBO also uses bird ecology to educate the public about conservation science and environmental stewardship.

Solano Land Trust

24a) Vallejo Swett Ranch Acquisition

Location: City of Vallejo, east of Highway 80 and north of the City of Benicia, Solano County

- Bay Program Funds: \$200,000
Matching Funds: \$2,600,000

The Solano Land Trust will acquire the 905-acre Vallejo Swett Ranch to protect wildlife habitat, agricultural lands, and scenic open space and to enable the dedication of an approximately two-mile segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, plus four miles of community connector and loop trails. The acquisition will complete a multi-phase acquisition of 3,888 acres for which the Conservancy has previously committed \$3,575,000. The Vallejo Swett Ranch lies within

a 10,000-acre planning area designated to remain in open space and agricultural use by the Tri-City and County Cooperative Plan for Agriculture and Open Space Preservation. The Ranch provides habitat for the federally threatened red-legged frog and is a core element of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's designated critical habitat area for the species. The Ranch will be managed with other ranches for resource protection and enhancement, public outdoor recreation and education, and grazing in non-sensitive habitat areas.



Source: Bud F. Turner, Solano Land Trust

24b) Vallejo Swett Ranch Ridge Trail Planning

Location: Vallejo Swett Ranch, City of Vallejo, Solano County

- Bay Program Funds: \$50,000
Matching Funds: \$57,000

The Solano Land Trust will plan a two-mile segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail and approximately four miles of community connector trails on the 905-acre Vallejo Swett Ranch in Solano County. The segment of the Ridge Trail will be a multi-use connection between Blue Rock Springs Park and the Hiddenbrooke Open Space and will be planned in coordination with the resource management plan being developed for the Vallejo Swett, Eastern Swett, and King Ranch by the

Solano Land Trust and other participants. The project will include a public access plan, a public access management plan, trail and construction design, permits and environmental documents. The planning and eventual implementation of this new segment of the Ridge Trail will lead to opportunities for public hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding in a beautiful setting within close proximity to Vallejo, Fairfield and Benicia. On the western ridge and the higher peaks, rock outcrops and wind-sculpted groves of bays and oaks alternate with rolling, windswept hills. There are dramatic views over the City of Vallejo and San Pablo Bay to the west, Suisun Bay to the south, and higher peaks and ranges to the east (Mt. Diablo) and north. The development of this link in the Bay Area Ridge Trail will meet the goals and objectives of several regional plans, including the Vallejo Trails Master Plan (1988), Tri-City and County Cooperative Plan for Open Space Preservation (1994), the Solano Countywide Trails Plan (2002) and the Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan (2004). The Project will lead to increased public access to this property and the neighboring ranches, helping validate public investment in the properties and meeting one of the purposes of acquisition. The project may also indirectly support the formation and funding of a public open space agency in Solano County by exposing more people to the opportunities to recreate on the property while accentuating the fact that access will be limited to docent-led walks until a revenue source for long-term management is established.



Source: Bud F. Turner, Solano Land Trust



Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

25) Bear Mountain Property Acquisition

Location: Northeast of the City of Santa Rosa, Unincorporated Sonoma County

- Bay Program Funds: \$1,200,000
Matching Funds: \$8,213,000

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District will acquire a 242-acre portion of the 960-acre Bear Mountain property in Sonoma County for open space preservation, natural resources protection and recreation, and for the creation of a management plan to identify restoration and

recreational opportunities at Bear Mountain. The Property is located on the slopes above the northeast corner of the City of Santa Rosa in unincorporated Sonoma County. The property contains rolling grasslands, densely wooded slopes and four tributaries, rare and endangered plants and animals, vernal pools and wildlife corridors. The acquisition is given a high priority because it will protect valuable land and water resources, and make a significant contribution to the County's natural open spaces and recreational opportunities easily available to residents of Santa Rosa. Furthermore, the acquisition is urgent because Bear Mountain is under threat of development. The State Department of Fish and Game considers this property to hold high wildlife values because it is located in the headwaters of Mark West Creek, and supports a complex diversity of plant communities and habitat types.

26) Tolay Lake Ranch Acquisition

Location: Southern foothills of the Sonoma Mountains, between cities of Petaluma and Sonoma, Sonoma County

- Bay Program Funds: \$2,000,000
Matching Funds: \$16,000,000

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District will acquire the 1,737-acre Tolay Lake Ranch in southern Sonoma County for the protection and restoration of natural resources and to provide public access. This project is high priority because it will protect the property's abundant natural and archaeological resources, and will provide the opportunity for outdoor public recreation. Tolay Lake, at 200 acres is the largest natural freshwater lake in Sonoma County and the only one remaining in the San Pablo Bay watershed. The lake

provides an important refuge for migrating waterfowl. Other habitats represented are mostly grasslands, two miles of creek and riparian corridor, open meadows, and oak woodlands. Numerous archaeological sites occur on the property. Charmstones, carved rock objects used by Native Americans can be found in great number around the lakebed making it one of the most prolific sites for charmstones in the country. Opportunities exist for preserving the natural and cultural resources on the site. The property will be managed by Sonoma County Regional Parks as Tolay Lake Regional Park.



27) North Slope Sonoma Mountain Trail Planning

Location: North Slope of Sonoma Mountain, unincorporated Sonoma County

- Bay Program Funds: \$110,000
Matching Funds: \$100,000

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District will prepare a trail plan and perform environmental documentation and analysis for approximately five miles of the Bay Area Ridge Trail on the North Slope of Sonoma Mountain. The planning project will include the following activities for the Ridge Trail segment from Jack London Historic Park to Jacobs Ranch; consideration of alternatives

for alignment of trails, evaluation and documentation of environmental and archaeological resources in the vicinity of the preferred trail alignment, and flagging and surveying the preferred trail alignment. This new Ridge Trail segment, the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Trail, will provide public access and recreation on four newly-acquired properties, totaling approximately 452 acres, strategically acquired by the District to provide a continuous Ridge Trail corridor to the west of Jack London State Historic Park. The trail will also extend across Sonoma Mountain Woodlands, owned by the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department. Sonoma Mountain is a defining geographic feature of Sonoma County, and serves as a backdrop for Bennett Valley and Sonoma Valley on the north and east side and the scenic Highway 101 corridor and Petaluma Valley on the south and west. The trail alignment follows the ridgeline on the north slope of Sonoma Mountain before dropping down into Bennett Valley. This will offer views of the Santa Rosa plain, the Coast Ranges, Mt. St. Helena, Bennett Peak, and Taylor Mountain as well as views of Napa County.

Sonoma Land Trust

28) North Point Joint Venture Acquisition

Location: Unincorporated Sonoma County, San Pablo Bay

- Bay Program Funds: \$25,000
Additional Conservancy Funds: \$500,000
Matching Funds: \$12,320,000
Note: Additional Conservancy Funds for this project are from a grant by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The Sonoma Land Trust will acquire the 1,679-acre North Point Joint Venture property. The North Point Joint Venture property contains historic tideland and watershed lands that drain into San Pablo Bay. The Property is part of the Sonoma Baylands, an area comprised of historic baylands

lying between the Petaluma River and Tolay Creek where Sonoma County meets the Bay. This acquisition represents the last piece of open space to come under protection, connecting 21,000 acres of Sonoma Baylands. The property's potential for restoration, connectivity of wetlands and uplands habitats and connection to other protected properties and key conservation areas will contribute enormously to the health of the Bay ecosystem. The property includes an area proposed for 8,000 linear feet of Bay Trail. Once restoration and trail construction are completed, the Department of Fish and Game will manage the property.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

29) Napa River Salt Marsh Restoration Project, Phase 2 Final Design

Location: Northern edge of San Pablo Bay, bounded on east by Napa River and the west by Sonoma Creek in Napa and Sonoma Counties

- Bay Program Funds: \$250,000
Matching Funds: \$750,000

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will perform preconstruction engineering and design for the Napa River Salt Marsh Project. The Conservancy will provide funds to the Corps to satisfy non-federal cost-share requirements. The Napa River Salt Marsh consists of nearly 10,000 acres of wetlands within the former Cargill salt pond complex in the North Bay. It was acquired and is managed by the California Department of Fish and Game in 1994. It is within the 38,000 acre Napa-Sonoma Marsh Complex, a resource of national importance due to its size and because it provides habitat for migratory waterfowl and shorebirds as well as threatened and endangered species, such as the California clapper rail and salt marsh harvest mouse. An estimated 85% of the historic tidal marshes in the San Francisco-Bay Delta Estuary have been filled or significantly altered over the past two centuries. The San Pablo Bay's diked baylands provide an opportunity for large-scale restoration of tidal marsh, and over the last decade, state and federal resource and regulatory agencies have purchased a number of properties within the Napa-Sonoma Marsh Complex, with the intent to restore much of the land to tidal marsh. The Conservancy, Corps and DFG completed a Feasibility Study for the Napa River Salt Marsh Restoration Project in 2004. The Feasibility Report and EIR/EIS evaluated alternatives for salinity reduction and habitat restoration and enhancement and identified a preferred alternative. The design of Phase 1 (approximately 5,000 acres of salt ponds) has been completed and is being constructed in 2005-2006. The Corps will design Phase 2 (the remaining ponds), with construction by the Corps anticipated to begin in 2007 or 2008.

Wildlife Conservation Board

30) Lauffs Ranch Acquisition

Location: Northeastern Napa County

- Bay Program Funds: \$1,500,000
Matching Funds: \$11,000,000

The Wildlife Conservation Board will acquire the 12,575-acre Lauffs Ranch in northeastern Napa County for the protection, restoration and management of natural resources and to provide public access. The Lauffs Ranch was once used for cattle grazing but still contains many ecological communities including grasslands, oak woodlands, serpentine chaparral, riparian and cliff habitats and watersheds. The Property will be managed by Department of Fish and Game and will contain public access from Berryessa-Knoxville Road for hiking and mountain biking and hunting of deer and wild boar.

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California State Parks Foundation

31) Año Nuevo Marine Education Center

Location: Año Nuevo State Reserve, near Pescadero, San Mateo County

- Additional Conservancy Funds: \$350,000
Matching Funds: \$2,672,568

California State Parks Foundation will construct a Marine Education Center at Año Nuevo State Reserve. Año Nuevo State Reserve is situated 50 miles south of San Francisco and 20 miles north of Santa Cruz on California State Highway One. The Reserve is a designated Wildlife Protection Area that is home to the largest mainland breeding colony of northern elephant seals in the world. Once hunted to the brink of extinction

during the 1800's, northern elephant seal populations have made a heroic comeback thanks to focused conservation efforts and protection of the natural resources. The Center will be a state-of-the-art coastal education and docent training facility on the San Mateo County coast. More than 200,000 visitors annually will receive valuable hands-on opportunities to learn about California's central coast and marine wildlife. Dickerman Barn will be upgraded to contain two floors of training rooms and support space for interpretive exhibits and presentations, as well as expanded educational facilities. The Horse Barn will be designed and upgraded to contain two floors of training rooms and support space for the approximately 220 volunteer docents who lead interpretive tours out into the Reserve's elephant seal colony. The California State Parks Foundation has contributed more than \$116 million in land, funds, and artifacts to California State Parks since its inception since 1969. The Foundation, Department of Parks and Recreation and San Mateo Coast Natural History Association are committed to building the new Marine Education Center for the benefit of millions of future visitors.



City of Pacifica

32) Beach and Blufftop Accessway Reconstruction

Location: City of Pacifica, San Mateo County

- Additional Conservancy Funds: \$350,000
Matching Funds: \$30,000

The City of Pacifica will design and reconstruct a storm-damaged vertical beach and lateral blufftop accessway to reestablish safe beach and blufftop access at a site that has historically been heavily used by the public for surf fishing, surfing, and wildlife viewing. The privately-owned commercial RV park site is located on a relatively flat coastal bluff covering 12 acres in northern Pacifica.

The project will also facilitate the formalization and recordation of a public access and recreation easement from the private property owner to the City covering the area in which the damaged area is located and thereby preserve in perpetuity the public's right to access the beach and blufftop via the improved accessway. Funding will also be used to construct a new trail and blufftop park on City-owned property adjacent to the blufftop accessway to be constructed, thereby establishing nearly one-half mile of contiguous blufftop trail access. All of the improvements will be designed, located, constructed and maintained to withstand at least twenty years of estimated erosion and bluff retreat.

33) Pedro Point Headlands Coastal Trail

Location: Pedro Point Headlands, City of Pacifica, San Mateo County

- Additional Conservancy Funds: \$200,000
Matching Funds: \$900,000
Note: This authorization amends the June 4, 2003 authorization for preconstruction costs associated with the development of the Coastal Trail.

The City of Pacifica will perform preconstruction activities including design and permitting associated with the development of the Pedro Point Headlands Coastal Trail connecting Pacifica State Beach with the Devil's Slide right-of-way. The trail over the Pedro Point Headlands will not only provide an important link in the California Coastal Trail, it also makes the Pedro Point Headlands more easily accessible for a wide variety of users. Conservancy funds were previously authorized in June 2003 for construction of the trail but are now needed to complete the final design and permit phase of the project. Caltrans funds will pay for construction of the trail.



County of Marin

34) Marin County Coastal Access Easement Surveys

Location: Tomales Bay, Marin County

- Additional Conservancy Funds: \$38,000

Marin County will obtain land surveys of eleven public access easements around Tomales Bay. The easements are located along the shoreline of Tomales Bay, and were derived from offers to dedicate public access easements that the County accepted. The property descriptions and legal descriptions of the easements were inadequate to identify the easement boundaries. The surveys are needed to verify property boundaries and whether there are existing encroachments into the easement areas and to prevent future encroachments from occurring.



County of Sonoma

35) Steelhead Beach River Park, Phase II

Location: Forestville, Sonoma County

- Additional Conservancy Funds: \$215,000
Matching Funds: \$235,000

The County of Sonoma will develop and construct the second phase of public access and riparian habitat improvements at Steelhead Beach River Park. The Project is located along the Russian River near the intersection of Mirabel Road and River Road, in Forestville approximately 15 miles west of Santa Rosa. The Park is 37 acres and extends along 2,000 feet of river frontage. Phase II improvements will provide new and improved public and fishing access to the Russian

River. Phase II improvements include an information kiosk and entrance station, restroom building, riparian corridor restoration, and twenty-two overnight environmental campsites. In June 1991, the Conservancy provided funds for the preparation of a public access plan for the Russian River. Of the public sites that were reviewed Steelhead Beach River Park was ranked as number one in the planning process due to its location and its ability to provide a wide range of public access and river uses. The Conservancy and its partners provided funds for Phase I public access improvements in 1998. Since those improvements were made, usage has grown from 2,500 visitors per year to roughly 95,000 visitors per year in 2003, demonstrating the high demand for public access sites along the Russian River. Steelhead Beach is maintained by the Sonoma County Regional Park Department, which oversees the development and management of the facilities.

Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

36) Estero Americano Ranch Resource Restoration Projects

Location: Estero Americano watershed, Marin and Sonoma Counties

- Additional Conservancy Funds: \$650,000
Matching Funds: \$519,000

The Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District will implement ranch resource restoration projects in the Estero Americano watershed in Marin and Sonoma Counties. These ranch restoration and monitoring procedures will be undertaken on eight ranches where the RCD has been granted access by the landowner and the landowner agrees to maintain the improvements. Ranch restoration plans and specific resource restoration project have been identified. The eight ranches have twenty four projects awaiting implementation over roughly 5, 100 acres. The projects include water quality and temperature measurements, water conservation practices, soil conservation practices, riparian corridor restoration, road design and grading, and recommendations for the location of future roads and facilities. The landowner will share in the cost of project implementation and be responsible for the maintenance of the completed projects.

37) Dutch Bill Creek Sediment Control Project

Location: Dutch Bill Creek, Russian River watershed, western Sonoma County

- Additional Conservancy Funds: \$135,000
Matching Funds: \$499,000

The Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District will implement projects to reduce sediment delivery to Dutch Bill Creek for the purpose of improving anadromous fish habitat. Dutch Bill Creek is an 11 square mile tributary to the Russian River located in western Sonoma County in the river's lower watershed. The watershed has a diversity of land uses including cattle grazing, commercial vineyards, logging and rural residential uses. Coho salmon and steelhead trout are routinely found in the stream. The District will implement erosion control and erosion prevention projects at 139 sites located on nine private parcels. The work will include replacing old culverts with new culverts designed to accommodate a 100 year storm event, installing critical dips at stream crossings, installing new ditch relief culverts, installing rolling dips to minimize erosion from roadbeds, filling inboard ditches and out-sloping road surfaces and armoring culvert outfalls where appropriate. The work will address some 11.2 miles of road and achieve an estimated 25,240 cubic yards of total sediment savings.

LandPaths: Land Partners Through Stewardship

38) Willow Creek Interim Operation and Maintenance

Location: Coastal Sonoma County

- Additional Conservancy Funds: \$300,000
Matching Funds: \$900,000

LandPaths will conduct a four-year public access and management program for the Willow Creek property acquisition in coastal Sonoma County. This project facilitates the transfer of the Willow Creek property from the Mendocino Redwoods Company to California Department of Parks and Recreation. Ultimately when the transfer is approved by the State Public Works Board, the property will be transferred to the Sonoma Coast Beaches State Park. The project will continue an access permit program, provide maps and interpretive information, provide a basic safety and security framework, and in cooperation with DPR and other partners, develop a plan for the long-term operation and management of the property.

Marin Conservation Corps

39) Elephant Seal Overlook Trail Rehabilitation

Location: Point Reyes National Seashore

- Additional Conservancy Funds: \$88,000
Matching Funds: \$32,528

The Marin Conservation Corps will upgrade the 0.2 mile Elephant Seal Overlook Trail in Point Reyes National Seashore. The improvements include a minor re-route of the trailhead to lessen the grade and widen the trail to a four-foot tread to accommodate disabled visitors, re-grade the trail and install compacted rock to stabilize the trail slope and improve drainage to reduce erosion, expand the visitor overlook to accommodate increased use and install exclusionary fencing to control cattle from accessing the trail area.



Oikonos Ecosystem Knowledge

40) Año Nuevo Island Habitat Restoration, Phase II

Location: Año Nuevo State Reserve, San Mateo County

- Additional Conservancy Funds: \$160,000
Matching Funds: \$90,000

Oikonos Ecosystem Knowledge will implement further habitat restoration at Año Nuevo Island in Año Nuevo State Reserve. Oikonos, a Bolinas-based nonprofit conservation organization has been working with PRBO Conservation Science to reduce severe erosion that threatens Año Nuevo Island's seabird colonies, particularly its rhinoceros auklets which nest in burrows underground. In fall 2003, Oikonos began an ambitious effort to restore the island's central marine terrace, the main habitat for auklets. The project entails planting dense concentrations of mature specimens of salt grass and other native plants that can withstand the harsh island conditions. Oikonos plans to restore the remaining 20,000 square feet of habitat in one season. Following the restoration work, Oikonos intends to carry out three years of monitoring studies and adaptive maintenance to ensure the project's success. Additionally, Oikonos will prepare educational materials and exhibits pertaining to marine birds and other aspects of the island ecosystems for use in the state reserve's interpretive center and docent program. Assisted by Conservancy funds, Oikonos has completed Phase I of the project, consisting of revegetation and soil stabilization of about 13,500 square feet on the windward side of the island where the seabird density is greatest and the erosion is most severe.

Peninsula Open Space Trust

41) San Gregorio Farms Acquisition, Reimbursable Grant

Location: Near community of San Gregorio, unincorporated San Mateo County

- Additional Conservancy Funds: \$2,225,000
Note: \$2,000,000 of this funding is in the form of a reimbursable grant.

The Peninsula Open Space Trust will acquire the 267-acre San Gregorio Farms property. The Trust will repay the grant without interest by June 30, 2008. The property is situated between two California Department of Parks and Recreation properties, San Gregorio and Pomponio State Parks. The Department is very interested in acquiring the property but doesn't have funds to restore the existing residential structures onsite for ranger housing and no funds for operation and maintenance. This repayable grant allows the Department more time to resolve impediments to acquiring the property. The property encompasses a 4,300-foot segment of San Gregorio Creek, which currently supports steelhead and historically supported coho salmon. The riparian corridor of the creek supports populations of the endangered California red-legged frog, San Francisco garter snake, marbled murrelet, and provides important habitat for several species of migratory and neotropical songbirds. This acquisition protects public access and prime coastal, riparian, and scenic resources.

Sail San Francisco

42) Tall Ships Exposition 2005

Location: Ports of San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego

- Additional Conservancy Funds: \$100,000
Matching Funds: \$1,277,725

During the summer of 2005, Sail San Francisco will plan and host one of three Tall Ship Exposition Festivals statewide. The festivals will sponsor visits by historic tall sailing ships, international maritime training vessels, and other unique craft, and the development of related activities, which will promote access to urban waterfronts. The events held over a period of four or five days will be held in conjunction with multi-cultural waterfront educational and

recreational activities. The festivals draw upon the romance, history and ambience of waterfronts as attractive venues and are located in coastal cities where tourism is a major component of the local economy. Waterfront themes and amenities include parades, on-board visits by the public, live entertainment, folk heritage demonstrations, day sails and mock battles, boat races, maritime educational programs, theatrical performances, food and merchandise sales.



Sonoma Land Trust

43) Estero Americano Nature Preserve Enhancement Project

Location: Estero Americano, southwestern Sonoma County

- Additional Conservancy Funds: \$40,000
Matching Funds: \$25,900

The Sonoma Land Trust will prepare and implement a resource enhancement plan for the 127-acre Estero Americano Nature Preserve. The Preserve was formed over several years by a partnership between the Conservancy, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District and Sonoma Land Trust. The Preserve rises from sea level to an elevation of 350 feet at Estero Lane, and incorporates riparian corridors, wetland areas, coastal prairie, and upland brush vegetation. The Estero is a coastal estuary that flows to the ocean from seven miles inland, and has been identified as a critical area by the Coastal Commission. The Estero and Preserve are under pressure from surrounding land uses, past and present agricultural operations, road conditions and erosion which have led to the degradation of water quality. In order to continue to using the Preserve for limited public access and to restore its natural resources, substantial work is needed to address erosion, sedimentation, water quality, and invasive species problems. The Project has two components: preparation of a resource management plan and implementation of erosion control projects already identified through the Sonoma Land Trust's Road Management and Erosion Control Plan for the Preserve.

Funding Summary of Bay Area Conservancy Program Projects Years One Through Six

	Bay Area Conservancy Program (a)	Additional Conservancy Funding (b)	Matching Funds (c) (some estimated)
Year One: FY 1999–2000 (42 Projects)	\$ 9,722,126	\$ -	\$ 17,990,159
Total Conservancy Funds	\$9,722,126		

Program Funding Leverage: BACP Funds/Matching Funds

35%

65%

Year Two: FY 2000–2001 (51 Projects)	\$ 20,286,027	\$ 21,715,000	\$ 80,948,268
Total Conservancy Funds	\$42,001,027		

Program Funding Leverage: BACP Funds/Matching Funds

20%

80%

Year Three: FY 2001–2002 (41 Projects)	\$ 16,082,196	\$ 5,130,000	\$ 57,034,781
Total Conservancy Funds	\$21,212,196		

Program Funding Leverage: BACP Funds/Matching Funds

22%

78%

Year Four: FY 2002–2003 (26 Projects)	\$ 15,672,185	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 66,852,488
Total Conservancy Funds	\$20,672,185		

Program Funding Leverage: BACP Funds/Matching Funds

22%

78%

Year Five: FY 2003–2004 (35 Projects)	\$ 17,256,585	\$ 544,381	\$ 52,371,386
Total Conservancy Funds	\$17,800,966		

Program Funding Leverage: BACP Funds/Matching Funds

25%

75%

Year Six: FY 2004–2005 (35 Projects)	\$ 24,327,875	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 76,987,574
Total Conservancy Funds	\$25,827,875		

Program Funding Leverage: BACP Funds/Matching Funds

24%

76%

Sum Total for Years One Through Six

	Bay Area Conservancy Program (a)	Additional Conservancy Funding (b)	Matching Funds (c) (some estimated)
Year One – Year Six: FY 1999–2005 (230 Projects)	\$ 103,346,994	\$ 33,889,381	\$ 352,184,656
Total Conservancy Funds	\$137,236,375		

Program Funding Leverage: BACP Funds/Matching Funds

23%

77%

Notes:

- a) BACP Funds are those directly appropriated to the Bay Area Conservancy Program.
- b) Additional Conservancy Funds are appropriated to the State Coastal Conservancy as an agency, of which some may be used by the BACP.
- c) Matching Funds are all other funds, including grants to the Conservancy from the Wildlife Conservation Board, Bay-Delta Authority, and others.

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