



**CITY OF PACIFICA
COUNCIL AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT**

3/26/2018

SUBJECT:

Approval of Agreement between the City of Pacifica & Pacifica Land Trust for the Pedro Point Headlands

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve termination of the 2001 Headlands Access Agreement (Attachment 2) and Approve agreement between the City of Pacifica & Pacifica Land Trust (Attachment 1) to allow Pacifica Land Trust to access, maintain, and act as stewards to five City owned Parcels in the Pedro Point Headlands; and authorize the City Manager to execute both the termination of the old agreement (Attachment 2) and the authorization of the new agreement (Attachment 1).

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BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The City and the State of California, through the Conservancy, own several properties within the Pedro Point Headlands, just beyond the Pacifica's southern limit line. Seven of these parcels totaling approx 160 acres are owned by the City, as shown on the attached map (Attachment 4 - San Pedro Point Headlands Parcels), and identified by the following Assessors Parcel Numbers (APN) : 023-730-120, 023-730-030, 023-730-210, 023-740-030, and 023-073-170.

Both the City and the State started acquiring these properties in the 1990s for the preservation of open space and for recreational use. In 2001 the City entered into an agreement (Attachment 3) with Pacifica Land Trust (PLT) and State Coastal Conservancy for maintenance and stewardship of five of these parcels. Since this agreement, the City acquired two additional parcels that are in need of maintenance work.

In a continued effort towards the preservation of this open space, the Conservancy has granted

\$41,800 to PLT for community-based habitat restoration and trail enhancement on the Conservancy and City owned properties in the Headlands. This work is vital to keeping trails open and restoring habitat on these spectacular publicly-owned properties. The existing trails at the Headlands provide expansive and jaw-dropping views of the adjacent ocean and coastline. Public visitation and interest in the property has increased since the opening of the popular Devil's Slide Trail which neighbors the Headlands, thus PLT's work on the property and the opportunity it provides for community stewardship is essential.

PLT aims to accomplish the following tasks with the proposed Conservancy funding:

- Monthly volunteer work days for habitat and trail enhancement, and offer additional educational programs to the community.
- Repair existing trails to improve visitor safety and comfort, including addressing erosion on the major entry trail to the property from the Devils Slide parking lot.
- Revegetate landscape scars caused by previous off-road vehicle use, control invasive plants, and prevent further erosion.

In order for the PLT to perform this work they will need access to the two newer parcels acquired after the 2001 agreement. As part of this new agreement the PLT has agreed to indemnify and hold the City harmless from any claims or actions that may arise during the performance of the work. The City Manager recommends that the Council approve the new agreement (Attachment 1) and the termination of the outdated 2001 Access Agreement (Attachment 2).

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The Council may choose not to approve this agreement. However, PLT would not perform any of the maintenance work or act as stewards of the City owned parcels. Staff does not recommend this alternative action.

RELATION TO CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND WORK PLAN:

- *"Stewardship of City Infrastructure"* - This agreement would greatly assist the City's upkeep of the Pedro Point Headlands.
- *"Preserve and Enhance Natural Resources"* - This agreement would allow the PLT and the CCC to help the City preserve and enhance the Pedro Point Headlands.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City by entering into the agreement as full funding is being provided by the State Coastal Conservancy.

ORIGINATED BY:

Engineering

ATTACHMENT LIST:

- Attachment 1 - 2018 Headlands Access Agreement (PDF)
- Attachment 2 - Termination Agreement for 2001 Access Agreement (PDF)
- Attachment 3 - 2001 Headlands Access Agreement (PDF)
- Attachment 4 - Pedro Point Headlands Pacels (PDF)