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Pacifica Open Space Preservation Award

WHEREAS, Mike Vasey was a pioneer member of the Pacifica Open Space Committee and served as its first Co-chair; and

WHEREAS, Mike Vasey while serving on the Open Space Committee researched and promoted the establishment of the Pacifica Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, Mike Vasey while serving as a Pacifica City Council member from 1990 to 1992 added a substantive conservation background to Council decisions, such as promoting the restoration of lower San Pedro Creek as a flood control measure; and

WHEREAS, Mike Vasey through his testimony before the Coastal Conservancy Board in 1990 proved himself an inspirational supporter and determined advocate of the Pacifica Land Trust's first land acquisition at the Pedro Point Headlands; and

WHEREAS, Mike Vasey was a leading proponent of a tunnel alternative for Devil's Slide Bypass, persuading and coordinating Pacifica's stance on promoting the tunnel; and

WHEREAS, Mike Vasey since 1997 has been a board member of the Pacifica Land Trust, serving as president from 2000 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mike Vasey, representing the Pacifica Land Trust, acted as one of the principal facilitators in the acquisition of Mori Point as a National Park for all to use and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Mike Vasey using his ecological expertise assisted the San Pedro Creek Watershed Coalition to restore and manage the Creek as an open space resource; and

WHEREAS, Mike Vasey, representing the Pacifica Land Trust, partnered with others in negotiating the acquisition of the land at the mouth of San Pedro Creek, allowing for the restoration of the beach wetland and habitat; and

WHEREAS, Mike Vasey, representing the Pacifica Land Trust, took the lead in negotiating a contract with the City of Pacifica to sell sensitive open space land adjacent to the Sneath Lane Sweeney Ridge Gate, eventually resulting in the boundary expansion of GGNRA; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Vasey spearheaded the grant application that resulted in the Pacifica Land Trust receiving a substantial grant from the Coastal Conservancy for restoration efforts on Pedro Point Headlands; and

WHEREAS, Mike Vasey is the current leader of the stewardship of Pedro Point Headlands, and

WHEREAS, Mike Vasey continues to share his ecological knowledge of the wonders of Pacifica's abundant native habitats educating others through lectures and interpretive hikes;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED, that we, the Open Space Committee of the City of Pacifica, do hereby declare

Mike Vasey

the recipient of the annual ***Pacifica Open Space Preservation Award***.

DONE, this 25ST day of April 2011.

*current Dyer Crouch, Co-Chair
Pacifica Open Space Committee*