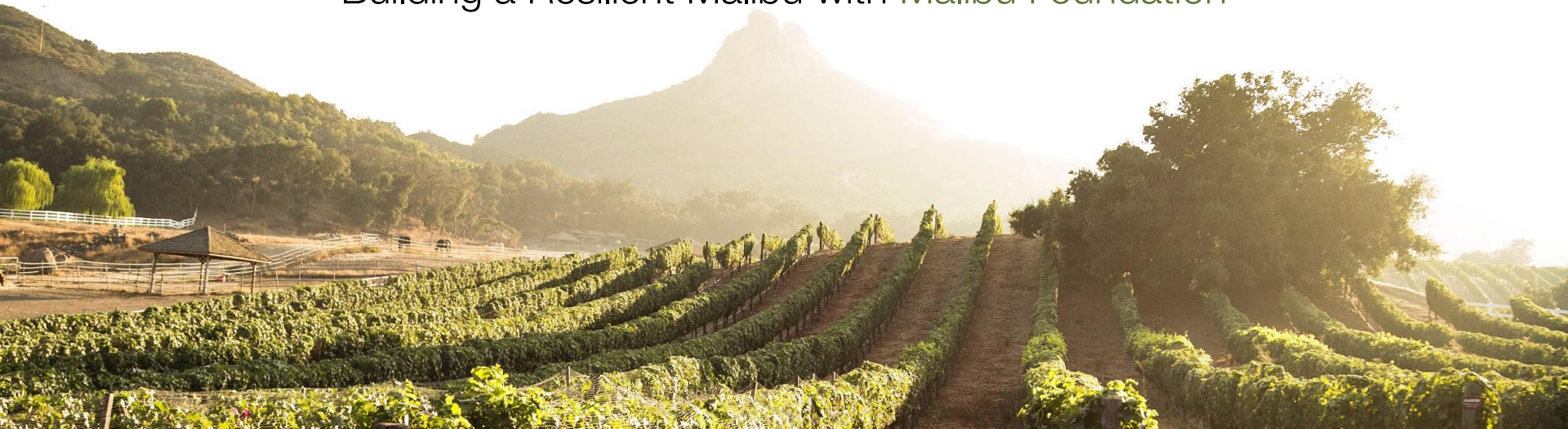


POINT DUME COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT

Building a Resilient Malibu with Malibu Foundation



I. POINT DUME COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT



PDCSD is a foundation of Point Dume, and has been successfully operating as a community service district for the past 38 years.

With an outpouring of community supporters, the **Point Dume Community Service District (PDCSD)** provides popular community events, classes, and resources to Point Dume and surrounding residents.

The original purpose was in creating, maintaining, and managing the Malibu Community Center and adjoining Cameron Park, located at what is now Malibu Elementary School.

Today, the PDCSD is actively pursuing bringing additional valuable public resources and services to our neighborhood, such as fire safety and prevention programs, a health and wellness center, and a community farm program already in development...

Each and every concern outlined in the LAFCO Agenda Report and in the the most recent LAFCO report for Item No. 7.a. have been addressed.

FALSE: The PDCSD has not provided services in nine (9) years to the residents within its jurisdictional boundary.” LAFCO Agenda Item Report at p. 15.

- ✔ The District was integral in organizing and funding the 20th Annual Point Dume Fourth of July Parade and Picnic on July 4, 2021. This event was a huge success and united the community.

FALSE: The PDCSD does not have a feasible plan or financial ability to serve the needs of the residents within its jurisdictional boundary and has not made progress towards this. LAFCO Report at p. 15.

- ✔ The District is working with Malibu Foundation and other community members to create a Power of Hope sustainable garden and learning center with both private parties. The District plans to approach City of Malibu to enter into short term lease for property on PCH and Heathercliff while the City of Malibu does an extensive and robust needs assessment to determine what to do with the now vacant and empty 18 acre parcel of property.
A \$200,000 donation has been secured to help implement this project. This project cannot be accomplished overnight and will take years to come to fruition, but much progress has been made in a very short amount of time. A vote to dissolve the District will quash this much needed project.

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FALSE: Point Dume Community Services District Board members hold no regular meetings

- ✔ PDCSD has met more than once a year and is accountable to the community. PDCSD met on April 28, 2021 and on July 1, 2021. Minutes of the meeting on April 28 can be viewed at PDCSD.org. The meeting was posted in accordance with the Brown Act. The PDCSD President and the LAFCO Executive Director also participated in a community town hall on 4/11/21.

FALSE: The previous LAFCO report regarding the PDCSD stated: “District’s representatives do not maintain a website, as required by State law, and do not have a plan for establishing a website by a date certain.”

- ✔ The PDCSD created a website at www.pdcsd.org and it is updated frequently. Once again, this shows the ability of the PDCSD to take action and address any and all concerns raised by LAFCO.

We acknowledge that there are currently only 3 Board members, however, the District is in the process of getting additional Board members. Hap Henry, a Point Dume resident and active member of the Point Dume Community is in the process of getting appointed to the Board and has helped organize the online petition to save PDCSD.

Each and every concern outlined in the LAFCO Agenda Report and in the the most recent LAFCO report for Item No. 7.a. have been addressed.

FALSE: “Dissolving PDCSD will not impact the residents of Point Dume.” *LAFCO Report at p. 16.*



This is blatantly untrue. Over 175 members of the community signed an online petition supporting PDCSD at:

www.change.org/p/los-angeles-county-local-agency-formation-commission-save-our-point-dume-community-services-district

Losing the PDCSD would be a significant loss to immediate community of Point Dume and Malibu as a whole.

In addition, PDCSD has a Plan and Funding for Power of Hope Garden and other Community Service Projects in 2021 and onward, as explored in the rest of this presentation.

 **kevin hanna** · 2 months ago

Dear LAFCO Staff Members,

I have lived and owned property on Point Dume for 47 years now. I strongly and respectfully urge you to preserve our Point Dume Community Services District. We want it. We need it. We value it.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hanna and Family

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 **Pamela Conley Ulich** · 2 months ago

Thank you! We all know we are on our own. The Point Dume community district is needed now more than ever. Power to the people and the PDCS District!

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POINT DUME CSD & MALIBU FOUNDATION



Together, forming a malibu-centered grassroots initiative to develop community farms that will strengthen the city's economic, social and environmental resilience lead by Malibu Foundation.

The PDCSD will be a major partner in establishing this important and highly anticipated endeavour by Malibu Foundation



II. POWER OF HOPE

Public Access Community Farms/Gardens

Multiple “satellite” seasonal organic farms (vegetables, fruits, honey, eggs, nuts) around Malibu that provide education and volunteering opportunities for community members.

Healthy Subsidized Food

All surpluses donated to underserved communities within Malibu, with operating costs sustained by a for-profit component (e.g. farmers market, CSAs, etc.)



Rejuvenation of soil, and environmental resilience

Applying *regenerative organic agriculture* practices to improve soil, water and air quality; reduce ocean runoff; and combat climate change.

Utilizing Public Private Partnerships

Farms located on private and public land, utilizing collaboration with local governments and other NGOs, including the PDCSD

Note: We use “Community Farms/Gardens” to describe individual satellite locations of which each will be centrally managed. This is in contrast to other models of community gardening where for each location different families/people tend to a share of the garden.

III. REGENERATIVE FARMING

A systems approach to farming that helps reverse climate change, improve water cycles, and build soil health.

Goes beyond sustainable organic farming to actually rehabilitating ecosystems and enhancing natural resources.

Example of regenerative practices:
reducing tillage frequency/depth, diversifying crop rotation, planting cover crops, using natural fertilizers.



IV. BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY FARMING



Community Health

Access to fresh food; physical activity through farming; uplifted emotional health; communal areas to connect and socialize.



Economic Resilience

Jobs in farming, sales and distribution; subsidized food for homeless and senior populations



Raised Awareness

Raises awareness of healthy environmental stewardship, healthy eating, and how to grow organically at home.



Environmental Health

Improved air and soil quality; carbon sequestration; increased biodiversity; reduce “food miles”; reduce waste (composting)



Improved Food Security

Increase resilience in the food system -diversifying away from a centralized supply chain to a more diverse one.



Educational Opportunities

Provides educational and volunteering opportunities for kids and adults alike.

V. FARMING PARTNERSHIP TEAM

MALIBU FOUNDATION

Local non-profit dedicated to building Malibu's economic, social, and environmental resiliency

Leading research & development +
providing legal, formation & financial support

GROWING HOPE GARDENS

Local non-profit that creates organic gardens for/with residents of affordable housing & shelters

Providing expertise on farming operations,
costs, and logistics / will run systems on-site

FULL CIRCLE COMPOST

Local non-profit developed to educate and advocate for community-wide composting

Providing expertise and support on
composting arm & education

POINT DUME CSD

A community service district run by and for the Point Dume and Malibu Community

Providing funding, community outreach, and
general support

VI. NEXT STEPS

- **Demonstration Projects**
 - Resource Conservation District Demonstration Project
 - Blueberry Lane Pilot Project
- **Planning Activities**
- **Community Advisor Committee**
- **PDCSD Leadership**

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Resource Conservation District Demonstration Project

Malibu Community Farms is working with the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains on a project that will demonstrate both regenerative farming practices and fire safety principles required for our area. From this, we will gather best practices for gardening, along with information on crop yields, operating costs and permitting requirements.

Pilot Project: Blueberry Lane

Using data gathered from the demonstration, the first satellite community farm will be developed on private land to serve as a proof of concept model for additional satellite farms (“pods”). This project will test additional aspects of the business model including the subsidizing of food for the homeless with sales at farmers markets.



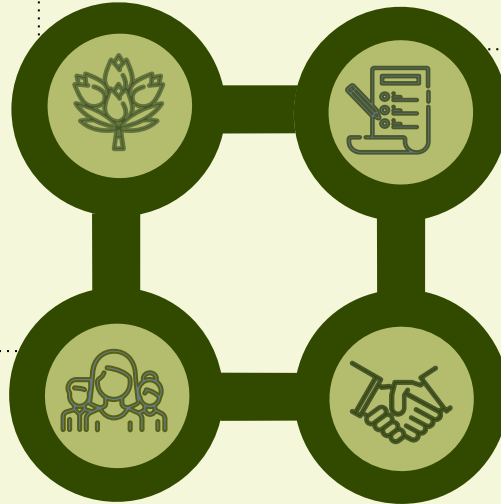
RESEARCH & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Case Studies and Data Gathering

Collecting data on best practices from demonstrations and case study research

Advisory Group

Creating a committee of interested community members and subject matter experts to guide the project



Grant Research

Conducting preliminary research on requirements for funding opportunities

Outreach and Partnerships

Exploring partnerships with public and private organizations

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION (ADVISORY) COMMITTEE

The Malibu Community Farm project is actively seeking community members who have a passionate interest and/or subject matter expertise in the areas of regenerative farming, community gardening, sustainability and social justice to participate as Advisory Committee members.

Current members:

- Evelin Weber, Malibu Foundation — *Lead Project Facilitator*
- Mark Wetton – *Lead Community Organizer*
- Carolyn Day, Growing Hope Gardens — *Gardening/Farming Coordinator*
- Cecilie Stuart, Full Circle Compost — *Compost Educators & Facilitators*
- Paul Major, Point Dume CSD — *Funding & Community Outreach Facilitators*

ABOUT PDCSD LEADERSHIP

Paul Major

Paul Major, the President of the District, knows first hand what it means to take action. He and many others before him rolled up their sleeves and did the work to promote community. He helped plant all the grass at Malibu Elementary school which was previously paved with asphalt by the School District. He, and others who donated, also helped plant the beautiful trees that you see around Malibu Elementary (Cameron Park) today.

The Future

We have a plan to educate, empower and enrich Malibu by planting and harvesting not just food, but more importantly good will and community. A community garden initiative spearheaded by Malibu Foundation and supported by the funds and land of the The District would ensure a resilient, sustainable and forward-thinking community.

TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

We must rally to maintain local control of our neighborhood and preserve the PDCSD which the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) **plans to terminate as soon as July 14, 2021.**

WE NEED THE PDCSD

We respectfully request that LAFCO give the PDCSD a year to come back to you to report how these exciting plans have evolved and blossomed in the course of the year.

Follow [@malibucommunitycenter](https://www.instagram.com/malibucommunitycenter) on Instagram for more updates on the PDCSD

Learn more at www.pdcsd.org