

2009 – 2010 Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program

Project: Carpinteria Salt Marsh Transitional Habitat Enhancement and Community Outreach Program

Grantee: Land Trust for Santa Barbara

Award: \$22,000

Total Estimated Cost: \$22,000

Project Description: 1) Engage diverse local communities in Salt Marsh restoration and maintenance through restoration days, educational field trips, advertisements, electronic media, and mailings; 2) Restore disparate patches of upland and transitional-to-upland vegetation communities, totaling 2 acres, through continued removal of invasives and installation of natives (infill planting).

Project: Ojai Creek Riparian Habitat Restoration Project

Grantee: Ojai Valley Green Coalition

Award: \$28,250

Total Estimated Cost: \$50,550

Project Description: The Ojai Valley Green Coalition proposes to eradicate non-native plants and restore the riparian ecosystem of the Ojai Creek riparian corridor within Libbey Park in Ojai, California. This proposal is aimed at complementing and completing a number of previous efforts to restore aspects of the Ojai Creek with a more thorough and self sustaining restoration within Libbey Park. Due to the project's location in downtown Ojai, it will be a showcase and educational example for what can be done in other tributaries and reaches of the watershed.

Project: Community Based Restoration Planning and Outreach, Ventura River Parkway Properties

Grantee: Ventura Hillsides Conservancy

Award: \$6,900

Total Estimated Cost: \$14,100

Project Description: This project will involve local students and other volunteers in completing a baseline biological survey and restoration needs assessment and site cleanup activities for approximately 18 acres of riparian/wetland habitat located within the Ventura River Parkway Plan area. A stewardship plan focused on onsite restoration needs in context of the Ventura River watershed will be also prepared.

Project: Ventura Harbor Community Wetland Restoration

Grantee: Resource Conservation Partners

Award: \$24,500

Total Estimated Cost: \$81,000

Project Description: The project will conduct non-native plant removal at wastewater treatment ponds located adjacent to the Santa Clara River Estuary to enhance habitat and promote community stewardship.

Project: Grand Canal Restoration

Grantee: Growing Solutions

Award: \$3,000

Project Description: (Note: this project was added to the Program off-cycle to facilitate the completion of a stalled project at the Grand Canal). The Grand Canal Lagoon project will be implemented through a grass-roots effort. Los Angeles Conservation Corps / SEA Lab kicks off the installation of native plants with 2 weekends of workshops on Oct 18-19 and Oct 25-26, training more than 150 volunteers on proper planting techniques and site preparation. Growing Solutions Restoration Institute takes over training and planting sessions on Nov 1-2 and Nov 8-9. Multiple workshops result in the installation of over 1000 plants with by volunteers and students.

Project: Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program

Grantee: Los Cerritos Wetland Stewards

Award: \$28,500

Total Estimated Cost: \$67,400

Project Description: The Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program proposes to implement and expand the existing Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Interim Stewardship and Management Program by initiating a community-oriented program focused on wetlands education, community outreach, stewardship and conservation for the continued and long-term preservation and enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands. The vision is to remove non-native plant species, develop a weed management program, and establish a Southern tarplant seed conservation program.

Project: Ballona Creek Restoration and Stewardship

Grantee: Friends of Ballona Wetlands

Award: \$16,300

Total Estimated Cost: \$39,825

Project Description: Friends of Ballona Wetlands, Ballona Creek Renaissance, and the Mar Vista Family Center will together engage the community in restoration of a portion of degraded riparian corridor along Ballona Creek. The project partners will mentor local underserved youth through environmental education emphasizing watersheds and wetlands, on-site restoration, and ongoing maintenance of the project site.

Project: Dominguez Enhancement and Engagement Project

Grantee: From Lot to Spot

Award: \$22,000

Total Estimated Cost: \$54,100

Project Description: The project will implement native upland plantings located in areas selected by youth to enhance awareness and encourage public use of the channel and future development of a loop trail to connect the Dominguez watershed with other natural and cultural resources, such as Compton Creek, LA Harbor, and local beaches.

Project: Coyote Creek Restoration Phase 1: Upland Habitat Project

Grantee: City of La Habra

Award: \$18,250

Total Estimated Cost: \$91,800

Project Description: This project will restore 3,000 square feet of upland riparian habitat (removal of non-native vegetation and planting of native upland species) along Coyote Creek as it runs through the City of La Habra's Vista Grande Park. The proposed restoration of streambed in the park, will educate and motivate the community about Coyote Creek and potential further restoration.

Project: Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary Riparian Restoration Education Project

Grantee: Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary

Award: \$8,500

Total Estimated Cost: \$54,200

Project Description: Tucker proposes using volunteers to remove non-native plants and to restore willow, mulefat, sycamore habitat that was denuded after the Oct. 2007 fire and May 2008 flash flood. Tucker also proposes to expand its K-12 education program to include the topic of watershed health.

Project: Teens Restoring Sensitive Wetlands Habitat at San Elijo Lagoon

Grantee: San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy

Award: \$24,475

Total Estimated Cost: \$33,375

Project Description: Three restoration events at sensitive wetlands sites will provide local teenagers with the opportunity to restore degraded habitat while learning ecological concepts. The teens will present their experiences to the community at large at an annual event attracting 1500 visitors.