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## **PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATE WINS AUDUBON AND TOYOTA FELLOWSHIP**

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA – June 27, 2012. The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC) is pleased to announce Stewardship Associate Adrienne Bosler was awarded a 2012-13 TogetherGreen Fellowship.

*TogetherGreen*, a conservation initiative of the National Audubon Society and Toyota, selects 40 high-potential local leaders annually to receive a \$10,000 grant. With the funds, fellows conduct community projects to engage diverse audiences in habitat, water, or energy conservation. The Fellowship Program “invests in high-potential individuals, providing them with the tools, resources, visibility, and a peer network to help them lead conservation actions that will help shape a healthier environmental future.”

Adrienne Bosler is coordinator for the many Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy volunteer programs: Outdoor Volunteer Days held every Saturday focused on habitat restoration; Team Leader program which helps guide public volunteers during Saturday events; the Trail Crew which focuses on repairing and maintaining the many miles of trails around the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve; and other stewardship projects around the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

For her fellowship project, Adrienne will mentor a leadership team of high school students with interest in environmental careers to facilitate their development of a habitat restoration plan for the endangered Palos Verdes blue butterfly. This leadership team will be responsible for planning and executing all components of a successful community-based restoration project including vision planning, volunteer recruitment and coordination (for site preparation, butterfly host plant propagation in PVPLC’s native plant nursery and planting), monitoring the success, and educating the community/volunteers about the success of the project.

“Adrienne is an environmental hero. She and the other *TogetherGreen* Fellows help people engage with nature. They look like America: diverse, passionate, and patriotic,” said Audubon President David Yarnold. “Adrienne is a leader, and we’re pleased to give her a chance to invent the future.”

“While the school system provides a diverse knowledge platform, an inspiring mentor can teach real-world skills through experiential education in a meaningful capacity,” Adrienne said. “I was lucky enough to have a few mentors early in my career that provided opportunities to experience nature and tackle conservation projects that aren’t available to students in a classroom. I want students to feel accomplished in seeing their efforts leave a positive impact on the land and people they work with.”

Audubon and Toyota launched the TogetherGreen initiative in 2008 to foster diverse environmental leadership and fund innovative conservation ideas. To date, 200 fellows from across the country have been awarded *TogetherGreen* fellowships. These leaders have worked with nearly 500 organizations and engaged over 100,000 people in community-based environmental efforts, achieving conservation results in habitat, water, and energy.

To read more about Adrienne’s TogetherGreen fellowship project click [here](#). To learn more about the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy click [here](#).

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*The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy was founded in 1988 and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-benefit organization dedicated to preserving land and restoring habitat for the enjoyment and education of all. The Conservancy owns or manages the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve in Rancho Palos Verdes, Linden H. Chandler and George F Canyon Preserves in Rolling Hills Estates, White Point Nature Preserve in San Pedro, and a native plant nursery on the Defense Fuel Support Point in San Pedro.*