

# ***DON HORSLEY***

Board of Supervisors  
County of San Mateo

January 8, 2013

Doug Bosco, Chairman  
C/O Janet Diehl  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I write to offer my full support for continued funding for the Pacifica Land Trust's (PLT) stewardship work in the Pedro Point Headlands. With the support of the Coastal Conservancy, the PLT has made exceptional progress in maintaining the Pedro Point Headlands, improving the native habitat, and in engaging local participation and exploration for this public space. It is truly a jewel in open space resources on the San Mateo County coast.

Since 2009, the PLT has engaged hundreds of local volunteers to preserve and protect this special property, thereby connecting them forever to this land and spreading the word about its special ecosystem. Their monthly workdays have restored two slide areas, reduced trail erosion, and almost eliminated the pampas grass and French broom invasion.

The PLT's stewardship events have introduced many new visitors to the Headlands. Whether through their workdays, bird walks, native plant hikes or annual Christmas-tree harvest, the PLT has increased public access to the Headlands and made it a safer, more enjoyable experience for all.

The Pacifica Land Trust's work at the headlands is contributing greatly to this rugged promontory as well as to the city of Pacifica, County of San Mateo, and State of California and I hope you can continue to support their work.

Sincerely,



Don Horsley  
President, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

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Doug Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
Attention: Janet Diehl  
1330 Broadway, 11th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Pedro Point Headlands Habitat and Trail Enhancement

Dear Mr. Bosco:

We are writing to express our strong support for the proposal to continue funding habitat and trail enhancement at the Pedro Point Headlands in San Mateo County. As you may know, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) manages nearly 7,000 acres of land in the county. These public lands, nestled among several communities, have diverse topographic conditions and present numerous management challenges, including access, visitor safety, and the protection of natural and cultural resources. Management and stewardship of these sites would not be possible without help from dedicated partners like the State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) and Pacifica Land Trust (PLT).

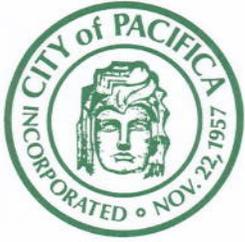
Over the past five years, the Conservancy has provided funding for PLT to restore and enhance the habitat and trail system at the Pedro Point Headlands in Pacifica. This grant has resulted in productive volunteer efforts to repair eroded trails, remove invasive vegetation, educate the community on native plants and wildlife, inspire visitors to become stewards of the land and protect this coastal resource. Without this funding, the land would continue to degrade, particularly due to damage caused by illegal off-road vehicles that have historically used the site.

Although the Pedro Point Headlands are currently owned by the Conservancy and City of Pacifica, the land is intended to be transferred to GGNRA as a permanent addition to the National Park Service system. It is our understanding that the funding from the previous grant has been exhausted and the Conservancy has proposed an additional \$80,000 disbursement to continue funding PLT through February 2015. This funding would ensure that the work completed to date in the Pedro Point Headlands is sustained. The funding will sustain and build community involvement in the stewardship of the site, which will continue to be important in its future.

We would like to express our appreciation for the work of the State Coastal Conservancy and Pacifica Land Trust, and fully support the proposal to continue funding community-based habitat and trail restoration at the Pedro Point Headlands.

Sincerely,

Frank Dean  
General Superintendent



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RE: Pacifica Land Trust Grant Request

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am pleased to learn that you are considering extending the funding for the Pacifica Land Trust (PLT) to continue its stewardship work in the Pedro Point Headlands. I am in full support of the funding and I am pleased with the Coastal Conservancy's continued partnership with the PLT.

During the past three years, the PLT has done an excellent job of both maintaining and improving the Headlands, and encouraging future public use of the land in partnership with the City of Pacifica, the county of San Mateo, the State and the National Park Service. Their monthly workdays bring a variety of local volunteers to the Headlands, where they maintain the trails, remove non-native species, and re-plant native vegetation. In doing so, the volunteers become acquainted with the Headlands and are encouraged to share their knowledge of this great recreational area with their neighbors.

The PLT's annual Christmas-tree harvest is another very positive mechanism for increasing public access to the Headlands. In December or late November, the PLT invites the public to explore the area and cut a Monterey pine – a non-native plant – to take home as a Christmas tree with a very low environmental footprint. This year, more than 100 families, many of whom had been unfamiliar with the Headlands and hiking, participated in the event.

The Pacifica Land Trust is making a valuable contribution to the city of Pacifica and the County of San Mateo, and I hope their work can continue with your support.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Rhodes  
City Manager

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