

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



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TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Marlene Finley, Parks Director

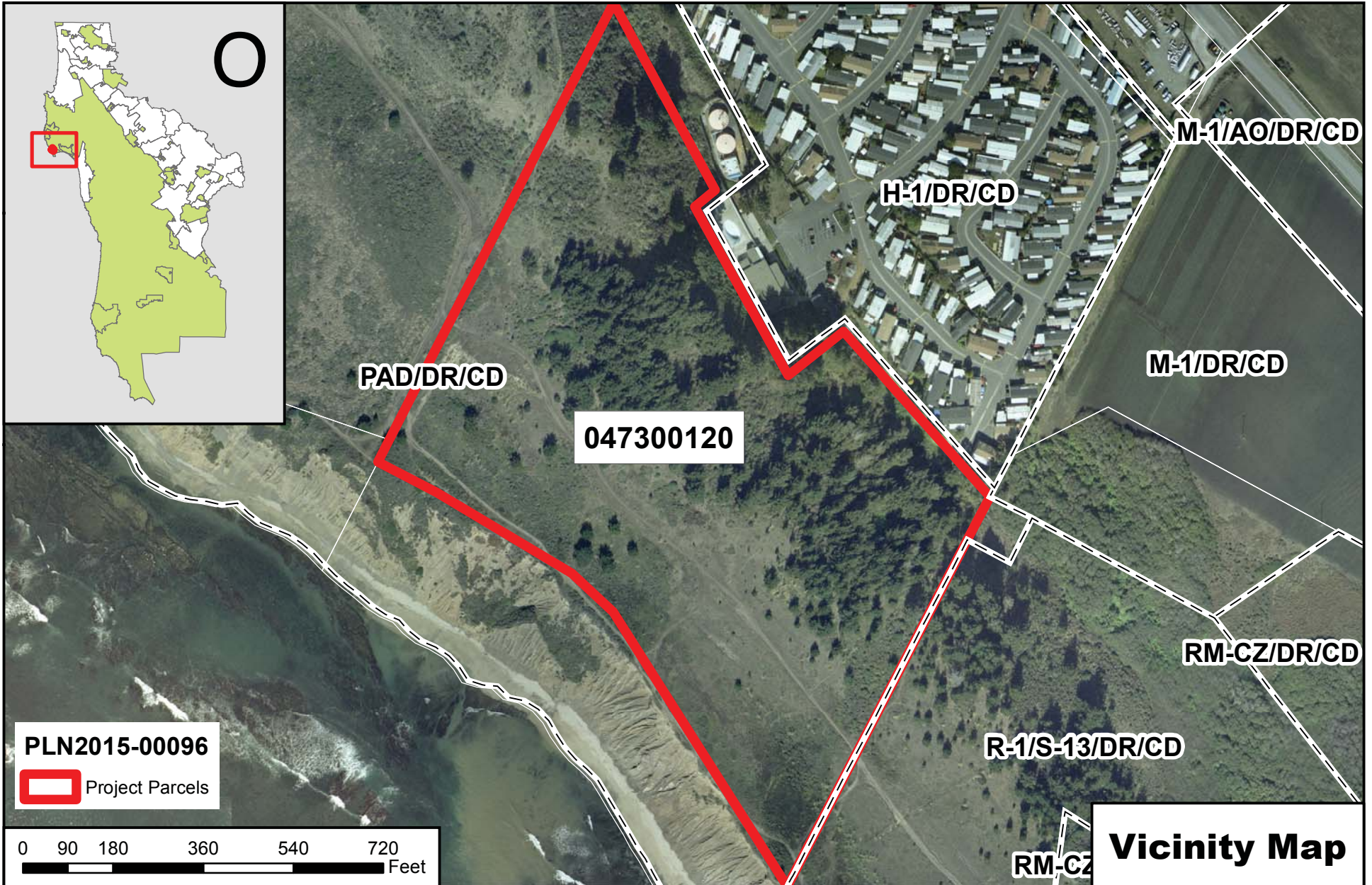
SUBJECT: Director's Report

Thompson Property, Pillar Point Bluff: County Parks acquired three Pillar Point Bluff properties totaling 139.544 acres (Pillar Point Bluff, Gunn, and Pillar Point Bluff South) from Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) in 2011. These properties are managed for their significant natural landscapes, habitats for the protection of threatened and endangered species, and recreation. Today, Pillar Point Bluff is a popular destination for hikers, cyclists, dog-walkers, and nature enthusiasts.

The Thompson property is the last remaining private property on Pillar Point Bluff. The 21-acre Thompson property is surrounded by the privately owned Pillar Ridge Manufactured Home Community to the east, James V. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve to the north and south and approximately 1,200 feet of Pacific Ocean shoreline to the west. The property consists of open space land with coastal scrub and bluff vegetation, wooded areas and hiking trails. There are no structures. There are excellent views from the property of the Maverick's surf break, coastal tidepools and reefs below the bluff to the west.

POST secured grants from the California State Coastal Conservancy and Resources Legacy Fund and raised additional private funds to purchase the property for \$925,000 from the Thompson family. POST purchased the property in late March 2015 and has permanently dedicated the property for habitat preservation, open space protection and public access through an irrevocable offer to dedicate the property. POST has also received an additional \$25,000 grant from the Resources Legacy Fund for stewardship activities that will be jointly managed by POST and County Parks.

Parks is working with POST on a management agreement that would allow Parks to operate and manage the former Thompson property for public use, while POST retains ownership.



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