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Elephant, Giraffe, and other Animal Food on the Peninsula Preserves: Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy Provides Acacia Branches to LA Zoo

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, February 29, 2016– The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is excited share a new collaboration with the Los Angeles Zoo which offers a win /win wonderful solution for the disposal of acacia branches. The acacia will be removed as part of habitat restoration by the Land Conservancy from the Alta Vicente Reserve in Rancho Palos Verdes. The LA Zoo looks for acacia branches to feed **elephants, giraffes, antelopes, and other animals** in the LA Zoo.

The Conservancy is working with volunteers at the Alta Vicente Reserve on the removal of acacia trees. **The Los Angeles Zoo will collect the acacia clippings Wednesday, March 2, at 12 noon.** Volunteers from AmeriCorps working with the Conservancy for six-weeks on restoration projects will pile the clippings consisting of branches approximately 3' in length needed to feed a variety of zoo animals

According to PVPLC Board President Cassie Jones, **"We are excited to minimize the amount of refuse to be collected and pleased to know the giraffes and other animals enjoyed fresh vegetation from the Palos Verdes Peninsula last week.** We look forward to providing more clippings for food to the LA Zoo soon." **"The L.A. Zoo is very grateful for the generous donation from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy,"** said Beth Schaefer, General Curator at the Los Angeles Zoo. **"We always appreciate when the community cares as much about our animals as we do."**

This is the third AmeriCorps team to work with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. 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. 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"**.

People interested in volunteering for future such events with the Conservancy may visit www.pvplc.org for more information or sign up directly at: <http://pvplc.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

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.