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**California Resources Secretary
Mike Chrisman's Statement on the Coastal
Conservancy Vote to Approve the Hearst
Ranch Purchase**

The Coastal Conservancy today approved the proposed Hearst Ranch Conservation Plan, a key step in ensuring the preservation of what has been called "California's Crown Jewel of the Central Coast" in San Luis Obispo County. The State must also approve the Hearst Ranch Conservation Plan before it is finalized.

"The Coastal Conservancy's approval is another significant step for the benefit of all Californians. For more than five years we have worked together with conservationists, environmentalists, agricultural interests, local communities and the Hearst family to preserve a unique and spectacular coastal landscape. This public/private partnership stands as testament to the vision of people working together today to preserve magnificent lands for the future generations of tomorrow," said Mike Chrisman, California Secretary for Resources.

This public process has included posting of key transactional documents and information about the property on the Resource Agency's website. For more information go to the California Resources Agency website at http://www.resources.ca.gov/hearst_ranch.html

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