



## Crystal Cove Conservancy Soiree Celebrated

### “Blue 3.2-Protecting Your 3.2 Miles of Pristine Coastline”

**Crystal Cove, Calif., October 10, 2018** –A sold-out crowd of 450 supporters raised a goal-breaking \$453,000 net as all enjoyed an evening under the stars, complete with breathtaking sunset views and an elegant dinner catered by title sponsor The Resort at Pelican Hill at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Crystal Cove Soiree on Oct. 6, hosted by the Crystal Cove Conservancy.

“It was a night to remember! Our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Crystal Cove Soiree celebrated Blue 3.2, signifying the 3.2 miles of pristine, undeveloped coastline that is the ribbon that makes Crystal Cove State Park the perfect gift to us all,” said Alix Dunn, president and chief executive officer, Crystal Cove Conservancy. “Our guests were reminded of the magic a visit to Crystal Cove State Park has in inspiring us to be its protector and how their support increases student participation in our educational programs conducted in the Crystal Cove outdoor classroom.”

Funds raised at the Soiree will support our mission and important education programs to help create the next generation of environmental stewards. The Conservancy uses a social enterprise model to fund preservation, conservation and education initiatives with the goal of creating a sustainable future for Crystal Cove State Park. The Conservancy has become a national model for how funds can be reinvested into the park.

The Soiree began at sunset with an al fresco cocktail reception with hors d’oeuvres and a silent auction. The Resort at Pelican Hill donated the hors d’oeuvres as well as the delectable dinner duo of braised short ribs and Maine lobster. The Beachcomber donated the beverage service for the evening. A live auction, live music and dancing to Beatles vs. Stones – A Musical Showdown rounded out the evening. Guests had opportunities to purchase fabulous luxury silent and live auction items, as well as support fund-a-need, to help with student scholarships for important STEM programs (science, technology, engineering and math). In an opportunity drawing, Sonia and Gary Kessler won a three-night stay in the beachfront Crystal Cove Cottage #14, and Karly Davis won the Bin Drop trip to Cabo to stay at Casa Tequila for 3 nights and 4 days.

Laura Davick, Founder and Vice President of the Conservancy, noted, “It was a beautiful evening and celebration highlighting our journey of the past 19 years, and the many milestones we strive to accomplish for our future. Knowing this community stands firmly behind us was evidence by so many

long-term friends and supporters. This was the first year this event sold out so early and it speaks to the love that our community has for this one unchanged place in the sun”.

Many companies, foundations and individuals already have stepped up to sponsor this year’s Soiree, including: The Resort at Pelican Hill (Title Sponsor), The Beachcomber, Massen Greene Foundation, Anonymous, Eva and Doug Le Bon, Anonymous, Firebrand Media LLC, Gardner Grout Foundation, Christine Carr, Nancy and Arn Youngman, Lori and Harley Bassman, CIP Real Estate / Eric and Ann Smyth, Crystal Cove Beach Cottages, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Bonnie Gregory, The Hexberg Family Foundation, PCV Murcor, Roger’s Gardens, Wylie and Bette Aitken, Beacon Pointe, Michael and Tricia Berns, Gareth and Diana Evans, Capital Group, Charles Schwab, Paula and Jeff Cole, Jose A. Collazo, Contrarian Group, Inc., Crevier Family Foundation, Expedia Group Lodging Partner Services, Fostering Executive Leadership, Fuscoe Engineering, Inc., Karol and Michael Gottfredson, Jackson Lewis, P.C., Mark and Cheryl Law, Little Diversified Architectural Consulting, Inc., Bob and Susie McIntosh, Christine Pappas and Hugh Bradley, Michael Ray, Teddie Ray, Fred and Wendy Salter, Joan Irvine Smith & Athalie R. Clarke Foundation, Laura Tarbox, Shelley B. Thunen, and University of California, Irvine.

### **About Crystal Cove Conservancy**

Crystal Cove Conservancy is the nonprofit public benefit partner to Crystal Cove State Park, employing a social enterprise model to fund important preservation, education and conservation initiatives that will cultivate our planet’s next generation of environmental stewards ensuring that Crystal Cove, and places like it, live on for generations. The Conservancy, formerly known as Crystal Cove Alliance, was founded in 1999 by Laura Davick to save Crystal Cove Historic District from being developed into a luxury resort property.

The Conservancy works in partnership with California State Parks to provide stewardship support for Crystal Cove’s nearly 2,800 acres of public lands including: The Crystal Cove Historic District and beach cottages (a National Register of Historic Places site); 2,400 acres of pristine wilderness habitat and the unspoiled Moro Canyon watershed (a National Natural Landmark site); over three miles of rocky beach coastline and intertidal habitat; 400 acres of coastal bluff habitat; and special underwater and offshore areas including the Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area MPA. By being a stewardship partner for this Southern California jewel, the Conservancy has been uniquely positioned to develop a nationally recognized STEM education program that uses authentic field science and monitoring to immerse students and community members in the practice of conservation and open space management. For more information, visit [www.crystalcove.org](http://www.crystalcove.org).

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