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Grand Opening for Harbaugh Seaside Trails To Be Held February 22

Nature Collective Hosts Donor Ceremony for Three-Acre Public Open Space

ENCINITAS—The newest open space for public enjoyment in coastal North County will be dedicated in a private sunset ceremony on Saturday, February 22. Nature Collective, the nonprofit that stewards lands like San Elijo Lagoon, announces that the grand opening of Harbaugh Seaside Trails will honor many supporters, including The Harbaugh Foundation. Collectively, every donation helped Nature Collective save stunning and uninterrupted coastal views from development.

Harbaugh Seaside Trails is the three-acre coastal overlook, designated permanent open space for all, linking Cardiff-by-the-Sea and Solana Beach along historic Coast Highway 101.

"The grand opening of Harbaugh Seaside Trails is a long-awaited milestone rooted in community spirit," says Doug Gibson, Nature Collective Executive Director. "So many people collectively worked together with us to save these views in a symbol of love for community and nature for generations."

During the ceremony, hundreds of guests will tour the new trail for the first time. Native plants were installed on the property by community volunteers this past fall. The donor monument carries through the Coastal Rail Trail mosaic art theme with depictions of lagoon life embedded in handmade tiles. The shell-shaped viewing deck offers sunset watching and peaceful contemplation in nature.

A time capsule will be dedicated by community leaders—to be reopened in 2050. At sunset, a special lighting ceremony will offer photographers a meaningful moment to capture the essence of why we save lands and views.

News reporters and photographers are invited to attend the Grand Opening of Harbaugh Seaside Trails on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm (Sunset approximately 5:45 pm). A news advisory will provide parking details and more information closer to the event.

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