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BOEMRE Approves \$35,477 Grant to Support Future Wetland Restoration and Reservoir Improvements at California's Lynch Canyon Open Space

WASHINGTON, DC – The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) announced today that it approved a \$35,477 grant to California's Solano County. The funding will allow the county to conduct environmental analyses for future wetland habitat restoration and reservoir improvements at Lynch Canyon Open Space, a public county park. The grant was made through BOEMRE's Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP).

Created by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, CIAP provides funding to the six Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas producing states to conserve and protect the coastal environment. CIAP is an ongoing program with grant funding that is allocated based on the offshore energy revenues collected by the United States.

"California's wetlands play an important role in sustaining the delicate balance in watershed ecosystems," said BOEMRE Director Michael R. Bromwich. "By partnering with California's Solano County through the CIAP program, BOEMRE is supporting the states efforts to enhance responsible resource management and promote healthy local wetland habitats."

The CIAP grant will fund the preparation of environmental documents that will lay the foundation for reservoir improvements and wetland habitat restoration at the Lynch Reservoir, a 13-acre reservoir in Solano County's Lynch Canyon Open Space. The reservoir supports a 3.5-acre downstream wetland and stores stock water for use in grazing cattle. These wetland areas serve as important wildlife habitat at Lynch Canyon and also protect downstream water quality through filtering of runoff and preventing erosion. This benefits the water quality of the Lynch Creek watershed, and ultimately Suisun Marsh, San Francisco Bay, and downstream coastal areas.

Since January 2010, the State of California and coastal counties have received \$5,913,550 in CIAP grants to support a broad range of projects that will protect and restore the California coastline through coordination, education and restoration. A complete list of CIAP grants to California and coastal counties can be found on the BOEMRE website at:
<http://www.boemre.gov/omm/pacific/enviro/CIAP.htm>.

CIAP will receive \$250 million in appropriated funds for each of the Fiscal Years 2007-2010 to be disbursed to six eligible Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas producing states – Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

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