



OPEN SPACES

2005 Year in Review Timeline for Success

Highlights of 2005

Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve

We preserved 463 acres of natural coastal land guaranteeing that it will be public open space forever.

We worked with the City of Rancho Palos Verdes to complete the Natural Communities Conservation Plan that will create the 1200-acre *Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve*.

Linden H. Chandler Preserve

This preserve was permanently rezoned as open space after the last privately held portion was donated to PVPLC.

White Point Nature Preserve

Progress continued to restore wildflower grasslands and coastal sage scrub, build new trails, complete an interpretive master plan, and finalize a design for the demonstration garden.

All of this built on a legacy of success that began in 1988.

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

1988

Bill Ailor establishes the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy.



1989

PVPLC dedicates Lunada Canyon as open space, donated by the E. K. Zuckerman family.



1993

PVPLC, led by then-board members Mike Kilroy, Bill Ailor and Doug Stern (below) and City of RHE negotiate agreement of phased



donations with Chandler family to preserve their property as public open space, now the Linden H. Chandler Preserve.



Public Nature Walk Program initiated to educate public on the value and benefits of open space land.

1994



PVPLC conducts first land use survey among Peninsula residents. Results show broad support for open space preservation.



Conservancy negotiates and City approves purchase of Forrestal property in RPV at the east end of the future Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve. RPV City Council, CA Assemblymember Steve Kuykendall & PVPLC board members (at right) celebrate the new preserve.



1996

PVPLC begins a third grade education program at Silver Spur Elementary School to teach children about Peninsula natural history, geology and wildlife.



Ribbon Cutting for George F Canyon Nature Center, to be managed by PVPLC.

1988 to 1999

2005 was dominated by the successful effort to purchase most of the remaining open space on the south side of the Peninsula to create the Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve.

1998

City of RPV agrees to develop a Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) for regional multi-species planning.



2000

PVPLC signs 25-year agreement with City of LA to develop and manage the 102-acre White Point Nature Preserve in San Pedro.



2001

City of RPV purchases 100-acre Barkentine property to form the west end of Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve. RPV City Council rejects golf on land at Upper Point Vicente, asks PVPLC to manage future Preserve.

2000 to 2005

However, this year's success is based on many years of effort. We thought it would be of interest to review the major milestones for the PVPLC that led to this year's success.

2002

Dr. Allen H. and Charlotte Ginsburg donate \$500,000 to the Conservancy to begin a stewardship endowment for Peninsula preserves.



2003

The chain link fence comes down at White Point; 102-acre property is officially open to the public for the first time in 50 years. Below, local elected officials and PVPLC President Bill Ailor celebrate the Grand Opening.



2004

Purchase Agreement signed with Palos Verdes Land Holding Company (Barry Hon) to acquire 463 acres in Portuguese Bend and Agua Amarga Canyon.



NCCP Plan and its Environmental Impact Report approved by RPV City Council (shown at left) and PVPLC board.

2005

January - Wildlife Conservation Board agrees to contribute \$10 million to the acquisition of Portuguese Bend property at appraised value. Appraisal gains approval in February.



March -The Community Campaign to Preserve Portuguese Bend kicks off at Del Cerro Park. Elected officials from the South Bay (at left) help to launch fundraising efforts.

August - Annenberg Foundation announces \$1 million challenge grant that generates widespread response.

September - Community makes the deadline, raising more than \$4 million. Supervisor Don Knabe donates \$1 million in County open space bond money and City of RPV donates \$400,000 to the acquisition.

October - California Coastal Conservancy agrees to donate \$1.5 million.

December Escrow closes, Portuguese Bend Preserve is created and land is preserved in perpetuity.



Community Campaign Committee members Bob Ford, Henry Jurgens, Wayne Sharp and Jim Scharffenberger (co-Chairs), George Gleghorn and Loren DeRoy celebrate the acquisition. Not shown: Bill Ailor, Becky Clark, Marc Crawford, Barbara Gleghorn, Sharon Nolan, Ellen Perkins, and Pamela Reis.

MORE HIGHLIGHTS IN 2005



Progress was made on implementing a trail system in the Forrestal Preserve.



Flags mark the opening of new trails at White Point Preserve.



Many volunteers, including these from Los Hermanos, plant and repair trails at the Forrestal Preserve.



Volunteers donated more than 5000 hours to the PVPLC in 2005 - planting, weeding, helping at events and in the office, serving on committees, and more. Here, students from Peninsula High weed at the Lunada Canyon Preserve.

2005 Summary of Revenue & Expenses*	
Income	
Member donations	\$207,269
Restricted restoration grants	\$314,993
Contracts for restoration & Nature Center	\$161,557
Special events & plant sales	\$118,379
Other	\$21,558
Total Income	\$823,756
Expenses	
Program services	\$723,555
Management & Admin.	\$81,073
Fundraising	\$107,856
Total Expenses	\$912,484
Net Operating Income	(\$88,728)
Capital Campaign Funds	
Total Campaign donations	\$4,891,528
- Land acquisition	\$4,000,000
- Campaign expenses	\$140,000
- Del Cerro recognition site	\$100,000
- PB Fund	\$500,000
- Reserve	\$151,528
Total Revenue	\$5,715,284

* 2005 summary includes an estimate for December financials.

Blue butterflies flew again at the Fuel Depot in habitat restored by the PVPLC.



The Linden H. Chandler Preserve was rezoned as open space after the final donation of land was received.



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