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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Sam Casillas**

This past year has been an historic time for environmental efforts in and around Pacifica. The partnership between the California Coastal Conservancy and the Pacifica Land Trust for the management of the Pedro Point Headlands continues to reinforce access to open space. The opening of the Devil's Slide Trail now provides public access and safe parking to the Headlands where everyone can enjoy the miles of trails throughout the Headlands. One seldom realized windfall of the Devil's Slide Trail opening is that it now restores one of many wildlife corridor crossings previously cut off by Highway 1. Now all wildlife can cross safely into the Pedro Point Headlands. We have also kicked off an additional Coastal Conservancy grant for a virtual education program that will deliver ecological facts and historical information to mobile devices at various marked locations along the Headland trails.

We are also excited to report that the California State Parks Division of Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) has approved the Pacifica Land Trust for a grant of \$1,139,274 for the restoration of the Pedro Point Headlands. This generous funding will help us continue our efforts to transform the headlands from its historical off-road vehicle past to its original wildlife and open space heritage. The work will be daunting; we will have to provide 25% match through additional grants, fund-raising and in-kind volunteer efforts. Contributions from the Pedro Point Headlands Stewards and other local partners will be crucial. We welcome all open space advocates to share in this joyous occasion as we continue our efforts to enhance wildlife and recreational access to the Headlands. We look forward to kicking off this grant at the beginning of 2015 and hope many of our supporters will come out to witness the splendor of the Headlands!

As always, the PLT appreciates and welcomes your support. Like most nonprofits, we count on your tax-deductible donations to keep our organization going strong. Please consider a generous donation this year to help us meet our 25% match for the OHMVR grant as well as coming out and volunteering your time with your friends and neighbors.



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Pedro Point Composite for Google Maps.

## Pedro Point Headlands Frequently Asked Questions

### Is Pedro Point Headlands (PPH) open to the public?

Yes! Please come and bring the family. There is a nice trail network with signage so you know where you are going. Each of the three ridges on the Headlands ends overlooking the Ocean, Devils Slide and Pedro Rock.

### Are there toilets?

No toilets are available on the headlands, but the recently opened Devils Slide trail has lovely facilities near the highway entrance.

### How do you access PPH?

Currently the access is from Highway 1 near the green gate north from the northernmost Devils Slide parking lot where there is now a social trail into the headlands. Please don't block the green gate with your car! Volunteer stewards, contractors and scientists need ready access through the gate.

### How do you get from PPH to Pacifica on foot?

There is no good way for pedestrians to walk to Pacifica at this time. There is a Devils Slide shuttle that runs hourly on weekends. There are plans for a trail to be constructed in the future to allow bikers and hikers safe access to and from Pacifica.

### Are mountain bikes allowed?

PPH is closed to bicyclists currently, but planning is underway to complete the bike / hike trail between Pacifica and Devils Slide.

### What can I see at Pedro Point Headlands?

Stupendous ocean views! Migrating gray whales, pristine coastal prairie, riots of wildflowers and flocks of birds - come find your own favorite sight.

### What are the trails like?

The Pedro Point Headlands trails range from fire road to small foot path but are maintained for easy passage. The Arroyo

Trail is the gentlest trail while the others ascend or descend steep hillsides at times. All of the trails traverse a mixture of coastal habitats, from coastal scrub and prairie to pine forest and riparian arroyo.

### What native plants will I see?

There are hundreds of native plants including the top 6: Coyote Bush, California Sage, Ceonothus, Sticky Monkeyflower, Lizard Tail, and Coffeeberry.

For more information about the trail system, native plants and animals, and the restoration work on the Headlands please go to [www.pedropointheadlands.org](http://www.pedropointheadlands.org).

## PLT Board Membership Changes

We regret to report that Bruce Ferry, CPA, has left the Pacifica Land Trust Board, but he will continue to be involved in our volunteer stewardship activities. We wish Bruce the best. His leadership, hard work and calm presence will be missed! Dinah Verby has replaced Bruce as Vice President.

### New Board Member, Kathy Kellerman

Kathy obtained her doctorate in Developmental Biology from Washington University in St. Louis, also alma mater of her husband Ross. She moved to the SF Bay area in 1997 to work in biotechnology. After the birth of her daughter, she plunged into local volunteerism, serving as Board President of the Pacifica Co-op Nursery School, docent at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, head of the native plant landscaping effort at Ocean Shore School, and as a Pedro Point Headlands steward. For the last decade she has worked for Go Native, a local habitat restoration company. She is an enthusiastic contributor to ongoing efforts to restore Pedro Point Headlands and speed the transition to greater public use.



Kathy was named the Cedric Collett Unsung Hero in 2014 by the Pacifica Beach Coalition at the Earth Day EcoFest. She was awarded an honorary plaque by California State Senator Jerry Hill.



### Returning Board Member Julie Lancelle

Julie Lancelle has recently rejoined the Pacifica Land Trust Board after serving many years in Pacifica as an elected official and on volunteer boards, including 2 stints on the City Council (1992-94, 2002-2010).

Julie became involved in environmental protection efforts shortly after moving to Pacifica with her family in 1986, participating in Pacifica Citizens Proposal for Route 1, Pacificans for Mori Point, and as a member of the Open Space Task Force and later the Open Space Committee. This work led to helping with the formation of the Pacifica Land Trust in 1991 and advocating for the funding of the Pedro Point Headlands before the Coastal Commission. Later she was able to join the Board of PLT in 1998 and served until 2002, when she went onto the City Council.

Julie fought side by side with other Pacificans to defeat various attempts to develop Mori Point in the 1980's and 90's. Those efforts were rewarded in the summer of 2000 when the Pacifica Land Trust (with the support of the Trust for Public Land, the National Park Service, and the people of Pacifica) launched the campaign to save Mori Point by raising \$100,000 in 2 months in order to help with the purchase costs and show the Park Service and the Trust for Public Land our community's strong commitment to saving the 109 acre property. Welcome back Julie!

## Cedric Collett Unsung Hero Award

Cedric Collett was a Pedro Point Headlands Steward and a Pacifica Beach Coalition volunteer who did the hard work without fanfare or acknowledgement. He passed away in April of 2013 in a diving accident on the Sonoma Coast, leaving a legacy of serving and making a difference. The Pacifica Beach Coalition honored Cedric for his contribution to the local environmental scene by initiating the "Cedric Collett Unsung Hero" award at the Earth Day EcoFest. PLT board member Kathy Kellerman was chosen as the first recipient of this honor, in recognition of her contribution to numerous native plant projects throughout and beyond Pacifica.

Kathy got her start with native plants at Ocean Shore School, where she headed up volunteer landscaping during their 2006 remodel. This began a long association with Go Native, a local

habitat restoration company, where she became the native plant nursery manager. Kathy, with support from Go Native, has supplied locally grown native plants to Pacifica schools, Pacifica State Beach dune restoration, and Pedro Point Headlands restoration. She has also provided plants for the Pacifica Gardens native plant sale.

Thousands of plants, nurtured by Kathy, have transformed many of Pacifica's open spaces, fostering a more native and sustainable habitat. "Kathy has already made an impact as a board member by leading a team that applied for the OHV grant which was awarded to PLT this year," said Sam Casillas, PLT president. "We are thrilled to have Kathy on the Board and look forward to more environmental successes with her help."

## The 2015 Pedro Point Headlands Restoration Workday Calendar

As we conclude our fourth year of restoration work on the Pedro Point Headlands we celebrate amazing successes. Native flora have been planted, Pampas Grass and French Broom have been mostly eradicated. Join in the habitat restoration work on the Pedro Point Headlands. Call Lynn Adams at 650.355-1668 for more information.

January 25	July 26
February 22	August 30
March 29	Sept 20
April 26	October 25
May 24	November 29 - Charlie Brown event
June 28	

Dates are subject to change. Please check our website at [www.PedroPointHeadlands.org](http://www.PedroPointHeadlands.org)

All times are 9:45 – 1:00/1:30 unless otherwise note. Meeting location - Pedro Point Firehouse

## Land Trust Funding

We reside within a stone's throw of some of the most beautiful property in the world. Although much of the Bay Area's landscape has been developed, there still remain significant areas of pristine open space that provide a visual escape from urban sprawl.

Land trusts, such as the Pacifica Land Trust ("PLT"), work tirelessly to preserve and protect scenic coastal lands such as San Pedro Mountain, Mori Point and Sweeney Ridge, to name a few. Our continued success depends upon your generosity and your desire to preserve our quality of life.

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