



# 2022 - 2023 Annual Report Channel Islands Park Foundation





# Message from the President

As the current President of The Channel Islands Park Foundation I would like to recognize and thank the Board of Directors and our National Park partners for their tireless work in support of Channel Islands National Park. I believe I speak for all board members when I say we are privileged to be supporting the magical National Park right off the coast. We share a passion for the place through our individual experiences as divers, hikers, campers, photographers, sailors, and volunteers. Together, we see a bright future where The Channel Islands Park Foundation will exponentially increase support for the jewel that is Channel Islands National Park.

Over the last two years the Foundation has funded Park priorities like a campground at Prisoners Harbor on Santa Cruz Island, a Biosecurity Station at the Island Packers headquarters at Ventura Harbor, and the Cloud Forest Restoration project on Santa Rosa Island. We have also made significant progress planning and fundraising to hire our first Executive Director. We could not have done this work without the support of generous donors large and small. I would like to specifically recognize the National Park Foundation for their monetary support and guidance, Toad & Co for their significant and ongoing support for our priorities, Kiewit Foundation for their commitment of funding towards our Executive Director, and The Fund for People in Parks who we partnered with to support the campground at Prisoners Harbor.

The communities of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties have supported our efforts by attending the now annual Have a Stake in the Future event, which in 2022 and 2023 was dedicated to fundraising for the Prisoners Harbor campground, and also served as a fantastic “friendraiser”. Our participation at Topa Topa Brewing Company’s Octopafest has become another annual fundraising/friendraising event key to engaging the local community.

In 2025, we look forward to completing the campground and biosecurity projects, and continuing to fund restoration projects like the Cloud Forest. We will continue our now annual events and look for new opportunities to engage with the community. We are working with the Park on new projects including a land acknowledgment video, and for new and improved trails. Our single largest goal in 2025 is to find and hire an amazing Executive Director to take our group to the next level.

I am excited for the future of the Foundation. With the strong support of the Park Superintendent, Ethan McKinley and the talented Park staff we tell a compelling story about how we must grow our capacity to provide exponentially more support for the priorities of Channel Islands National Park. With the hard work of our Board of Directors, engagement with the Park, guidance from the National Park Foundation, commitments from our generous donors, and support from local communities we are well on our way!

John Wickenhaeuser

President, Channel Islands Park Foundation

# Our Mission

In partnership with Channel Islands National Park, Channel Islands Park Foundation strives to build a broad base of diverse stewards who appreciate the park's fragile island ecosystems and rich cultural legacies, and act to preserve them for future generations.



# Our Leadership

Channel Islands Park Foundation Board of Directors January 2022-December 2023:

**John Wickenhaeuser**  
President

**Peter Haggerty**  
Treasurer

**Dr. Marcella Klein Williams**  
Secretary

**Vahagn Nahabedian**  
Director of Development

**Michael Delaney**  
Bring the Islands Home Coordinator

**Linda Mohammad**  
Vice President

**Susanne Wilson**  
Director of Special Gifts

**Ken McAlpine**  
Director of Media

**Tigran Nahabedian**  
Director of Youth Voice

## Leadership Changes for 2024

Our longtime treasurer, Peter Haggerty will be retiring and Michael Delaney will take over as treasurer. Tigran Nahabedian is now an adjunct board member as he has started college at Stanford. The board is looking forward to welcoming two new members, Jack Dyer, and Sarah Palladino. We will be looking for additional board members throughout 2024.

## Our Work

The Channel Islands Park Foundation is the only non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the work of Channel Islands National Park. Through our Initiatives, we aim to *Connect* people to the park, *Inspire* their philanthropic support of the park, and give them a way to *Commit* to the protection of the islands that we all love and enjoy.

## Channel Islands Park Foundation Initiatives

### Bring the Islands Home

Native plant sales have continued to fund nursery and garden improvements. More than 500 native island plants found their way into mainland gardens and raised funds for the Foundation and the Islands. The proceeds of the plant sales supported a donation of \$15,000 to the Cloud Forest Restoration project on Santa Rosa Island with ongoing support planned going forward.

### Biosecurity Station

The installation of a biosecurity station at the main Island Packers facility at Ventura Harbor is in the pre-construction planning stage. The Station includes educational information about the importance of biosecurity, brushes and sprays for visitors to remove seeds, pests, or other hazards before departing from the mainland, and instructions on how to use the stations. The project aims to educate, detect, prevent, and respond to threats from non-native/invasive species.

### Campground at Prisoner's Harbor

The development of a new campground on Santa Cruz Island is fully underway. The campground



will enhance opportunities for visitors to explore a different section of the island, with seven sites that will support up to 24 campers. It is projected to open this summer!

### **Have a Stake in the Future**

The events July 2022 and 2023 raised over \$25,000 in funds for the Prisoner's Campground project. In addition to successful fundraising, the event strengthened relationships with corporate contributors and increased the community's support for and excitement towards the park. Have a Stake in the Future will be an annual event connecting to the community, donors and supporting the foundation's current priorities.

### **Community Engagement**

The Foundation participates in several community events including Beach Cleanups, Octopafest at Topa Topa Brewing, and the Grilled Cheese Cook Off at Toad&Co. We also support the Park's annual volunteer appreciation dinner to recognize the extraordinary contributions volunteers make to the Park and the Marine Protected Area. Many board members are also active volunteers in the park as Workgroup Leaders, assisting with restoration projects, and supporting educational outreach like Channel Islands Live. Looking ahead, the Board and new Executive Director will seek out opportunities to expand our community engagement through new and increased events, marketing, and membership drives.

### **First Hire**

We have hired our first part-time staff member, Avery Colborn, to assist the Board of Directors with administrative tasks, communications, and social media to build organizational infrastructure and support future growth. Avery has been instrumental in moving our social media, tracking of constituents, and reporting forward.

### **Executive Director Search**

We have begun a search to hire an Executive Director, which will increase CIPF's organization, philanthropic capacity, sustainability, and, ultimately, impact on the Channel Islands and the

community at large. We have secured funding from the National Park Foundation, the Kiewit Foundation, and Toad & Co in support of the position.

## Channel Islands Park Foundation Milestones

### Grants

We have been fortunate to receive several major grants from generous donors, including a \$7,400 matching grant from Toad & Co at our 2022 Have a Stake in the Future event and a \$10,000 capstone donation from Aera Energy at our 2023 event to close fundraising for the Prisoners Campground. The Fund for People in Parks provided an additional \$31,000 towards the campground project. In support of our Executive Director hire we have received two grants of \$50,000 per year for three years from two donors and a \$81,500 grant. In total that is a commitment over the next three years of \$381,500 towards the position. We also received grants totalling \$25,000 for Biosecurity Stations, both from the National Park Foundation as well as annual unrestricted gifts from the Baltoro and Hodgast collectives.

### Time, Talent and Treasure

Over the past year, the Foundation has seen an increase in local organizations and community members joining our effort to impact the Channel Islands National Park. We are indebted to these partners and individuals for their financial and philanthropic support. Additionally, we express deep gratitude to the Board and committee members whose work ensures our impact on the Islands is realized.

### Leadership Changes

Our long time Treasurer, Peter Haggerty retired at the end of 2023. He served as treasurer for over 10 years. The Foundation is grateful for his long years of distinguished service. Current board member and Coordinator of Bring the Islands Home, Michael Delaney has taken over for Peter. Additionally Tigran Nahabedian, our Director of Youth Voice, has gone to college at Stanford and is now an Adjunct Board Member . We are pleased to announce two new board members for 2024, Jack Dyer and Sarah Palladino.



# Thank You

The work of Channel Islands Park Foundation is made possible by the individuals, foundations, and corporations whose generosity allows for continued philanthropy at the core of our mission.

The Channel Islands Park Foundation gratefully acknowledges the contributions that have been made over the past year. This vital support helps us succeed in our mission to connect communities to and inspire environmental stewardship of the Channel Islands, as well as strengthen connections that allow us to further protect the Park.

## Our Supporters

### Lighthouse Marshall \$1,000+

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Westerlay Orchids

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Hotel

Pedal Born Pictures  
(Island Visions Book)

Topa Topa Brewing

Rabbit Running

## Financial Summary

Since 2021,

Total Contributions &  
Gifts have **grown by 875%**

2021: \$15,9681

2022: \$26,549

2023: \$155,754

Available Funds  
have **grown by 43%**

2021: \$80,999

2022: \$93,294

2023: \$116,117

Restricted Funds  
have **grown by 309%**

2021: \$39,974

2023: \$47,795

2023: \$163,66



# Ways To Give

**Recurring Gifts:** Support Channel Islands Park Foundation by making a monthly gift to the Channel Islands Park Foundation via electronic payment using a credit or debit card.

**Directed Giving:** Select Channel Islands Park Foundation to receive the contribution from your purchase through Amazon Smile, Subaru, and others.

**Tribute Gifts:** Honor or remember a loved one by making a gift in tribute of their life's accomplishments to the Channel Islands Park Foundation.

**Planned Giving:** The Channel Islands Park Foundation invites you to establish your legacy by including the Channel Islands in your estate plans. Whether your commitment is to preserve and protect the Channel Islands, connect people to these treasures, or inspire the next generation of park stewards, the Channel Islands Park Foundation can help you achieve your goals.

**Matching Gifts:** Many organizations will match their employees' contributions to the Channel Islands Park Foundation, thereby doubling or tripling the impact of an individual gift.

**Workplace Giving:** Help support Channel Islands Park Foundation by designating the Channel Islands Park Foundation in your workplace giving program.

**Become a Partner:** There are numerous opportunities for your organization to meet its corporate responsibility goals while supporting the Channel Islands. The Channel Islands Park Foundation works with organizations in a variety of ways that not only contribute to the Channel Islands Park Foundation's mission but also provide sales, marketing, and promotional value to our partners.

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