



# Landscapes

*Peninsula Open Space Trust*

*A journey from the Bay to the Sea...*





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A remarkable story is unfolding on the Peninsula—the realization of a dream that began many years ago. It's a dream that involves knocking down borders, protecting natural lands from the bay to the sea, and connecting people to the special places in their own backyard. Through the *Saving the Endangered Coast* campaign, POST has the flexibility to take advantage of opportunities to complete the Bay-to-the-Sea Trail...

**The mission of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST)** is to give permanent protection to the beauty, character and diversity of the San Francisco Peninsula landscape for people here now and for future generations. POST encourages the use of these lands for natural resource protection, wildlife habitat, low-intensity public recreation and agriculture.



# Bay to the Sea

## *A Dream is Coming True*

Land protection is a complicated, time-consuming business. It takes patience, creativity, commitment and perseverance. It takes the dedicated work of individuals and organizations, both public and private. And it takes the consistent support of people who believe in the importance of preserving our natural heritage. With your help, POST has been the major player in bringing this dream to the threshold of reality, the dream of a trail from the San Francisco Bay to the San Mateo Coast and the Pacific Ocean.

### *Bay-to-the-Sea Trail Approaches Reality*

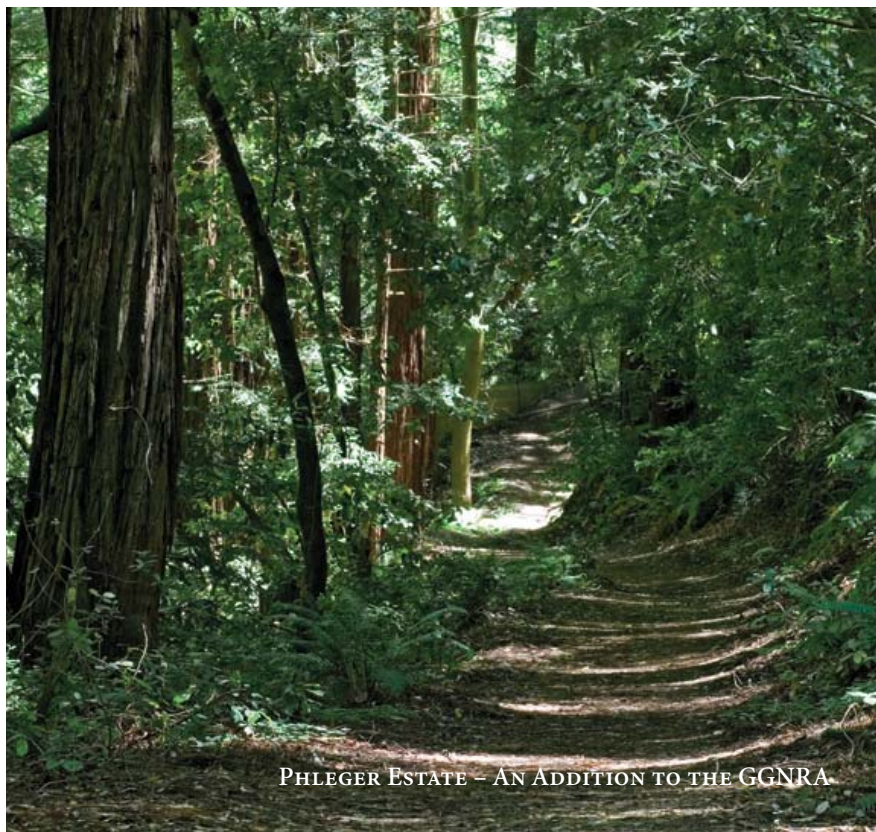
Nearly thirty years ago, the founders of the Peninsula Open Space Trust and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) talked abstractly of a hiking trail extending all the way from the San Francisco Bay up across Skyline Ridge and down to the sea. They envisioned a trail corridor beginning at the wetlands of Bair Island and ending at the ocean surf of the San Mateo Coast.

This dream trail would afford hikers the chance to experience a natural wonderland of incredible

beauty, richness and diversity. It would traverse tidal marshes, serpentine meadows, redwood forests, oak savannas, pastoral valleys, agricultural fields and coastal bluffs. It would allow hikers to encounter species of wildlife found nowhere else in the world, to take in inspiring views stretching from mountain peak to ocean shore...to touch, explore, escape and relax.

This concept of a bay-to-the-sea trail, which for so many

years seemed like an improbable dream, is approaching reality, thanks to the *Saving the Endangered Coast* campaign. If completed, the trail will extend from Bair Island through the streets of Redwood City and into Edgewood County Park, under the Highway 280 overpass into the Phleger Estate, part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). It will continue across Skyline Boulevard down through the Purisima Creek Redwoods Open



PHLEGER ESTATE – AN ADDITION TO THE GGNRA

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PURISIMA CREEK REDWOODS OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

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Space Preserve, over to the adjacent Lower Purisima Creek property (recently purchased by POST, soon to be transferred to MROSD) and into POST's Lobitos Ridge, through Purisima Farms, and down to the ocean.

Only one remaining link needs to be put in place — the Elkus 4H Ranch, owned by the University of California, which connects the Lobitos Ridge and Purisima Farms properties. POST is exploring opportunities with the University of California. A final link needs to be designed — a pathway through the residential and commercial areas of Redwood City between Bair Island and Edgewood Park.

This accomplishment, which will be completed with funds from

the *Saving the Endangered Coast* campaign, is right in the middle of one of the most densely populated metropolitan areas in the world.

It is a tribute to the commitment and perseverance of many people and many organizations both public and private. The properties along the route underscore POST's contribution and the impact your support has had on the quality of life on the Peninsula.

## People of Vision

Many people have shared the vision of a bay-to-the-sea trail.

Christy Holloway, a POST board member since 1982, got the idea 23 years ago from her experiences as a girl scout leader and executive director of Hidden Villa, a non-profit, 1,600-acre organic farm and wilderness preserve in Los Altos Hills. She took her scouts on walks around the city of Palo Alto and organized backpacking trips for teenagers from the bay to the ocean.



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LOWER PURISIMA CREEK





VIEW FROM LOBITOS RIDGE

“The whole idea of anyone being able to walk from the bay to the sea takes you to a whole other realm of what’s possible,” she says. “It’s an exciting concept that really fires the imagination. It inspires you to think beyond artificial borders. It’s all about letting people access trails, vistas and exciting destinations. It’s just this beautiful slice of life.”

Assemblyman Ira Ruskin is a former Redwood City mayor and councilman. He supported POST’s activities on Bair Island and helped create the bike trails that now skirt Highway 101 near the Redwood City wetlands.

“I recently had the opportunity to walk through some of the lands that POST has protected, and they’re breathtaking,” Ruskin

For Holloway, the inclusion of asphalt in the middle of the journey is a positive, not a negative.

“One of the interesting perceptions we have in this country when we think about preserving land is that we have a wilderness picture in our mind,” she says. “That’s not the way the landscape is going to be. The fact is, we live in houses and we drive in cars. I think it’s a plus that the trail will include urban areas. There’s nature there, too. The fact that POST has been able to integrate the two is most important.”

says. “It’s hard to believe that they’re in the middle of an urban area. A trail from the bay to the sea would be an immeasurable boost to the quality of life of everyone in the area. This trail will give us all the opportunity to enjoy nature and take invigorating long hikes, with beautiful goals at either end. I think it’s something we should all get behind.”

Nonette Hanco had the vision of a trail connection from the bay to the mountains in 1972, when she was elected to MROSD’s first board of directors. Since then, she’s been elected every four years and served as board president five times. At the district’s 20th anniversary celebration in 1992, Hanco broached the notion of marching on to the sea.

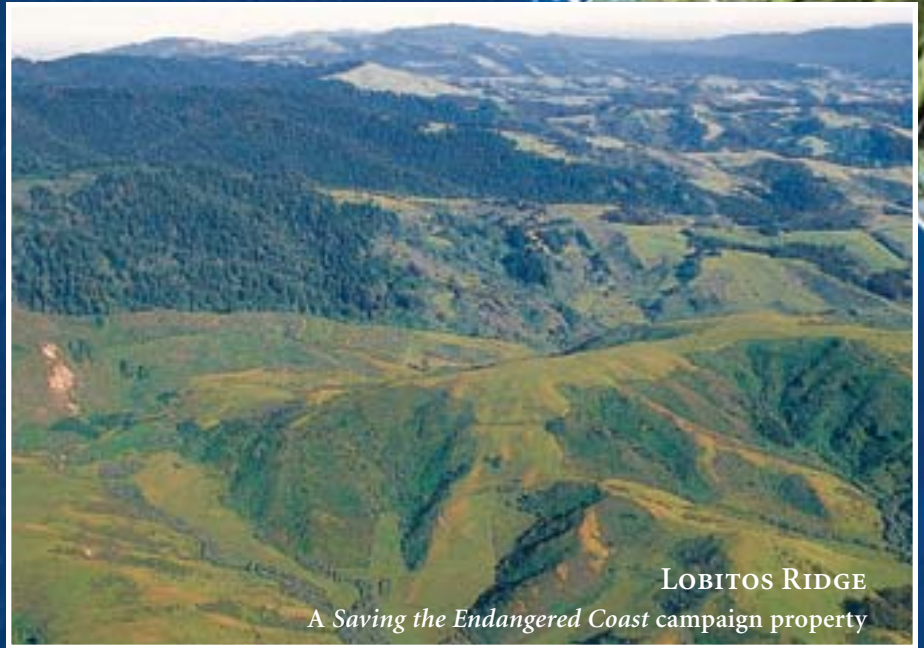
“I guess there were some people who thought it was an idea that would never happen, because of all the places with barbed wire fences and ‘No Trespassing’ signs,” she says. “But I never felt it was impossible.

“This is a fine example of private/public partnership. POST has done a terrific job of buying and protecting coastal land. And now that our jurisdiction has been extended to the coast of

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# The Bay-to-the-Sea Trail



LOBITOS RIDGE

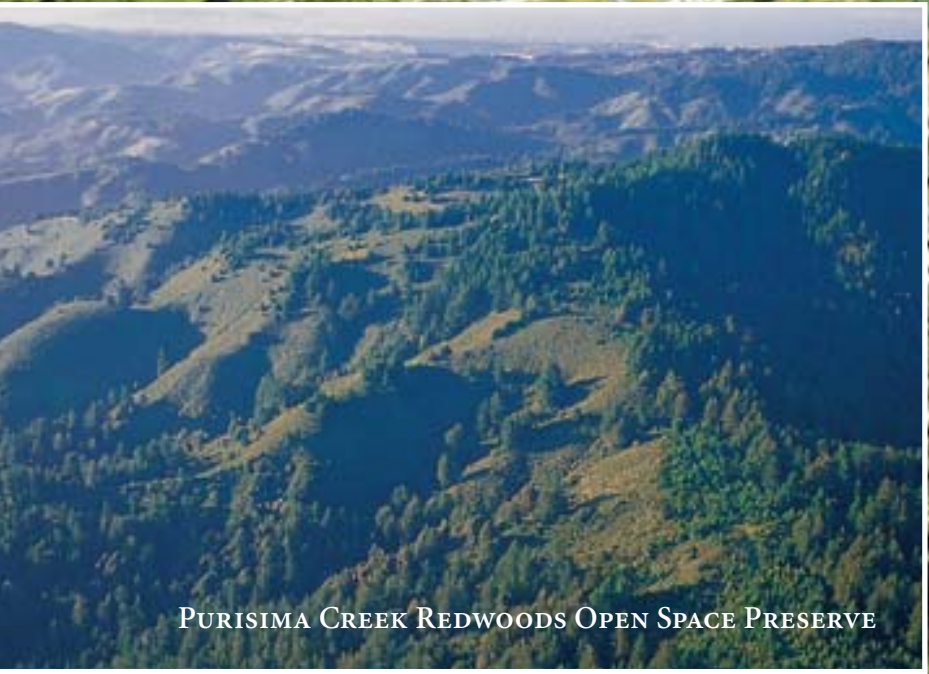
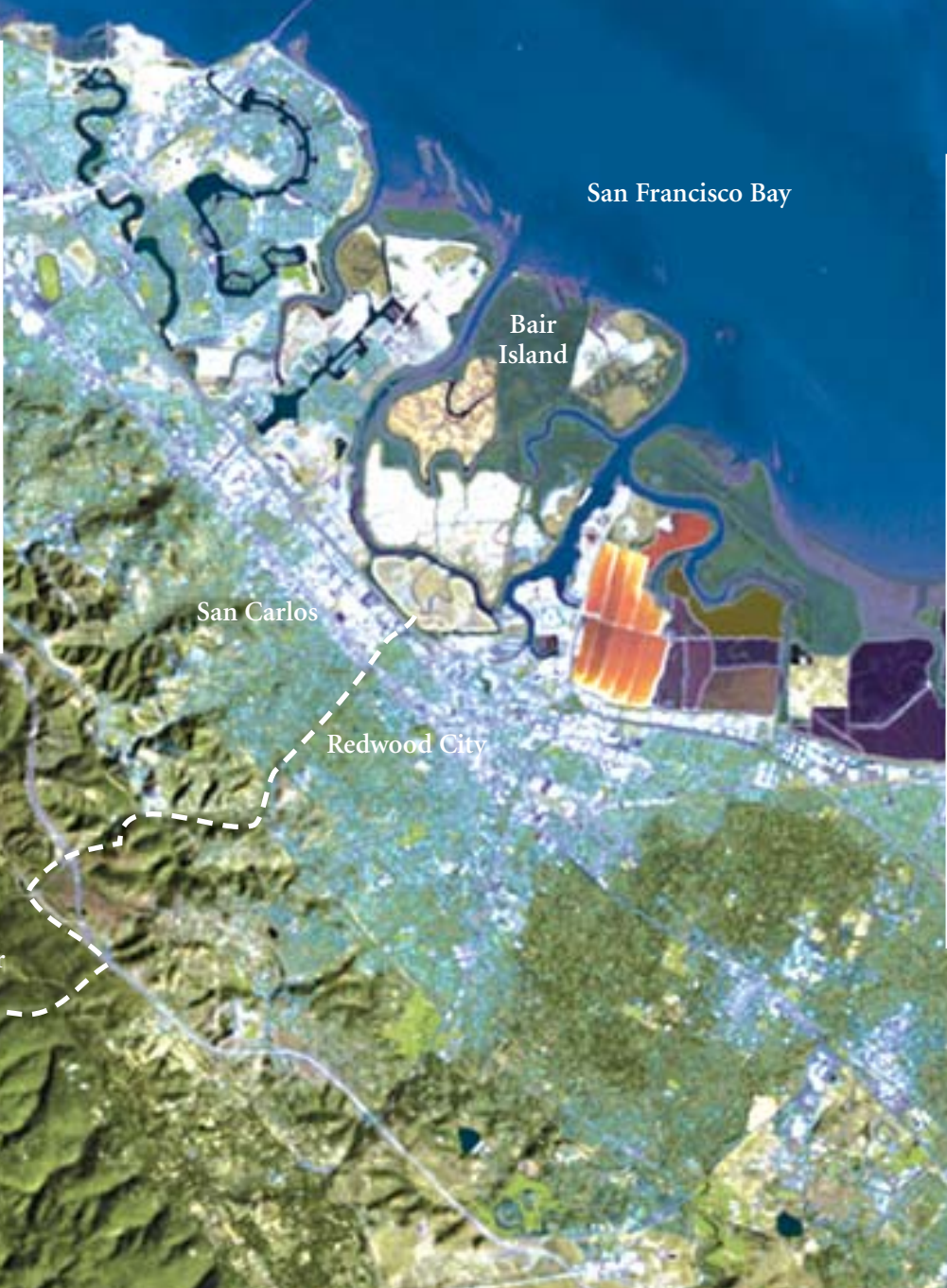
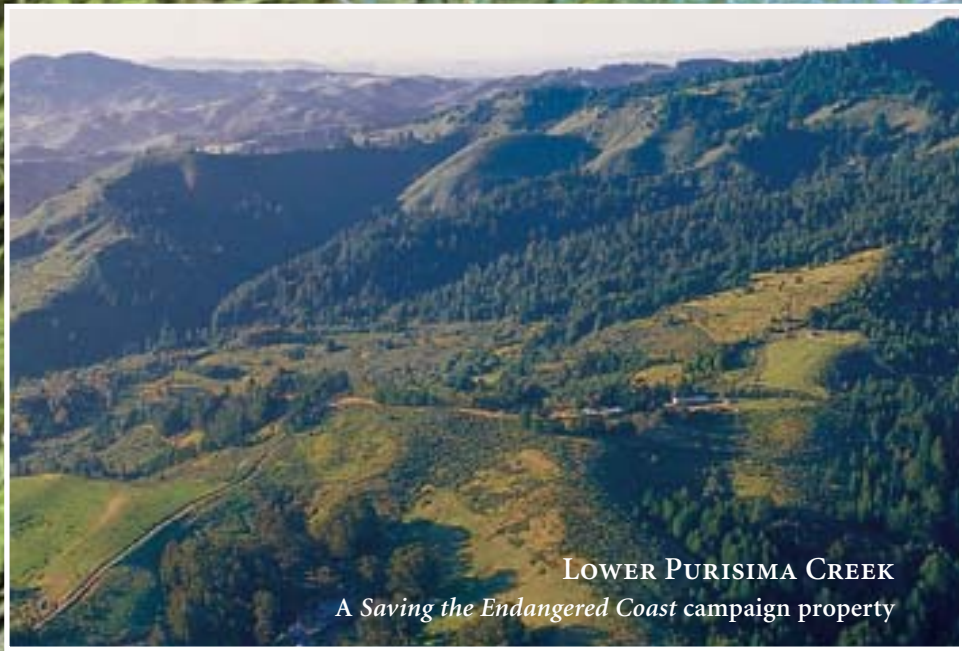
*A Saving the Endangered Coast campaign property*

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PURISIMA FARMS







San Mateo County, MROSD can help with access and management.” Alisa MacAvoy, a member of POST’s Skyline Society Committee, lives adjacent to Edgewood Park. She and her husband, Neil, and two young daughters, Clara and Marissa, enjoy the wildflowers at Edgewood and hiking around Bair Island.

“Edgewood Park has indigenous plant species that you can’t find anywhere else in the world,” she says, “and it could’ve been paved over. A lot of people around the country don’t have these parks and places where they can go and relax. We’re very fortunate. “The thing that would be so incredible about a pedestrian corridor from Bair Island all the

way over to the ocean, is being able to accomplish it right in the middle of this metropolis. To have something like this trail would be a respite from all the craziness and the noise, and it would reinforce the idea that we are all connected with nature.”

*The Route: POST Past, Present and Future*

The day is not far off when you will be able to walk from the bay to the sea on a hiking trail unlike any other in the world. This trail will enable you to sample not only magnificent open spaces and wildlife, but also a slice of residential and commercial life in one of our own Peninsula

communities. Imagine your feeling of accomplishment as you walk through these lands, understanding the role you—and POST—have played in integrating the urban with the rural and making this dream possible. Appropriately, your hike will begin at Bair Island, one of the most important environmental projects ever completed on the Peninsula. POST protected 1,623 acres of Bair Island’s 3,200-acres of wetlands which provide critical salt marsh habitat for more than 200 species of birds, fish, and mammals, several of which are endangered or threatened, including the California clapper rail. This starting point of the journey offers

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CHRISTY HOLLOWAY

you the chance to tour the island, touch the bay, and see tiger sharks, harbor seals, stingrays and an incredible variety of water fowl. The next leg of the hike will take you through the streets of Redwood City to Edgewood County Park, one of the country’s most important and beautiful wildflower areas. Protected by a group of citizens working together

with two public agencies, MROSD and San Mateo County, the park is home to more than 300 species of wildflowers and the endangered Bay checkerspot butterfly. After leaving Edgewood Park and crossing under Highway 280, you will enter a spectacular redwood forest, the Phleger Estate portion of the GGNRA. In 1992, in one of the largest fund-raising

campaigns ever undertaken by a land conservation organization, POST purchased and protected the Phleger property and then worked through the federal legislative process to include it in the GGNRA. Next, you will cross Skyline Boulevard into the Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve, encountering more majestic redwoods and stunning views.

*In 1997, POST purchased 1,623 acres of Bair Island for \$15 million. Much of the private funding came from POST donors. ▼*



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*POST protected the 1,253-acre Phleger Estate in 1990. POST raised \$14.5 million to purchase the property and worked with other partners to raise the remaining funds and worked through the federal legislative process to expand the GGNRA to include portions of the property. ►*



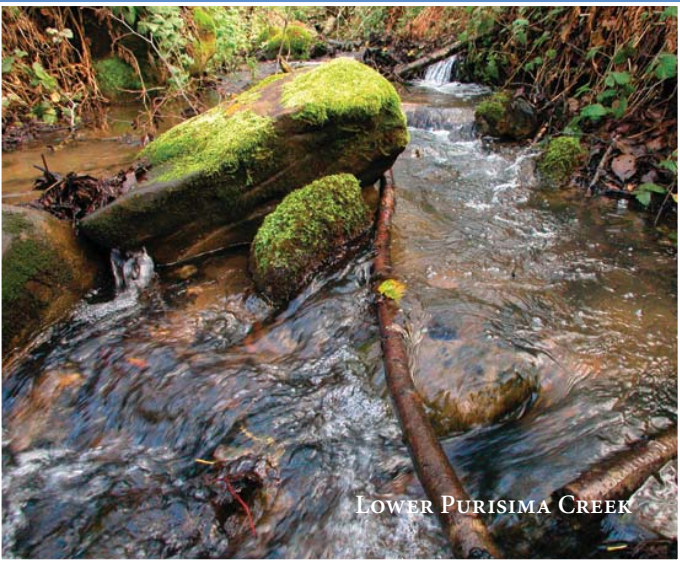
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▲ MROSD and the Save-the-Redwoods League protected the 3,120-acre Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve. Through an anonymous donor, POST added Bald Knob to the property. POST also helped attract funding for the Redwood Trail on the property.

*POST purchased the 183-acre Lower Purisima Creek property for \$3 million in February 2005 through the Saving the Endangered Coast campaign. ▼*



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POST's 481-acre Bald Knob property, gifted by an anonymous donor in 1993, became part of this preserve. POST also has helped attract state funding to the preserve by building whole access trails.

As you leave Purisima Creek Redwoods, you will cross into POST's Lower Purisima Creek property, acquired early this year through our current *Saving the Endangered Coast* campaign. In April, MROSD's Board of Directors approved the purchase and transfer of this 183-acre parcel. After the transfer occurs, you will be able to hike through spectacular redwoods and rolling hills, with a view of the ocean unfolding in front of you. You will

continue down along a lovely alder-lined creek through wooded valleys and over grassy slopes.

Next stop is Lobitos Ridge, another key link acquired through *Saving the Endangered Coast*, where you will continue your long, beautiful walk along the ridgeline. Below, Lobitos Creek provides important steelhead trout habitat and spawning areas.

The final link, Elkus 4H Ranch, borders Lobitos Ridge. POST, the University of California and MROSD remain hopeful that this piece will be added to the puzzle.

The last property before you reach the end of the trail is POST's Purisima Farms. This band of agricultural fields and coastal bluffs stretches across

Highway 1 to the ocean and offers majestic views up and down the Coast. You can walk from there to Cowell State Beach, where a climb down 90 steps from the bluff leads to the sandy beach below. Standing on the shore, with the waves crashing in front of you, breathtaking views of the cliffs to the north and south and rich farmland and coastal hills behind you, it's easy to take pride in what we have accomplished together.

The dream that Christy Holloway, Ira Ruskin, Nonette Hanko, Alisa MacAvoy and so many others have shared is becoming reality. We're very close and with your help and participation in the *Saving the Endangered Coast* campaign, we can finish the job. ■



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LOBITOS RIDGE

◀ The Lobitos Ridge property is a 340-acre property that was acquired for \$3 million in April 2004 through the *Saving the Endangered Coast* campaign.



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PURISIMA FARMS

The 534-acre Purisima Farms property was purchased for \$3,942,500 million in April 1998. ▼



# SAVING THE ENDANGERED COAST

## *Help us meet the Kresge Challenge*

### **Leverage the Moment**

In March, the Michigan-based Kresge Foundation awarded POST a \$1.75 million challenge grant to complete the fundraising portion of the \$200 million *Saving the Endangered Coast* campaign. The deadline for POST to raise all but the final \$1.75 million is December 31.

Because this is a critical turning point in the campaign, POST's current and former Board

members and Coastal Campaign Advisory Council members have put aside \$1.75 million in a Leadership Matching Fund—in addition to their previous gifts and pledges—to double the Kresge challenge and match gifts made between now and the end of the campaign.

The impact of your campaign gift will be doubled by the Leadership Fund and the Kresge challenge.

We are within reach of completing the largest land protection initiative ever undertaken by a local land trust—one that will have a lasting impact on the quality of life all Bay Area residents enjoy.

Please give today to *Saving the Endangered Coast*. Your gift will go directly to saving our irreplaceable coastal lands.

Opportunities to make such an impact are rare. We are so close!



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*Pigeon Point is the future site of Mel's Lane (a planned new segment of the California Coastal Trail), a POST campaign donor recognition kiosk and the Council Circle.*



# CAMPAIGN UPDATE

*by December 31!*



*An artist's rendition of the Council Circle bench and donor recognition plaques.*

*"We still find ourselves in daily awe of the beautiful views of the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Coastal Range that you can see from practically anywhere in the valley. Saving these lands means saving the quality of life that we cherish on the Peninsula."*

**SUKEY GROUSBECK, COUNCIL CIRCLE MEMBER**

## Council Circle

Each gift to *Saving the Endangered Coast* is important, and we will proudly recognize every donor in *Landscapes* and at a temporary installation at Whaler's Cove next to the Pigeon Point lighthouse near Pescadero.

Those who give \$100,000 or more will be honored at the Council Circle. During the past year we have told you about this stone seating area along the California Coast Trail at Whaler's Cove. You can learn more about

the Council Circle at POST's website [www.openspacetrust.org](http://www.openspacetrust.org).

The generous individuals and foundations listed here will be included on the Council Circle. Our thanks to the following Council Circle members, and all donors to *Saving the Endangered Coast*.

*If you are interested in learning how you can add your name to the Council Circle, please contact POST Vice President Kathryn Morelli at (650) 854-7696.*

*Your Gifts Make A Difference*

## *The Council Circle*

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# Pro Bono Attorneys Put Expertise to Work for POST

Over the years, POST has relied on the expertise of pro bono attorneys to accomplish its conservation goals. Laboring behind the scenes, these volunteers donate considerable time and talents to nail down the details of complex land transactions, including the acquisition, management and transfer of properties protected by POST.

“These attorneys have easily donated more than \$1 million in legal services to us, an extraordinary gift,” says Walter Moore, POST Vice President and an attorney specializing in real estate transactions.

David Fletcher, an attorney and member

of POST’s Coastal Campaign Advisory Committee, and Board members David Mitchell and Norman Matteoni were the first generation of legal professionals to assist POST with its land-saving work.

## Working for What You Believe In: Brad O’Brien

For Brad O’Brien, co-chair of the real estate and environmental law practice at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto, volunteering his skills to POST

is a satisfying extension of his corporate real estate practice.

“In my legal career, it’s the most important work that I do,” says O’Brien, who devotes an amazing 10 to 15 percent of his billable hours to POST. “It’s fun to work with people who appreciate what you do and where the ultimate goal has a social value that you believe in.”

For the past five years, O’Brien has played a key role in more than a dozen major land transactions at POST, but it’s

Rancho Corral de Tierra, the 4,262-acre expanse of rugged sea-side mountains near Moss Beach and Montara, that holds special meaning for O’Brien, who assisted POST in closing on the property. Rancho Corral de Tierra was purchased in 2001 through the *Saving the*



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Brad O’Brien

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PEGGY BRUGGMAN

*Endangered Coast* campaign. His mother-in-law, environmental activist Olive Mayer, fought for more than 30 years to protect Rancho Corral and the surrounding Coastside from the impact of a highway bypass that would have sliced right through the property.

“It was thanks to Ollie that I first became aware of POST and conservation matters on the Peninsula,” he says. “She was the inspiration for me to help out.”

### **Dodging Legal Landmines: Peggy Bruggman**

Attorney Peggy Bruggman says her pro bono legal work for POST protects the landscapes she has cherished since her college days at Stanford.

“I’m thrilled to be able to do legal work for an organization whose cause I believe in so strongly,” says Bruggman, an associate at Morrison & Foerster in Palo Alto. “I love the Peninsula. It’s incredibly beautiful. For a person like me who enjoys the outdoors, there just isn’t a better place.”

Bruggman has donated nearly 100 work hours in support of a quiet title action taken on POST’s Purisima Farms property. Since the 1860s, a 10-acre chunk of the property had “fallen off

title,” repeatedly overlooked in deed paperwork for successive land transfers. This resulted in a “bad tab” of land that was transferred from owner to owner but was not reflected in official survey records.

POST discovered the discrepancy when it took title to the rest of the land in 1998. To avoid future challenges of ownership and keep the protected Purisima Farms parcel intact, POST asked Bruggman to handle the copious legal research, filings and hearings that accompany quiet title actions.

Bruggman’s meticulous preparation of documents, exhibits and testimony enabled POST to have its petition granted in 2004. Even the judge in the case singled her out for praise.

### **Getting the Job Done**

Thanks to the diligence and generosity of attorneys like Bruggman and O’Brien, POST continues to build an intricate network of open lands along the San Mateo Coast. Says O’Brien, “I’ve helped my paying clients build, lease, and finance many commercial buildings. If I had not done that work, somebody else would have done it. But



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*Peggy Bruggman*

with POST, if I don’t do the work, it may not get done—and it’s important work. Our actions have protected these coastal lands, and they will remain open and available for generations to enjoy.” ■

### **POST’s Pro Bono Attorneys**

(from 2003 through 2005)

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# Tributes

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Attention: Tom Katilius (415) 627-2749

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