



**Monterey Pine Forest Watch
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Dear Director Mariscal:

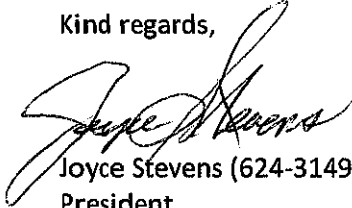
Thank you for meeting with members of the Monterey Pine Forest Watch (David Foster-Bates, Nikki Nedeff and Joyce Stevens) on June 1. We appreciated getting to know you and sharing ideas with you about the future of Jacks Peak County Park and our goals for a larger Monterey Pine Forest Preserve. We talked about so many things, we thought it would help to re-state the main points of our conversation, as follows:

1. We support the transfer of long-term management of Jacks Peak County Park from Monterey County Parks Department to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District either by fee title or lease agreement.
2. We hope that Jacks Peak County Park, after potential transfer to the Regional Park District, can be administered under the same management plan as the adjoining Joyce Stevens Monterey Pine Forest Preserve, although each conserved area may have unique management objectives.
3. We have great hopes that the following contiguous properties can be eventually folded into an enlarged Monterey Pine Forest Preserve at the Jacks Peak area for an ecologically defensible Monterey Pine Forest Conservation Area, as shown on the enclosed map:
 - A. Transfer the Del Mesa conservation easement to the Monterey Pine Forest Conservation Area (in fee, or transfer of the easement to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District.)
 - B. Transfer the Pacific Meadows conservation land from the Monterey County Housing Authority to the Monterey Pine Forest Conservation Area (in fee to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District).
 - C. Purchase of the 112-acre Monterra parcel (formerly owned by the Mills brothers) by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District or other environmental entity.
 - d. Purchase of the 572-acre parcel, currently owned by the Church of the Latter Day Saints, by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District.
 - e. Purchase of the Tarpy Flats parcel, abutting Olmstead Road and Highway 68 by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District.
 - f. When September Ranch is developed, we hope the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District will acquire the county conservation easement and dedication parcels, which will be

conserved as a condition of developing the September Ranch subdivision.

On behalf of Monterey Pine Forest Watch, we welcome to Monterey County and please let us know if we can be of any assistance.

Kind regards,



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President