

Coastwalk/CCTA News

Summer 2018



35th Anniversary Walks Program

Our 35th Anniversary Season started with the amazing **Women, Wildflowers, & Whales** Coastwalk highlighting sections of the Mendocino & Sonoma Coast preserved by the efforts of female coastal advocates and featured coastal blooms and migrating mother grey whales & their calves. Click here for: [Photos](#)

“Good company, delicious food, comfortable beds and very interesting walks and talks on a most beautiful coast ...These were wonderful days. I send you all many thanks.”

Anne Marie WWW 2018



2018 Coastwalks

A few spaces still **available!**
More information and registration here:
[Coastwalks 2018 Schedule](#)

[Meet Natalie Larson-who RAN the entire CCT in 44 ½ days!!!!](#)



Natalie will be co-leading day hikes this Fall for Coastwalk in Orange and LA Counties so stay tuned for the schedule.....



Senior Coastwalkers reach the Border after 17 year epic journey of the CCT!

A life-long dream to complete a through-hike of the CCT was realized. A group of senior hikers led by Nick Haritatos finished their 17 year journey to complete the CCT. Coastwalk's ED, Cea Higgins walked the final leg of the journey with the group to the Oregon border along with Bob Lorentzen and Richard Nichols, the original authors of the book 'Hiking the CCT', Brenda Nichols and Del Norte Supervisors, Chris Howard, Bob Berkowitz and Roger Gitlin (who walked with a neck brace after his back surgery!).

[Read more about their story](#)

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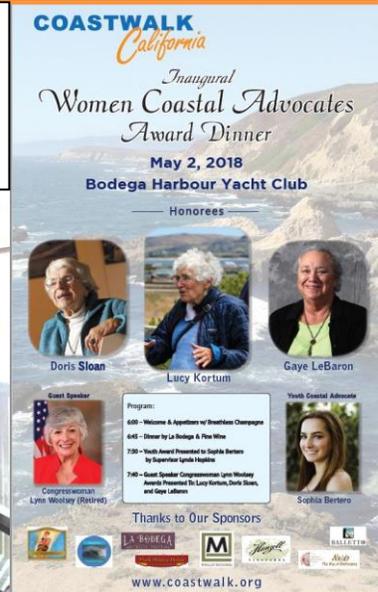
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Coastwalk's Inaugural "Women Coastal Advocates Awards Night Dinner"

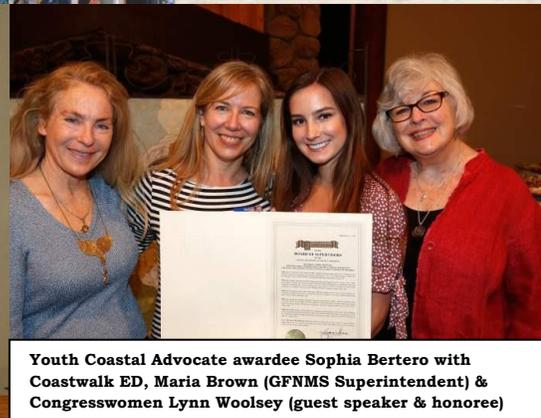
Coastwalk hosted the first ever "Women Coastal Advocates Awards Night Dinner" on May 2. We held the awards event to pay tribute to the accomplishments of female Sonoma Coast and Coastal Trail advocates and bring attention to their stories to help ensure that future generations of advocates are inspired and shown the way.



Honorees Lucy Kortum, Doris Sloan, & Gaye Le Baron in front of Bodega Head



Lucy Kortum talking about the Battle to Save Bodega Head from a planned Nuclear Power Plant



Youth Coastal Advocate awardee Sophia Bertero with Coastwalk ED, Maria Brown (GFNMS Superintendent) & Congresswomen Lynn Woolsey (guest speaker & honoree)

Coastwalk honored all the female coastal advocates in attendance and gave Coastwalk Advocate pendants designed by **Mark Shimizu Jewelers** to our co-founder Lucy Kortum, Doris Sloan- the geologist who successfully lead the fight against the planned nuclear power plant at Bodega Head-now a State Park with beautiful Coastal Trail, and Gaye Le Baron who fearlessly chronicled the event as well as Sonoma County history. Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey (retired) was also honored for all her coastal champion efforts which included ensuring protection of the entire coast from offshore drilling with the expansion of the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. Cardinal Newman senior, Sophia Bertero was recognized as Coastwalk's Youth advocate for her efforts in marine debris removal and education and given a Gold Resolution by 5th District Supervisor Lynda Hopkins. The delicious dinner was catered by Meekk of **La Bodega-Sonoma Wine Shop**; champagne was donated and poured by **Breathless Wines**, appetizers donated by **Bodega Bay Concerned Citizens**, and wines donated by **Hansel Winery**, Dr. Laura Morgan (who also co-lead the Women's Wildflowers & Whales Coastal Trail Walk leading up to the event) and Coastwalk Board members.



[Read the Press Democrat Article](#) See More Photos of the event on our [Facebook Page](#)

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New California Coastal Trail

Pelican Bluffs: the Pelican Bluffs Trail on Mendocino Coast is now officially open for you to enjoy!

- View an amazing [video](#) of the new Trail
- Coastal Trail including maps [here](#)



Pacific Grove: A new boardwalk and trail at Pacific Grove's Great Tide Pool, the ADA compliant Coastal Trail runs through heavily sanded areas there and is part of a greater project that will improve another mile of coastal trail from Point Pinos to Lovers Point

- More Information [here](#)



Humboldt Trail: The Humboldt Bay Trail is now open

- More Information [here](#)
- Follow [here](#) (to comment or view plans for future segments of the Humboldt Bay Trail



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Take Action to Protect Coastal Public Access



Hollister Ranch Settlement Agreement

"One of California's least tarnished stretches of coastline will be accessible only to wealthy property owners, visitors with guides and those who can boat or paddle two miles under a deal between state officials and landowners in Hollister Ranch, who have for decades fought to keep their beaches almost entirely to themselves.

The settlement — signed by the California State Coastal Conservancy and the state Coastal Commission on one side and the Hollister Ranch Owners Assn. on the other — grants the public a roughly three-quarter-mile section of beach, accessible only by ocean "via surfboard, paddleboard, kayak or soft-bottom boat." The beach is about two miles from Gaviota State Park beach.

The settlement was reached without public input or the opportunity for the public to comment but the Judge in the case, Colleen Sterne, while making a preliminary determination that the Settlement was a fair resolution, ordered the parties to publish notice of the Settlement in newspapers and allow objecting parties to file to intervene in the lawsuit by July 23 and to lodge objections to the settlement.

A final hearing in court to consider the settlement has been scheduled for September 10TH, 2018. The Coastal Commission has created a website for the public to review documents and provide comments to the Commission, <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/hollister-ranch/>

To read more about the terms of the agreement or the process by which the settlement was reached check out Gaviota Coast Conservancy's post here

https://www.gaviotacoastconservancy.org/hollister_ranch...

Hard to settle for the only Coastal Trail route being a water trail.....

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