



## **Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, A Partner in the Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly Recovery Program**

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is dedicated to maintaining open space on the Peninsula for the education and enjoyment of all. When the Palos Verdes blue butterfly was rediscovered on the Peninsula in March 1994, the Conservancy played a significant role in the recovery efforts to bring the butterfly back from near extinction.

The Conservancy worked with a coalition of concerned entities including The Defense Energy Support Center, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Moorpark College, and The Urban Wildlands Group to establish an on-site captive rearing program. Together we worked to nurture this endangered species through open space preservation, habitat restoration, and culturing support.

As a partner in the Palos Verdes blue butterfly program, the Conservancy:

- Manages a nursery to grow plants for the captive rearing program
- Manages and monitors current Palos Verdes blue butterfly habitat at Chandler Preserve in Rolling Hills Estates and the Defense Fuel Supply Point in San Pedro, CA.
- Collects local native seed for propagation of nursery stock
- Leads in native habitat restoration for the butterfly elsewhere on the Palos Verdes Peninsula
- Involves community volunteers to help with nursery operations and habitat restoration
- Promotes scientific research supporting the Palos Verdes blue butterfly recovery program

Today, we are delighted with the announcement of the release of the butterflies at Friendship Park in San Pedro. With our continued efforts throughout the Peninsula, we are confident that the PV blue butterfly will thrive on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.



*Students observe Palos Verdes blue butterflies.*



*Jana Johnson working with a high school student.*



*A high school student at a potential reintroduction site on the Peninsula.*