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COASTAL WATERSHED COUNCIL RECEIVES TWO GRANTS FROM LOCAL FOUNDATIONS

“The Coastal Watershed Council has been awarded two grants recently. We’ve earned a grant from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation to support our summer camp, and a grant from the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County for our stewardship and water quality monitoring work,” Coastal Watershed Council (CWC) Executive Director Greg Pepping said today. According to Mr. Pepping, both grants require matching funding from individuals and businesses, and CWC is now seeking these donations.

The Monterey Peninsula Foundation grant provides substantial support for CWC’s summer camp. The Trees to Sea Explorers Camp offers economically and socially disadvantaged youth the opportunity to connect with nature, learn hands-on science skills, and recognize the many opportunities for safe, outdoor fun they have. Campers hike, conduct water quality monitoring, play educational games, learn native survival skills, kayak, sail and more.

The grant from the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County provides funding support for CWC’s ongoing stewardship and monitoring work. “Our monitoring projects always have two goals: generate scientifically valid data, and mobilize the public to help us get it. Stewardship, for us, means giving homeowners ideas of how they can protect watersheds,” Pepping said.

“The Coastal Watershed Council has worked to achieve its mission to preserve and protect coastal watersheds through education, stewardship and monitoring since we began here in Santa Cruz in 1995,” Mr. Pepping said. “We all love the bay, and CWC is working to increase awareness that everything we do on land affects the rivers and creeks that flow to the bay. That’s always been our focus – the health of coastal watersheds.”

Since 1982, the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County has worked to make the county a better place to live, now and in the future. The Foundation helps local donors to invest wisely in causes they care about, acts as a convener around key community issues, and provides grants and other resources to local nonprofits. Funding for grants comes from several sources including charitable funds established at the Community Foundation by local donors and through partnerships with private foundations. For more information on the Foundation, visit online at www.cfsc.org or call (831) 477-0800.

The Monterey Peninsula Foundation (MPF) is a charitable foundation which disburses funds from the proceeds of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am on the PGA TOUR and the First Tee Open at Pebble Beach on the Champions Tour. MPF focuses on improving the quality of life in Monterey County and surrounding areas. Since the AT&T

Pebble Beach National Pro-Am came to the Monterey Peninsula in 1947, over \$85 million has been raised for charity. For more info about MPF, call (831) 649-1533 or visit www.monterypeeninsulafoundation.org

CWC invites the community to get involved today in the stewardship of their local watersheds. All interested parties can call (831) 464-9200 or visit the CWC website at www.coastal-watershed.org to learn how to get involved through volunteering or donating funds.

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