

2007 – 2008 Small Grants Program

1. Project: Important Bird Area Enhancement-Coal Oil Point Reserve
Grantee: Santa Barbara Audubon Society
Award: \$9,500
Total Cost: \$16,700

The Project involves improving the nesting and roosting habitat for sensitive shorebirds and estuary birds through habitat restoration near the mouth of the Devereux Slough. Non-native shrubs and iceplant will be removed, and the areas will be subsequently restored with local seed and container plants.

2. Project: Toro Canyon Cape Ivy Control and Riparian Restoration
Grantee: Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
Award: \$30,000
Total Cost: \$61,000

The Project will carry out habitat restoration in the Toro Canyon watershed by eradicating invasive plants from eight acres of riparian woodland along Garrapata Creek and revegetating the site with native riparian species. The collaborative project will conserve and enhance threatened native California plant and animal communities while providing public educational opportunities.

3. Project: Ojai Meadows Preserve Vernal Pool Restoration
Grantee: Ojai Valley Land Conservancy
Award: \$20,000
Total Cost: \$51,900

The Project will restore vernal wetland to a 1.5-acre weed infested field. Site topography will be altered to restore vernal wetland hydrology and associated native vegetation communities. The project site will then be inoculated with seed material for plant species characteristic of vernal wetlands. Habitat will be greatly enhanced for rare native plants, and waterfowl and shorebirds.

4. Project: Ormond Pointe Native Plant Nursery and Restoration Project
Grantee: California Native Plant Society
Award: \$10,000
Total Cost: \$15,000

The Project will conduct weeding at the Ormond Beach Wetlands project site and subsequently restore the area with appropriate native plants as determined in an area plant survey. The grantee intends on hosting 500 students and paying for their bus transportation so that the students can tour and work in the nursery/restoration area.

5. Project: Calleguas Creek Enhancement Project
Grantee: California State University, Channel Islands
Award: \$14,700
Total Cost: \$33,400

The Project will promote the stewardship of Calleguas Creek through enhancing and rehabilitating a two-acre section located almost entirely within the riparian zone. The project will include a habitat assessment along with a GIS map of the location, a professional hydrologic report, the removal of no less than 15,000 sq. feet of invasive vegetation and the planting of various native plants within the stream corridor. Students from CSCIU and Oxnard College, as well as Oxnard City Corps Youth Group and volunteers solicited through other groups will complete the work.

6. Project: Compton Creek Soft-Bottom Restoration Project
Grantee: City of Compton
Award: \$25,000
Total Cost: \$32,450

The Project will conduct trash clean up and the removal of non-native plants in the soft bottom portion of Compton Creek and build capacity for a future full scale restoration of the soft-bottom portion of the Compton Creek.

7. Project: Pioneer Park Wetlands Restoration
Grantee: Carden Academy of Basic Education
Award: \$20,000
Total Cost: \$48,000

The Project will consist of the control/removal of non-native invasive plants and the restoration/enhancement of California native plants at the project site. The project will be used as a basis for a hands-on environmental education program for the Carden Academy students, staff and extended community.

8. Project: Orange Coast River Park Native Plant Propagation Nursery
Grantee: Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks
Award: \$30,000
Total Cost: \$67,600

The Project will construct, supply, operate and maintain a Native Plant Propagation Nursery that will provide a permanent native plant supply for the Orange Coast River Park ecosystem including wetlands (coastal saltwater and freshwater marshes) and dune, riparian, coastal prairie and coastal sage scrub habitats.

9. Project: Mangrove Removal at the Northern Wildlife Preserve
Grantee: San Diego Audubon
Award: \$21,600
Total Cost: \$46,000

The Project will enhance 1.2 acres of low-to-high salt marsh habitat through the eradication of invasive mangrove plants. Community groups expected to participate in

the project include the UC Natural Reserve System, Aquatic Adventures, Hoover High School, Mission Bay High School, and nearby elementary schools.

10. Project: Changing Historical Perceptions through Infrastructure Removal, Education and Restoration

Grantee: San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy

Award: \$17,485

Total Cost: \$109,745

The Project will remove an old sewage treatment facility from within the San Elijo Lagoon State Ecological Reserve, educate two or more schools about the importance of the project and how a community can learn from past land use mistakes, and restore critical buffers by removing invasive plant species and revegetating with native plant species.

11. Project: City and Streams

Grantee: Groundwork Chollas

Award: \$20,500

Total Cost: \$91,113

The Project will revegetate a section of coastal canyon wetland that is presently low-functioning habitat, using volunteer residents and students, drawn to the project by celebratory educational events specifically targeting the ethnically and economically diverse audience that characterizes the Chollas Creek watershed.