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I am one of those who has no trouble
imagining the sentient lives of trees,
of their leaves in some fashion
communicating or of the mossy trunks
and heavy branches knowing it is I
who have come, each morning, to walk
beneath them, glad to be alive and
glad to be there.

Mary Oliver

The mission of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) is to give permanent protection to the beauty, character and diversity of the San Francisco Peninsula landscape for people here now and for future generations. POST encourages the use of these lands for natural resource protection, wildlife habitat, low-intensity public recreation and agriculture.



Peninsula Open Space Trust
Celebrating 30 Years of Local Land Protection



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Mountains, Meadows and Milestones:

Three Decades of POST-Protected Lands

In 1977, ten visionaries—all local residents who cared deeply about the land—launched the Peninsula Open Space Trust in Menlo Park, Calif.

POST was conceived to work in partnership with a then five-year-old public agency called the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD). POST's charge at the time was to work with private landowners reluctant to deal with

value our spectacular surroundings. Since 1977, nearly 17,000 donors have made at least one gift to POST, and the numbers keep growing.

Like our founders, every donor to POST is an entrepreneur for the environment. That's because every gift to POST is an investment in the future of the land. In the pages that follow, we celebrate the storybook hillsides, mist-shrouded ridgetops and sweeping coastal plains that you have helped POST protect in our 30-year history. These images make clear that what we are saving isn't just real estate, but a rich tapestry of landscapes that have the power to soothe, awe and inspire. For everything you do for POST and these lands, thank you!



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Looking south from WILBUR'S WATCH, part of POST's Cloverdale Coastal Ranches property acquired in 1996.

government agencies and to raise money to supplement public funds available for land conservation.

True to their word, POST's founders created a nimble, fast-acting, independent organization that would save threatened land by way of bold vision, entrepreneurial instincts and gutsy resolve. POST has since saved 115 properties totaling nearly 60,000 acres of open space from South San Francisco to San Jose. Today, POST works closely not only with MROSD and private landowners, but with national, state and county park systems and other agencies to create strong, effective partnerships on behalf of local natural lands.

Now headquartered in Palo Alto, we remain fortunate to work in an area where people truly



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RANCHO CAÑADA DEL ORO, in south San Jose, transferred to Santa Clara County Open Space Authority and Santa Clara County Parks system in 2003. Acquired by POST in 1999.

There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society, where none intrudes,
By the deep Sea, and Music in its roar:
I love not Man the less, but Nature more.

George Gordon, Lord Byron

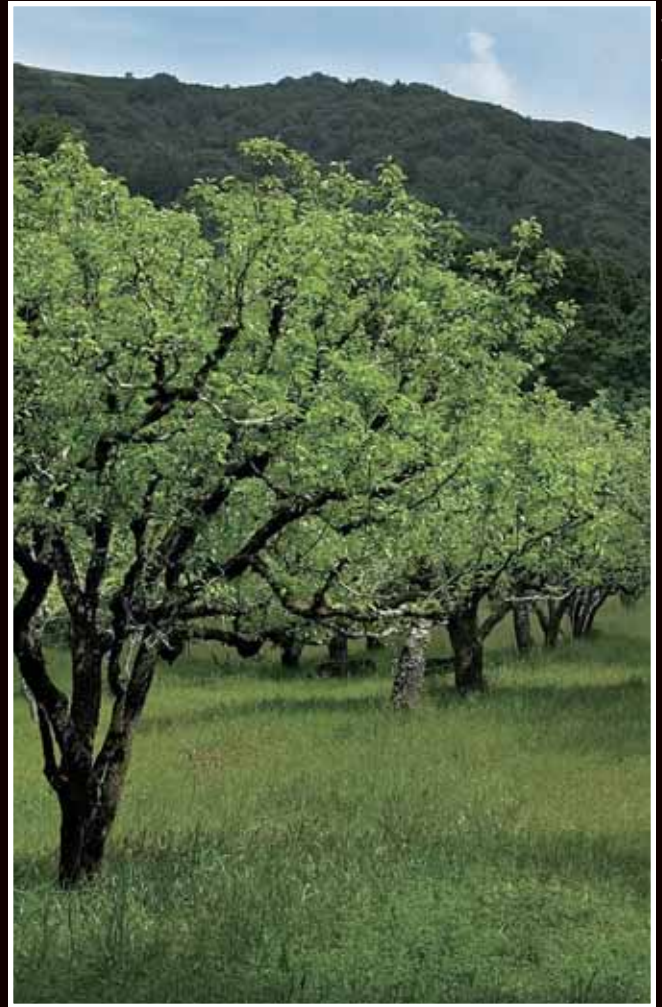


ARATA RANCH, in San Gregorio. Protected by POST conservation easement since 2004.



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COWELL RANCH BEACH, near Half Moon Bay, transferred to California State Parks and local farming families in 1992. Acquired by POST in 1987.



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STEVENS CANYON RANCH, near Cupertino, transferred to MROSD in 2006. Acquired by POST in 2005.

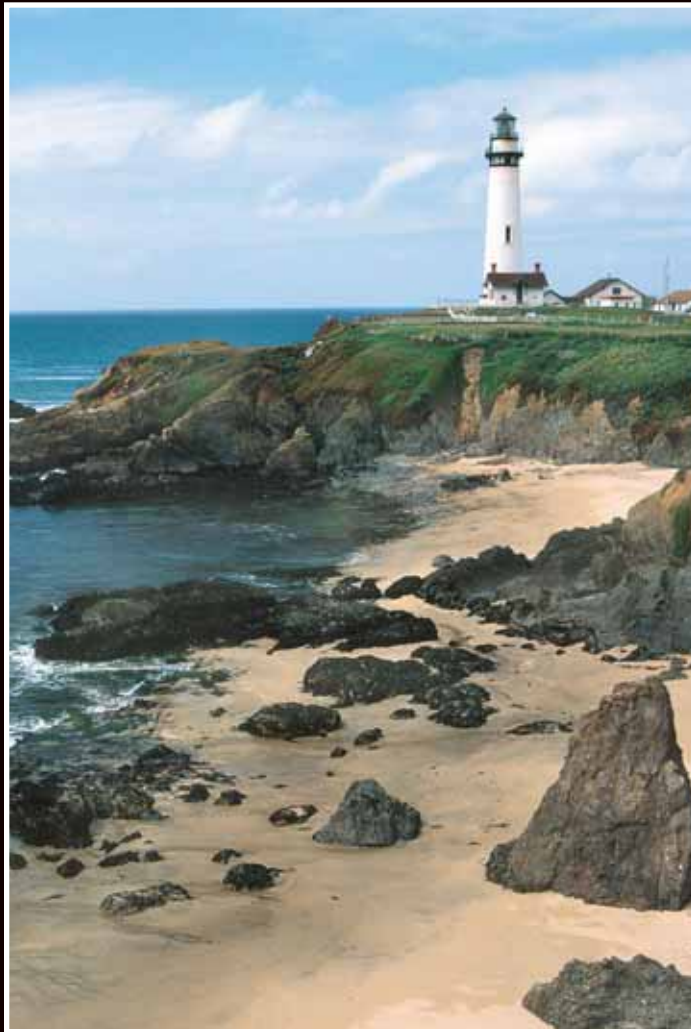


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LOBITOS RIDGE, near Half Moon Bay. Acquired by POST in 2004.



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We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.

Aldo Leopold

WHALER'S COVE, at Pigeon Point, transferred to California State Parks in 2005. Acquired by POST in 2000.



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THE COUNCIL CIRCLE AND MEL'S LANE, at Whaler's Cove, opened to the public in 2006.





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CORTE MADERA, near Skyline Ridge, transferred to private owners and MROSD as part of Windy Hill Open Space Preserve in 1998. Acquired by POST in 1995.



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SAN GREGORIO FARMS, in San Gregorio. Acquired by POST in 2001.



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RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA, near Montara and El Granada, to be transferred to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area once federal funding is approved. Acquired by POST in 2001.



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BOLSA POINT RANCHES, near Pigeon Point. Acquired by POST in 2001 and 2002.



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BEAR CREEK REDWOODS, near Los Gatos, transferred to MROSD in 2001. Acquired by POST and MROSD in 1999.



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JOHNSTON RANCH, in Half Moon Bay. Acquired by POST in 1999 and 2001.



CLOVERDALE COASTAL RANCHES, near Pigeon Point. Acquired by POST in 1996.



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BAIR ISLAND, in Redwood City, managed by the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge since 1998. Acquired by POST in 1997.



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We need the tonic of wildness, to wade sometimes in marshes where the bittern and the meadow-hen lurk, and hear the booming of the snipe; to smell the whispering sedge where only the wilder and more solitary fowl builds her nest, and the mink crawls with its belly close to the ground. We can never have enough of nature. We must be refreshed by the sight of inexhaustible vigor, vast and titanic features, the sea-coast with its wrecks, the wilderness with its living and its decaying trees, the thunder cloud, and the rain which lasts weeks and produces freshets. We need to witness our own limits transgressed, and some life pasturing freely where we never wander.

Henry David Thoreau



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PILLAR POINT BLUFF, near Moss Beach. Acquired by POST in 2004.



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PURISIMA FARMS, near Half Moon Bay, transferred to farmer John Giusti in 2006. Acquired by POST in 1998.



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NEWHAGEN MEADOWS, in south San Jose, transferred to MROSD in 2005. Acquired by POST in 1999.



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The Bill and Jean Lane Meadow at PORTOLA LOOKOUT, transferred to MROSD in 2005. Acquired by POST in 2003.



If the sight of the blue skies
fills you with joy,
if a blade of grass springing up in the fields
has power to move you,
if the simple things of nature
have a message that you understand,
rejoice, for your soul is alive.

Eleonora Duse



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DRISCOLL RANCH, in La Honda, transferred to MROSD in 2006. Acquired by POST in 2002.

Donation of Conservation Easement Protects Coastside Redwoods

In December 2006, POST received a donation of a conservation easement over 16 acres of beautiful redwood forest adjacent to POST's Tunitas Creek property along the San Mateo Coast. The easement was a generous gift from Carl Hoffman, owner of Half Moon Bay Feed and Fuel, and Roxy Stone, director of sales and marketing for the Grand Hyatt hotel in San Francisco and a board member of the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District.

The protected acreage is part of a larger 77-acre property owned by Hoffman and Stone along Lobitos Creek Road. Part of the original Rancho Cañada Verde y Arroyo de la Purisima land grant, the property is located halfway between Half Moon Bay and Pescadero.

Hoffman and Stone donated the easement in order to give permanent protection to a towering grove of redwoods covering a hillside on their property leading into Tunitas Creek. Their agreement with

POST shields the redwood forest from all development and timber harvest. ■



Carl Hoffman

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New Law Expands Benefits for Easement Donors, Allows Tax-Free Gifts from IRAs

Donors considering gifts to POST have good news thanks to temporary provisions of a federal tax law passed last summer.

Under H.R. 4, "The Pension Protection Act of 2006," some individuals may, for a limited time, make tax-free gifts to organizations such as POST from traditional and Roth Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). The new law also encourages private land conservation by significantly increasing tax incentives for donations of voluntary land protection agreements known as conservation easements.

For gifts made in 2007, these incentives enable qualifying farmers and ranchers to deduct up to 100 percent of their income. They also increase the deduction that landowners can take for donating conservation easements from an amount equal to 30 percent of their yearly income to 50 percent.

In addition, easement donors may now take deductions over a period of 16 years instead of six years. The law currently applies only to easements donated or sold for less than market value and not to donations or bargain sales of an entire property.

The new law also allows individuals age 70½ and older to make charitable donations up to \$100,000 in 2007 from an IRA without having to count their donations as taxable income. These gifts can also fulfill annual IRA distribution requirements. If you qualify, your gift from an IRA can now be counted as a tax-free rollover, making it advantageous both for you and for POST.

For more information about this legislation and making a gift to POST, please contact POST's Director of Planned Giving, Adelaide Roberts, at (650) 854-7696. ■

POST Property Transfer Roundup

Late 2006 was a busy time at POST as we transferred two premiere properties to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) for permanent protection and future public access. By working closely with our longtime public agency partner on behalf of these and other strategically important lands, POST ensures that their grandeur and beauty will remain intact long into the future.

Critical Skyline-to-the-Sea Link: Lower Purisima Creek

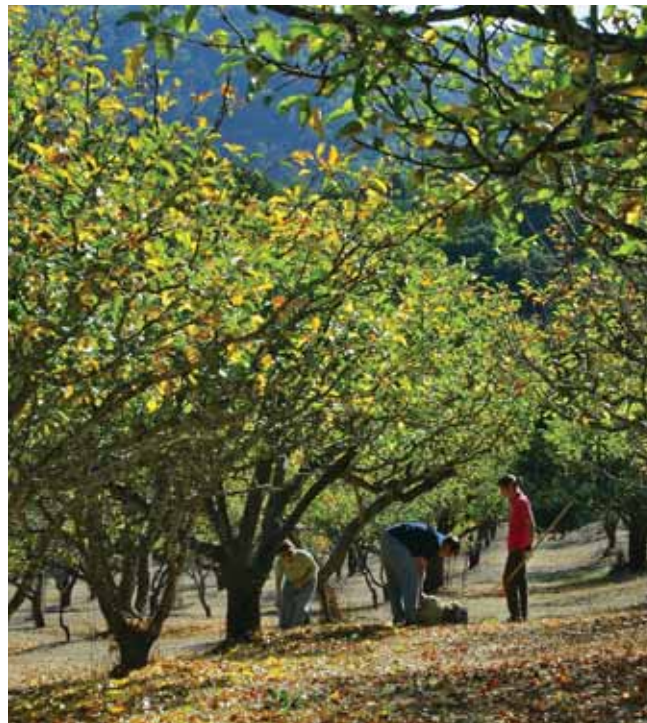
On November 1, POST sold 183-acre Lower Purisima Creek to MROSD for \$2.25 million. Rising between Lobitos and Tunitas creeks four miles south-east of Half Moon Bay, the property is adjacent to POST's Lobitos Ridge and Bluebrush Canyon properties and to MROSD's Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve.

This sloping land with ocean views features scrub-covered knolls, lush meadows, redwood groves, eucalyptus stands and a winding, alder-lined creek. It was purchased from a private owner for \$2.25 million in February 2005 as part of POST's *Saving the Endangered Coast* campaign, and is slated to become a critical link in an extensive trail network from Skyline Ridge to the Pacific Ocean.



Lower Purisima Creek, near Half Moon Bay.

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Volunteers harvest fruit from the orchard at Stevens Canyon Ranch, near Cupertino.

Fruits of the Land: Stevens Canyon Ranch

In another transfer to MROSD, POST sold 238-acre Stevens Canyon Ranch on December 29 for \$6.6 million. Funding support from key public agency partners made the sale possible, including \$5 million from MROSD, \$500,000 from the California Coastal Conservancy, and \$1.6 million from the Santa Clara Valley Water District for the purchase of a conservation easement on 69 acres of riparian habitat on the ranch.

Tucked into the foothill canyons of the Santa Cruz Mountains near Cupertino, the ranch is a former fruit farm and vineyard dating back to the 1880s. A scenic apple and pear orchard, which POST will continue to manage, still bears fruit at harvest time. POST purchased Stevens Canyon Ranch from private owners in 2005 for \$6.6 million as part of its coastal campaign. The District plans to add the land to its existing Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve for recreational trail development and eventual public access. ■

Karie Thomson Appointed New POST Board Chair



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Karie Thomson has been named the new chair of POST's Board of Directors. Thomson is an active philanthropic supporter of environmental causes around the globe. She serves on the board of directors of the Kinship Foundation, a family foundation based in Northbrook, Illinois. She is also a former member of the board of directors for Ecotrust, a Portland, Oregon-based nonprofit that restores and preserves salmon fisheries and rainforests in the western United States and Canada. With her husband, David, she is also a generous supporter of the African Wildlife Foundation.

Closer to home, Thomson served as Chair of POST's record-breaking *Saving the Endangered Coast* campaign. Originally from Chicago, she moved to Woodside with her husband and three sons in 1985.

"As POST enters its thirtieth year as a land trust, I can't think of a better person to help lead POST than Karie Thomson," said POST President Audrey Rust. "Her demonstrated devotion to POST's mission, her

depth of experience in environmental matters, and her infectious enthusiasm for our natural local landscape will greatly benefit POST's land-saving work."

Thomson, whose term as Board Chair began on January 1, has been a member of POST's Board since 1996. She succeeds Susan Ford Dorsey, whose term as Chair expired at the end of 2006 and who will continue to serve as the Board's Vice Chair.

Said Thomson, "As Board Chair, I intend to keep POST's momentum going strong as we complete our 20,000-acre campaign goal and continue to save the open landscapes that are so precious to this region." ■

POST Welcomes Sandra Thompson to Board



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POST is pleased to welcome Sandra Thompson to its Board of Directors. A native of Iowa, Sandi grew up on her family's farm and spent 18 years in various sales, marketing and strategy positions with IBM, including vice president of network solutions.

After leaving IBM, Sandi attended law school, graduating in May 2002 from the University of California Hastings College of Law. She later joined Fenwick & West as an international corporate tax attorney. She is currently self-employed representing clients *pro bono* in tax litigation.

Sandi serves as a regional board member for Teach for America and sits on the planning commission for the town of Woodside, where she lives with her husband, John. Of her decision to join POST's Board, she said, "I love our wonderful California and want to ensure that future generations are able to do the same." ■

Tributes

OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2006

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