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AmeriCorps Team Provides Valuable Support to Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy for Conservation Projects

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA: February 8– AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) “Silver Team 2” is working with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy to help plant native plants on several land sites on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The 2016 Silver Team includes nine young adults who are working alongside the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy crew for the next 9 weeks. The team members come from eight states including New Jersey, Alabama, Nebraska, Michigan, Tennessee, Virginia, California and Texas.

AmeriCorps is planting coastal sage scrub habitat for the benefit of the endangered Palos Verdes blue butterfly and other local species. The projects which you can view on a hike around the preserves, benefit several species including the California gnatcatcher and cactus wren, which are species of special concern birds in California. In addition, the team will work at the White Point Nature Education Center in San Pedro and do trail restoration work at Abalone Cove Reserve in Rancho Palos Verdes.

This is the third AmeriCorps team to work with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. Conservancy Executive Director Andrea Vona states “Hosting the AmeriCorps team allows us to share restoration and nature education skills with an amazing team of 18-24 year olds from all around the country, and at the same time their work allows us to stretch our resources further by benefiting from their great energy, enthusiasm and productivity.” Team member Tyler Berg feels, “It is amazing to be working on conservation projects that are sustainable and have a community-wide impact”.

Join the AmeriCorps team for a special White Point Community Day, Saturday, February 27, 2016 9 am to 12 noon at the White Point Nature Preserve. Community volunteers can help remove tumbleweeds, combat native species and beautify the native plant demonstration area. Training and tools will be provided. **To sign up visit:**
pvplc.volunteerhub.com

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-based organization dedicated to preserving land and restoring habitat for the education and enjoyment of all. The Conservancy owns or manages the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, the Linden H. Chandler and George F Canyon Preserves in Rolling Hills Estates the White Point Nature Preserve, a facility of the LA City Department of Recreation and Parks, and habitat restoration on the Defense Fuel Supply Point in San Pedro.

The AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) engages 2,800 young Americans in a full-time, 10-month commitment to service each year. AmeriCorps NCCC members address critical needs related to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, and urban and rural development. The programs administered by the federal agency have more than five million Americans in service through its AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, Social Innovation Fund, and Volunteer Generation Fund programs, and leads President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit NationalService.gov.