

RESOLUTION 2025-11

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORTUNA APPROVING GRANT OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 237 ACRES OF LOWER EEL RIVER WETLANDS

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has established the State Coastal Conservancy (“Conservancy”) under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code, and has authorized the Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement the provisions of Division 21; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy awards grants for projects that it determines are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code and with the Conservancy’s Strategic Plan and that best achieve the Conservancy’s statutory objectives, in light of limited funding.

WHEREAS, at its April 17, 2025 meeting, the Conservancy adopted a resolution authorizing a grant to City of Fortuna (“grantee”) for the acquisition of 237 acres of Lower Eel River Wetlands (“the project”). The resolution was adopted by the Conservancy pursuant to and is included in the Conservancy April 17, 2025 staff recommendation, a copy of which is on file with the grantee and with the Conservancy.

WHEREAS, the Conservancy requires that governing body of the grantee certify through a resolution that it approves the award of Conservancy grant funding and authorizes the execution by a representative of the grantee of a grant agreement on terms and conditions required by the Conservancy project no. 25-001-01, or Lower Eel River Wetlands Acquisition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. Approves the award of grant funding from the Conservancy for the project.
2. Acknowledges that it has or will have sufficient funds to complete the project and, if any property is acquired as part of the project to operate and maintain the property, and, if any facilities are constructed as a part of the project, to operate and maintain the facilities for a reasonable period, not less than the useful life of the facilities.
3. Agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the grant agreement and any other agreement or instrument as may be required by the Conservancy and as may be necessary to fulfill the terms of the grant agreement and to complete the project.
4. Authorizes any of the following named officers or employees to act as a representative of the grantee, to negotiate and execute on behalf of the grantee all agreements and instruments necessary to complete the project and to comply with the Conservancy's grant requirements, including, without limitation, the grant agreement: Amy Nilsen, City Manager .

PASSED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fortuna, California, on this 5th day of May 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mike Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Siana L. Emmons, City Clerk