May 19, 2013

Re: Support for Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy grant application

Dear Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors,

The Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society supports the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC) grant application for restoration of coastal sage scrub and coastal bluff scrub at Abalone Cove Reserve.

For over a decade, PVPLC has been instrumental in acquiring land for open space and restoration habitat on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Audubon has collaborated with PVPLC, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, city and state agencies, in this process since the NCCP became a tool for land preservation. We have worked with PVPLC in various capacities to assure the success of habitat restoration for rare and endangered species in the Preserve.

The proposed project has the key ecological goal of restoring habitat for endangered, threatened, and sensitive species, preventing the spread of invasive weeds into existing native habitat, and creating a large contiguous block of high quality habitat.

I fully recommend the PVPLC for the Abalone Cove Restoration Grant. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the PVPLC.

Sincerely,

Nancy Feagans, President
Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society

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May 30, 2013

Attn: Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors

To Whom It May Concern,

This is a letter of support for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy's funding application to the Abalone Cove Reserve Coastal Sage Scrub Restoration Project. The partnership between the PVPLC and the City of Rancho Palos Verdes began in 2001 and continues today based on the agreement we have for the management of the 1,400-acre Palos Verdes Nature Preserve.

I fully endorse the Abalone Cove Reserve Coastal Sage Scrub Restoration Project as it has many ecological and community goals in accordance with the vision for the Rancho Palos Verdes Coast, which aims to "*set a high standard for the coexistence of development and preservation, and access to nature and its restorative qualities.*" The project has the key ecological goals of restoring habitat and preventing the spread of invasive weeds into our pristine coastal open space.

Also as important are the community outreach goals which include providing opportunities for hands-on volunteer days for the community through our local high schools, colleges, and Scout troops which will build appreciation of our public lands, while providing skills training for our region's youth through work days with the California Conservation Corp.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 310-544-5228 or via email at joelr@rpv.com

Sincerely,

Joel Rojas
Community Development Director

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May 30, 2013

Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Shuchat:

As the Senator representing the Palos Verdes Peninsula, I am writing in support of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy's grant application for the Abalone Cove Reserve Coastal Sage Scrub Restoration Project. The preservation of 1,600 acres of publically accessible open space land serves as a regional resource. The Land Conservancy's leadership in restoring these rare coastal habitats provides further benefits to both the nature preserves and community members.

This application also features community benefits which include providing opportunities for hands-on volunteer days for the community through our local high schools, colleges, and Scout troops. This volunteer opportunity will encourage the appreciation of our public lands, while providing skills training for our region's youth through work days with the California Conservation Corps, Los Angeles Conservation Corps or AmeriCorps.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy has an excellent track record of preserving and enhancing public lands and I enthusiastically support their grant application. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (310) 318-6994.

Sincerely,

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TED W. LIEU
Senator, 28th District

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May 28, 2013

California State Coastal Conservancy
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RE: Support of Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy Grant Application

Dear Board of Directors:

This is a letter of support for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy's grant application for the Abalone Cove Reserve Coastal Sage Scrub Restoration Project. The preservation of 1500 acres of publicly accessible open space in my district serves as a regional resource to the constituents of Los Angeles. The Land Conservancy's leadership in restoring these rare coastal habitats provides further benefits to both the nature preserves and community members.

Also as important are the community benefits of this grant application which includes providing opportunities for hands-on volunteer days through our local high schools, colleges, and Scout troops that build appreciation of our public lands, and provide skills training for our region's youth through work days with the California Conservation Corp, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps or the AmeriCorps.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (310) 316-2164.

Sincerely,

Al Muratsuchi

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Assemblymember, 66th District

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Subject: Application for Grant to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy for Habitat Restoration at the Abalone Cove Reserve in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to document our support of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC) grant application for restoration of coastal sage scrub vegetation at the Abalone Cove Reserve in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (City). The Palos Verdes Peninsula is a relatively undisturbed area within the urban matrix of the greater Los Angeles area that maintains high quality, occupied habitat for a number of rare species. The project will focus on restoring habitat for the federally threatened coastal California gnatcatcher. The project has the key ecological goals of restoring degraded habitat for sensitive species and preventing the spread of invasive weeds into existing native habitat.

The PVPLC has a long history of successful land management within the Palos Verdes Peninsula and has successfully collaborated with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on several restoration projects in the past. Notably, PVPLC successfully restored and enhanced habitat for the federally endangered Palos Verdes blue butterfly at the Linden H. Chandler Preserve in the City of Rolling Hills Estates. This project was followed by the successful reintroduction of the Palos Verdes blue butterfly into the restored and enhanced habitat, which represents an important step toward the goal of expanding the current range of this critically endangered species.

In conclusion, we fully support PVPLX's application for the Coastal Conservancy Grant. Please feel free to contact Fish and Wildlife Biologist Eric Porter at 760-431-9440, extension 285 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Snyder

for Karen A. Goebel
Assistant Field Supervisor