



April 25, 2015

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**Re: Letter of Support for PCA Designation – Pedro Point Headlands, Pacifica CA**

Dear Ms. Bullock:

This letter is to express the Pacifica Land Trust's enthusiastic support for the designation of the Pedro Point Headlands as a Priority Conservation Area. The Land Trust was formed over 23 years ago to help preserve this majestic property bordering the Pacific Ocean and protect it from development and destructive recreational use. Since then, we have developed a strong stewardship program to enhance the Headlands, and helped to transform it from a scarred, denuded and weed-infested area to the beautiful, far healthier ecosystem it is today.

The Pedro Point Headlands serves as an important natural landscape that includes critical habitat for endangered and threatened species, such as the Peregrine Falcon. In addition, the site contains Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas such as the Pacific Reedgrass Prairie and Coastal Bluff Scrub.

The Headlands are also an important regional recreation asset. They connect to the new Devil's Slide Trail to the south, and will eventually connect to the California Coastal Trail when the pending acquisition of "the Colt property" to the north is completed. That parcel, along with the "Tronoff property" (recently acquired by the City of Pacifica), will provide the northerly access to the Headlands. Inclusion of the Headlands, Colt and Tronoff properties in the PCA designation will help realize the long-held vision of completing the Coastal Trail and making these areas accessible to the public.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dinah Verby", is written over a horizontal line.

Dinah Verby, Vice-President  
Pacifica Land Trust

Cc: Sam Herzberg, San Mateo County Parks Department  
Janet Diehl, California Coastal Conservancy  
Lorie Tinfow, Pacifica City Manager  
Christian Murdock, Pacifica Assistant City Planner

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2015

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA SUPPORTING  
DESIGNATION OF THE PEDRO POINT HEADLANDS AS A PRIORITY CONSERVATION  
AREA (PCA)**

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the Association of Bay Area Governments requested nominations from local governments and special districts for Priority Conservation Areas pursuant to the Plan Bay Area multi-agency regional planning initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pedro Point Headlands lie partially within the City Limits of the City of Pacifica and partially within unincorporated San Mateo County, requiring multi-agency coordination for protection, preservation, and future improvement of the Pedro Point Headlands; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo has agreed to submit the application for Priority Conservation Area designation of the Pedro Point Headlands on behalf of all relevant local agencies and interested parties; and

**WHEREAS**, Priority Conservation Areas are areas of regional significance which contain important agricultural, natural resource, watershed, historic, scenic, cultural, recreational, and/or ecological values and ecosystem functions deserving of conservation funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pedro Point Headlands are spectacular natural resources of immense scenic beauty, and have great potential for open space preservation and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, designation of the Pedro Point Headlands as a Priority Conservation Area may make the area eligible for crucial preservation and other funding in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee unanimously recommended City Council support of the Pedro Point Headlands Priority Conservation Area nomination on March 18, 2015.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Pacifica hereby supports the designation of the Pedro Point Headlands as a Priority Conservation Area.

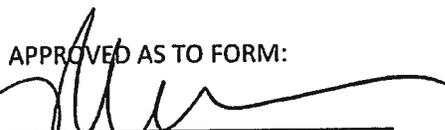
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Pacifica, State of California, this 27th day of April, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES, Council Members:	Keener, O'Neill, Nihart, Digre, Ervin
NOES, Council Members:	None
ABSENT, Council Members:	None
ABSTAIN, Council Members:	None

  
Karen Ervin, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kathy O'Connell, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
Michelle Kenyon, City Attorney