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March 10, 2015

Chairman Douglas Bosco  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**Re: Pedro Point Headlands Conveyance to San Mateo County Parks Department**

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I write today in support of the conveyance of three parcels at the Pedro Point Headlands to the San Mateo County Parks Department by the Board of Directors of the California State Coastal Conservancy.

I understand that Coastal Conservancy has no objections to the divestment of these parcels to the San Mateo County Parks Department. Please advise me if this is not the case

The 20-year stewardship of the headlands, led by the California State Coastal Conservancy, has transformed the Pedro Point Headlands. Land restoration projects and community partnerships have heightened the awareness of the headlands as a natural resource and broadened the support for its preservation – all of which have made the transition to oversight by the San Mateo County Parks Department both possible and practical. The department has the expertise and capacity to manage the Pedro Point Headlands for natural resource protection, open space preservation and non-motorized trails for public use.

The Pedro Point Headlands provide superb recreational trails for hikers and cyclists. The Devil's Slide Trail is adjacent to the Headlands and is already under San Mateo County Parks' management.

I understand that San Mateo County plans to build the California Coastal Trail through the San Pedro Headlands connecting the City of Pacifica to Devil's Slide Trail. The plan lends further support to the conveyance of the three parcels at the Pedro Point Highlands to San Mateo County. The County would also serve as the lead agency for a major restoration project being undertaken by the nonprofit Pacifica Land Trust.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Hill".

Jerry Hill  
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March 9, 2015

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Transfer of Pedro Point Headlands to San Mateo County Parks

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I write in strong support of the conveyance of the three Pedro Point Headlands parcels to the San Mateo County Parks Department.

The Pedro Point Headlands are a tremendous property and should be protected and managed as a San Mateo County Park for open space preservation, natural resource protection and public access. The San Mateo County Parks Department has a long-time active presence in Pacifica through the management of San Pedro Valley County Park and Sanchez Adobe Historic Site. With the recent addition of Devil's Slide County Park and start of the planning process for Green Valley Trail, the San Mateo County Parks Department is even more engaged in this region with trail development and habitat restoration. They are in a strong position to accept and actively manage the Pedro Point Headlands.

The Coastal Conservancy has taken an admirable lead in acquiring these three parcels and assisting the City of Pacifica and Pacifica Land Trust in acquiring additional Pedro Point Headlands properties, and funding ongoing habitat and trail restoration. Now is the opportune time to convey the parcels to the San Mateo County Parks Department for continued stewardship and land management by a local public agency.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommended action. I look forward to a favorable outcome. Please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any questions

Sincerely,

  
Kevin Mullin  
Speaker pro Tempore



***DON HORSLEY***

Board of Supervisors, Third District  
County of San Mateo

March 3, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Pedro Point Headlands Conveyance to San Mateo County Parks

Dear Chairman Bosco,

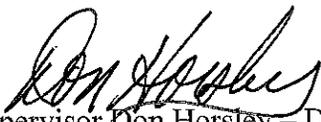
I enthusiastically support the conveyance of these three Pedro Point Headland parcels to the San Mateo County Parks system. I greatly appreciate your vision to acquire these lands and provide long-term management by Coastal Conservancy until there was an opportunity for transfer to a public agency. These extraordinary lands should be under San Mateo County Park management as we've strategically worked for a number of years with Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Peninsula Open Space Trust, California State Parks and City of Pacifica to grow the Devil's Slide Coast Area.

Completion of the California Coastal Trail in San Mateo County is a very high priority. The nearby Devil's Slide Trail immediately to the south of the Pedro Point Headlands was completed by San Mateo County Parks in 2013. County Parks is now developing the design and construction plans for the Green Valley Trail to be located between the Devil's Slide Trail and Gray Whale Cove State Beach. Once in County ownership, the County could also design and build the Coastal Trail within the Pedro Point Headlands connecting the City to Pacifica's trails to San Mateo County's.

The Pedro Point Headlands provides critical natural habitat for many native plant and animal species. County Parks has the expertise and capacity to manage the Pedro Point Headlands for natural resource protection and open space preservation. The County can effectively serve as lead agency for a major restoration project being undertaken by the nonprofit Pacifica Land Trust and continue these efforts into the future. In fact, the City of Pacifica and the Pacifica Land Trust have already embarked on a project to transfer Pedro Point Headlands property to San Mateo County that will complement this Coastal Conservancy effort seamlessly.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Supervisor Don Horsley - District 3  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Doug Bosco, Chairman  
Attn: Janet Diehl  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Pedro Point Headlands, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

We are writing to express our support to transfer the Pedro Point Headlands (Headlands) property on the San Mateo County coast to San Mateo County Parks (County Parks). At approximately 250 acres, this spectacular coastal parkland connects the southern boundary of Pacifica to Devil's Slide. Although currently management is shared by the Coastal Conservancy and the City of Pacifica, it is our understanding that San Mateo County Parks intends to acquire the Pedro Point Headlands and manage it as part of the county park system.

Following the recent and successful completion of the Devil's Slide Trail, which is contiguous to the Headlands and managed by County Parks, they are well-suited to acquire the property. With proper management and dedicated resources, the opportunity exists to complete a critical gap in the California Coastal Trail and ensure continued stewardship of the park. The Headlands includes one of the most undisturbed stands of native grasslands on the California coast, a small network of trails, and has been maintained by the Pacifica Land Trust through generous funding from the Coastal Conservancy and support from numerous dedicated volunteers. County Parks will be able to build upon this momentum and provide effective and consistent land management of the Headlands.

As a fellow land manager on the San Mateo County coast, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) supports continued protection of resources throughout the county. This transfer will provide the necessary dedication to protect natural and cultural resources as well as many wildlife species. In addition, management of this property by County Parks would further establish the open space network and provide connectivity between parks and to the communities that surround them.

As you may know, the Pedro Point Headlands property was previously considered for inclusion into the national park system as part of GGNRA. Although the resources were not available to transfer the property to GGNRA, we are confident that County Parks will successfully manage the property, as they have done with their other 20-plus parks sites throughout the county.

On behalf of Golden Gate National Recreation Area, we would like to express our appreciation for the management and continued stewardship of the Pedro Point Headlands by the Coastal Conservancy, and fully support the proposal to transition the property to County Parks.

Sincerely,

Carey Feierabend  
Acting Deputy Superintendent

**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
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March 2, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Transfer of Pedro Point Headlands to San Mateo County

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I would like to share my support for the transfer of the Coastal Conservancy's Pedro Point parcels into the San Mateo County Parks system. Please recognize my role as staff and not a decision maker. Based on the information I have at this time, I recommend the transfer for the following reasons:

San Pedro Point is adjacent to Devil's Slide Trail, which San Mateo County Parks is successfully managing. Since its opening in March 2014, Devil's Slide Trail has won four awards and has recently been nominated for a national bike and pedestrian trail award.

The public will benefit from a land management agency's contributions such as improving the trails and managing visitor use as well as working with established partners to restore habitat.

San Mateo County Parks thrive on partnerships. The success of Devil's Slide Trail is a testimony of the value of partnerships. The Trail Ambassador Program and more is a result of support from the Coastal Conservancy and other partners. Managing the Pedro Point Headlands will require coordination with the strong groups and volunteers currently restoring the land. If this transfer is to occur, we will continue to work with partners and the community to collectively care for this special place.

San Mateo County Parks has a strong presence in the mid coast area with a ranger district office at San Pedro Valley. Our physical location and equipment is nearby to support this park addition.

I appreciate the long-term efforts of the Coastal Conservancy to acquire these parcels and underwrite ongoing restoration efforts. Your partnership with Peninsula Open Space Trust,



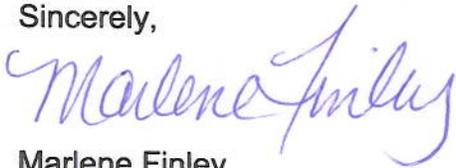
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Trust for Public Land, City of Pacifica and Pacifica Land Trust is a great model for land preservation.

The Pedro Point Headlands are an extraordinary property that extends these protected lands while providing native habitat for many plant and animal species as well as superb recreational trails for hikers, equestrians and cyclists.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Marlene Finley  
Parks Director

cc: Janet Diehl

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February 25, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Transfer of Pedro Point Headlands to San Mateo County

Dear Chairman Bosco,

As a Commissioner serving on San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission, I support the addition of the Pedro Point Headlands into the San Mateo County Park system. I appreciate of the long-term efforts of the Coastal Conservancy to acquire these parcels and underwrite ongoing restoration efforts. Your partnership with Peninsula Open Space Trust, Trust for Public Land, City of Pacifica and Pacifica Land Trust is a great model for land preservation. I welcome the opportunity to recommend accepting these parcels on behalf of the current and future park users and supporters of San Mateo County Parks.

Since San Mateo County Parks opened the Devil's Slide Trail in March 2014, we've all looked forward to an opportunity to continue the California Coastal Trail into the City of Pacifica. The Pedro Point Headlands are an extraordinary property that extends these protected lands while providing native habitat for many plant and animal species as well as superb recreational trails for hikers, equestrians and cyclists.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Neil Merrilees  
Commissioner, District 3

CC: Marlene Finley, Parks Director; Janet Deihl, Coastal Conservancy

# PACIFICA LAND TRUST



PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE OPEN SPACES OF PACIFICA

March 6, 2015

Pacifica Land Trust  
P.O. Box 988  
Pacifica, CA 94044

To: Douglas Bosco  
Chairman Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway #1300  
Oakland, CA 94612  
From: The Pacifica Land Trust

**Subject: Transfer of Pedro Point Headlands Ownership from Coastal Conservancy to The County of San Mateo**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter is on behalf of the Pacifica Land Trust (PLT) to express support for the transfer of the Pedro Point Headlands from the Coastal Conservancy to San Mateo County Parks. The transfer will mark a milestone in the permanent protection of this stunning property, and ensure its continued availability for public access and recreation.

The PLT was formed over 23 years ago to help save the Headlands from development and destructive recreation. Since then, we have helped to transform the land from a scarred, denuded and weed-infested area to the beautiful, far healthier ecosystem it is today.

The steadfast support of the Coastal Conservancy has enabled the PLT to develop a strong stewardship program to enhance the Headlands. We are thrilled that the Headlands will be added to the neighboring Devil's Slide Trail under the stewardship of the San Mateo County Parks Department.

Sincerely,

Samuel Casillas  
Pacifica Land Trust, President



COMMITTEE FOR  
GREEN FOOTHILLS

March 5, 2015

Doug Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Pedro Point Headlands Implementation Plan**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of Committee for Green Foothills (CGF), a regional conservation organization working for over 50 years to protect the rural lands in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, I write in enthusiastic support for the transfer of three parcels owned by the State on behalf of the Conservancy, to the County of San Mateo for open space preservation, natural resource protection, and public access.

The Conservancy stepped in at a critical time over 20 years ago to protect this dramatic scenic headland from unwise development. CGF commends the Conservancy's long-standing commitment, in partnership with the Pacifica Land Trust, to restore areas at Pedro Point that previously had been severely damaged by motorcycle use.

With the opening of the Devil's Slide Trail in March 2014, San Mateo County Parks is the logical agency to take ownership of Pedro Point, and to develop a key link in the Coastal Trail from Devil's Slide to Pacifica. San Mateo County Parks is also willing to serve as the lead agency in implementing a more ambitious habitat restoration project in concert with the Pacifica Land Trust at Pedro Point.

Please support the Staff Recommendation and approve the Pedro Point Headlands Implementation Plan.

Sincerely,

Lennie Roberts, Legislative Advocate

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## Exhibit 5: Project Letters



- Coyote Point Marina
- Coyote Point Recreation Area
- Crystal Springs Regional Trail
- Devil's Slide Trail
- Edgewood Park & Preserve
- Fitzgerald Marine Reserve
- Flood Park
- Friendship Park
- Heritage Grove
- Huddart Park
- Junipero Serra Park
- Memorial Park
- Mirada Surf
- Moss Beach Park
- Pescadero Creek Park
- Pillar Point Marsh
- Quarry Park
- Sam McDonald Park
- San Bruno Mountain Park
- Sanchez Adobe
- San Pedro Valley Park
- Sawyer Camp Trail
- Woodside Store
- Wunderlich Park

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March 5, 2015

Douglas Bosco  
Chairman, California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, #1300  
Oakland CA 94612

Re: Support for Conveyance of Pedro Point Headlands Property to San Mateo County Parks

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The San Mateo County Parks Foundation supports the conveyance of Pedro Point Headlands Property to San Mateo County Parks.

The San Mateo County Parks Foundation has the mission to inspire people to learn about, care for and enjoy our County Parks. We are supported by an active membership of over 4,000 families as well as numerous local businesses, worldwide corporations and philanthropic foundations.

We continue to receive wonderful feedback on the Devil's Slide Trail. We also hear numerous request for connecting trails to the properties on the north and south. Conveyance of Pedro Point Headlands Property to San Mateo County Parks is an important first step in expanding access.

Thanks to the trail's functional design and well placed amenities, the trail provides wonderful opportunities for people to enjoy nature, stunning views and learn more about the natural history and local stories of that make the San Mateo County Coast unique. The trail serves as both a once-in-a-lifetime destination and a trail frequently visited by local residents

Merging the views of a diverse community of users who are also creative, eclectic and very protective of their local community into a design that everyone thinks is fantastic is a strong testament to the listening skills and creative solutions that the San Mateo County Parks and their consultants put to work during the process. San Mateo County Parks' track record with the Devil's Slide Trail as well as with the almost 18,000 acres they manage makes them the perfect agency to accept the lands.

The Devil's Slide Trail is an invaluable resource for San Mateo County, the greater Bay Area, and the national and international visitors to our region. The addition of the lands for connecting trails will expand and enhance the visitor's experience.

Sincerely

Julia Bott  
Executive Director