

Deborah Ruddock

From: Jess Morton [jmorton@igc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 11:29 AM
To: DTownsend@dfg.ca.gov; sschuchat@scc.ca.gov
Subject: Support Portuguese Bend Preserve Land Acquisition Funding

Dear Sir,

The Endangered Habitats League urges you to support allocating bond funds for the acquisition of land for the Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve.

EHL has been intimately involved with Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) since 1991, when both the NCCP and EHL were begun. The League has played an important role in shaping the NCCP, and sees the Portuguese Bend Preserve as an essential element in the Los Angeles County portion of the NCCP. Thus we ask you to help provide the funds necessary to make the Preserve a reality.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Jess Morton
Endangered Habitats League
Treasurer and Los Angeles County Director

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see the Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon's web site
<www.lmconsult.com/pvaudubon>

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From: Barry Holchin [bholchin@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2005 9:39 AM
To: DTownsend@dfg.ca.gov
Cc: sschuchat@scc.ca.gov
Subject: Portuguese Bend Preserve

Attached is a pdf file expressing the Sierra Club's support for the proposed Portuguese Bend Preserve. A hardcopy follows via US Mail. Please address any comments or questions to my attention.

Barry Holchin
Conservation Chair
Palos Verdes-South Bay Group
Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club

August 20, 2005

Jim Kellogg, Chairman
Wildlife Conservation Board
1807 13th Street, Suite 103
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Portuguese Bend Preserve

Dear Sir:

The Palos Verdes-South Bay Regional Group of the Sierra Club strongly supports acquisition of land in the Portuguese Bend area of the Palos Verdes Peninsula to become part of an NCCP (Natural Communities Conservation Plan). This would protect Coastal Sage Scrub habitat for the California Gnatcatcher, Cactus Wren, and several other sensitive species.

About 1000 acres is currently undeveloped on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. This land has been designated a Significant Ecological Area (SEA) by Los Angeles County. The land in question has not been developed until now because of a Landslide Moratorium over much of the land, but the two landowners are talking about moving ahead with development plans if this land purchase falls apart. A major campaign is underway to raise \$6 million locally from private sources. This is in addition to about \$20 million which would come from federal, state, and local sources, to purchase land for the designated NCCP preserve.

The proposed \$10 million grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board would be a crucial part of this funding.

In addition to protecting important habitat, this area will offer nature appreciation for people from a large surrounding area. Trails in this area will provide passive recreation opportunities.

Yours truly,

Barry W. Holchin
Conservation Chair
Palos Verdes-South Bay Group
Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club

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From: Frances Spivy-Weber [frances@monolake.org]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2005 2:45 PM
To: sschuchat@scc.ca.gov
Cc: Barbaradye@cox.net
Subject: Support for Bond Funding for Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve

Sam Schuchat
California Coastal Conservancy

Dear Sam,

Thank you for considering the Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve for bond funding. For those of us living in the South Bay of Los Angeles County, Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve will be a very important addition to California's protected coastal sage scrub habitat. It will also be very important to California!

The Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon, an all volunteer organization on which I serve as co-President, recently voted to give almost half of its funds (\$10,000) toward the purchase of this property. We could think of no action we could take that would be more important to wildlife protection in our area and in California.

Let Michael and me know if you plan to make a site visit. We would love to tag along.

If you have questions about my position, please let me know. Fran

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Deborah Ruddock

From: Gordon Leon [gordon.leon@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2005 10:14 PM
To: sschuchat@scc.ca.gov
Subject: Portuguese Bend Preserve

Hello,

I have been a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes since 1964 and am now the chairman of the RPV Equestrian Committee. During that time, most of the open space allong the California coast has disappeared. The proposed Portuguese Bend Preserve is one of the few remaining large tracts of land. We now have the opportunity to preserve it for all of the people in Southern California. It would be a trajedy to let this opportunity slip away. Please help complete the years of effort to protect the Portuguese Bend Preserve.

thank you for your support,

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Gordon