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Madam Chair and Commissioners,

I urge you to support the request for funding up to a maximum of \$500,000 and no more. This is a similar amount pledged earlier for Wild Cherry Canyon (property almost three time larger than this project) that would have been added to Montana de Oro State Park.

While this project is an excellent unplanned opportunity, it was not previously on your project list. The Land Conservancy could pursue a coalition of small donors rooted in the Pismo Breach area who will benefit most from its proximity. An example is Cambria's success in raising \$1 million towards the purchase of Fiscallini Ranch.

Because of the economy, the likelihood of replenishing PFF or Quinby funds in the near future is practically zero. Rather than pledging such a large amount in one area, funds should be designated to pursue large acquisitions for passive recreation - open space or natural areas - strategically throughout the county adjacent to urban areas.

\$500,000 Max is my recommendation.

Please consider these comments during your deliberation.

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