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**CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMUNITIES, INC.**  
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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

To be held [July 12, 2005]

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The annual meeting of stockholders (the Annual Meeting ) of California Coastal Communities, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company ) will be held at the Wyndham Hotel, 700 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on [July 12, 2005], commencing at 9:30 a.m. local time, to consider and act upon the following:

- (1) To elect four directors of the Company, each for a term of one year.
- (2) To consider the proposed sale of the Company s 103-acre lower bench of the Bolsa Chica mesa to the State of California s Wildlife Conservation Board for \$65 million.
- (3) The ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditors of the Company.
- (4) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Holders of record of the Company s Common Stock at the close of business on [May 12, 2005] will be entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at the Annual Meeting, or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

*Sandra G. Sciutto*  
*Senior Vice President,*  
*Chief Financial Officer*  
*and Secretary*

Irvine, California  
[May 12, 2005]

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMUNITIES, INC. RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE FOREGOING PROPOSALS.**

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE. YOU MAY, IF YOU WISH, REVOKE YOUR PROXY AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO ITS EXERCISE.**

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PROXY STATEMENT

[May 12, 2005]

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of California Coastal Communities, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company (the "Annual Meeting") to be held at the Wyndham Hotel, 700 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware on [July 12, 2005], at 9:30 a.m., local time, and at any adjournment thereof. This Proxy Statement and the related proxy card are first being sent to the Company's stockholders on or about [May 12, 2005].

**ACTION TO BE TAKEN UNDER THE PROXY**

At the Annual Meeting, the holders of shares of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$.05 per share (the "Common Stock") will be asked to consider and vote upon:

- (i) The election of four directors of the Company, each for a one year term;
- (ii) To consider the proposed sale of the Company's 103 acre lower bench of the Bolsa Chica mesa to the State of California's Wildlife Conservation Board for \$65 million.
- (iii) The ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005.
- (iv) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

All proxies in the enclosed form that are properly executed and returned to the Company will be voted at the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof in accordance with any specifications thereon, or, if no specifications are made, will be voted **FOR** approval of the proposals set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Any proxy may be revoked by any stockholder who attends the meeting and gives oral notice of his or her intention to vote in person, without compliance with any other formalities. In addition, any proxy given pursuant to this solicitation may be revoked prior to the Annual Meeting by delivering an instrument revoking it or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date to the Secretary of the Company.

Management does not know of any matters other than those set forth herein which may come before the Annual Meeting. If any other matters are properly presented to the meeting for action, it is intended that the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy and acting thereunder will vote in accordance with their best judgment on such matters.

**PROXY SOLICITATION**

The expense of preparing, printing and mailing this Proxy Statement and the proxies solicited hereby will be borne by the Company. In addition to the use of the mails, proxies may be solicited by officers and directors and regular employees of the Company, without additional remuneration, by personal interviews, telephone, telegraph or otherwise. The Company will also request brokerage firms, nominees, custodians and fiduciaries to forward proxy materials to the beneficial owners of shares held of record and will

provide reimbursement for the cost of forwarding the material in accordance with customary charges. The Company has retained Shareholder Services to aid in the solicitation of proxies, including soliciting proxies from brokerage firms, banks, nominees, custodians and fiduciaries. The fees of such firm will aggregate approximately \$500 plus out-of-pocket costs and expenses.

#### **VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF**

Holders of record of the Company's Common Stock at the close of business on [May 12, 2005] (the Record Date) are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting with respect to all matters properly presented at the Annual Meeting. Holders of the Common Stock are entitled to one vote for each share held on each such matter at the Annual Meeting. A stockholders' list will be available for examination by stockholders at the Annual Meeting.

As of the Record Date, there were 10,160,212 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding. The holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote, present in person or represented by proxy, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. A plurality of the votes cast is required to elect the directors. The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting is required to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditors for the Company for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2005.

A proxy submitted by a stockholder may indicate that all or a portion of the shares of Common Stock represented by such proxy are not being voted by such stockholder with respect to a particular matter. This could occur, for example, when a broker is not permitted to vote stock held in street name on certain matters in the absence of instructions from the beneficial owner of the stock. The shares subject to any such proxy which are not being voted with respect to a particular matter (the non-voted shares) will be considered shares not present and entitled to vote on such matter, although such non-voted shares will count for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum.

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The following table sets forth, as of March 31, 2005, the name and address of each person believed to be a beneficial interest holder of more than 5% of the Common Stock, the number of shares beneficially owned and the percentage so owned. Except as set forth below, management knows of no person who, as of March 31, 2005, owned beneficially more than 5% of the Company's outstanding Common Stock.

Title of Class	Name and Address of Beneficial Interest Holder	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
Common Stock	ING Capital LLC 1325 Avenue of the Americas, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10019	1,630,683 shares (1)	16.0 %
Common Stock	Merrill Lynch & Co, Inc. 4 World Financial Center New York, NY 10080	1,038,295 shares (2)	10.2 %
Common Stock	Mercury Real Estate Advisors L.L.C. 100 Field Point Road Greenwich, CT 06830	1,325,987 shares (3)	13.1 %
Common Stock	Mellon Financial Corporation One Mellon Center Pittsburgh, PA 15258	908,670 shares (4)	8.9 %
Common Stock	Lloyd I. Miller, III 4550 Gordon Drive Naples, FL 34102	719,103 shares (5)	7.1 %
Common Stock	Advisory Research, Inc. 180 N. Stetson St., Suite 5500 Chicago, IL 60601	608,700 shares (6)	6.0 %
Common Stock	Murray Capital Management, Inc. 680 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10019	538,527 shares (7)	5.3 %

(1) According to Schedule 13D, Amendment No. 2 dated March 7, 2005, ING Capital LLC is the beneficial owner of 1,630,683 shares.

(2) According to Schedule 13G, Amendment No. 3 dated February 9, 2004, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. is the beneficial owner of 1,038,295 shares.

(3) According to Schedule 13G, Amendment No. 2 dated February 7, 2005, and subsequent information provided by the holder, Mercury Real Estate Advisors L.L.C. and its affiliates are the beneficial owners of an aggregate of 1,325,987 shares.

(4) According to Schedule 13G, Amendment No. 2 dated February 10, 2005, Mellon Financial Corporation is the beneficial owner of 908,670 shares.

(5) According to Schedule 13G, Amendment No. 4 dated February 4, 2005, Mr. Miller is the beneficial owner of 719,103 shares.

(6) According to Schedule 13G, dated February 14, 2005, Advisory Research is the beneficial owner of 608,700 shares.

(7) According to Schedule 13G, Amendment No. 1, dated February 9, 2005, Murray Capital Management, Inc. is the beneficial owner of 538,527 shares.



*Proposal 1*

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of the Company currently consists of Thomas W. Sabin, Jr. (Chairman), Geoffrey W. Arens, Phillip R. Burnaman II, and Raymond J. Pacini. Under the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and the Amended By-laws of the Company, the four members of the Board of Directors have each been elected for a term expiring at the 2005 Annual Meeting. The directors to be elected at the 2005 Annual Meeting will be elected for a one-year term expiring in 2006.

Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Board of Directors has nominated Messrs. Arens, Burnaman, Pacini, and Sabin, whose current terms expire at the 2005 Annual Meeting, for election as directors. If any nominee should be unavailable for election at the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for the election of such other person as may be recommended by the Board of Directors in place of such nominee.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NOMINEES AS DIRECTORS.**

Information about the nominees for election as directors and the incumbent directors, including biographical and employment information, is set forth below:

**Nominees for Election as Directors**

Geoffrey W. Arens, 40, has been a Director of the Company since April 2004. Mr. Arens is a Managing Director of ING Capital LLC (investment management/proprietary trading) which is a subsidiary of the ING Group, an Amsterdam-based banking, investment banking and insurance institution. Mr. Arens is also Chief Executive Officer of ING Capital Advisors, LLC, a registered investment advisor specializing in the management of leveraged loan assets for large institutional clients. Since prior to 1998 until May 1998, Mr. Arens was a Vice President of ING Barings Securities Limited. Mr. Arens also serves on the board of directors of Cadiz Inc., which manages water and agricultural resources in California, and he is a member of that company's nominating and audit committees.

Phillip R. Burnaman II, 45, has been a Director of the Company since September 1997. Mr. Burnaman is Head of Structured Products for NewStar Financial Inc., a specialty finance company focused on non-investment grade credit opportunities. Mr. Burnaman was Senior Managing Director of ING Barings Services Limited (investment management/proprietary trading) which is a subsidiary of the ING Group, an Amsterdam-based banking, investment banking and insurance institution from February 2001 until March 31, 2004. Mr. Burnaman was Managing Director and global head of the Strategic Trading Platform of ING Barings from prior to 1998 until February 2001.

Raymond J. Pacini, 49, has been a Director, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since May 1998. Since prior to 1998 until May 1998 he was Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company.

Thomas W. Sabin, Jr., 47, has been a Director of the Company since September 1997. Mr. Sabin is also President of Thomas Sabin, Inc. and Manager and Vice President of GSSW-REO, L.L.C., a real estate limited liability company. Prior to 1998, Mr. Sabin operated GSSW, L.P., a limited partnership, the purpose of which was to acquire real estate assets from the Resolution Trust Corporation. Mr. Sabin is also former President of Southmark Equities Corporation.



Information about the beneficial ownership of the Common Stock as of April 2, 2005 by each nominee, director, executive officer named in the Summary Compensation Table, and all directors and executive officers of the Company as a group is set forth below:

Name of Beneficial Interest Holder	Shares of Common Stock(1)	Percent of Class(2)
Phillip R. Burnaman, II	1,000	*
Thomas W. Sabin, Jr.(3)	279,000	2.67 %
Raymond J. Pacini(4)	376,625	3.61 %
Sandra G. Sciutto(5)	80,750	*
Directors and Executive Officers as a group(7) persons including the above named)	737,375	6.84 %

(1) Except as otherwise indicated in the notes below, the persons indicated have sole voting and investment power with respect to shares listed. In addition to the specific shares indicated in the following footnotes, this column includes shares held directly and shares subject to stock options which are exercisable and not subject to termination within 60 days.

(2) These percentages are calculated assuming the conversion of all securities convertible within 60 days into Common Stock, which are held by the executive officer or director listed above but not those held by others. Asterisks indicate beneficial ownership of 1% or less of the class.

(3) Includes options to purchase 275,000 shares of Common Stock granted pursuant to the Company's 1993 Stock Option/Stock Issuance Plan and which options are vested and are subject to certain restrictions on disposition.

(4) Includes options to purchase 264,996 shares of Common Stock granted pursuant to the Company's 1993 Stock Option/Stock Issuance Plan and which options are vested and are subject to certain restrictions on disposition. Mr. Pacini disclaims beneficial interest in 2,500 shares held in custodial accounts for his children.

(5) Includes options to purchase 80,000 shares of Common Stock granted pursuant to the Company's 1993 Stock Option/Stock Issuance Plan and which options are vested and are subject to certain restrictions on disposition.

#### Board and Committee Meetings

The Company's Board of Directors met 11 times during 2004. All of the incumbent directors attended at least 80% of the meetings of the Board and committees of the Board during the periods that they served.

*Board Independence.* The Board of Directors has determined that each of its current directors, all of whom are standing for re-election, is independent under the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, except the Chief Executive Officer.

*Committees of the Board.* The Board has four standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. All members of the committees are appointed by the Board. The members of the Audit, Compensation and Nominating Committees are non-employee directors, and the Audit and Nominating Committees have adopted a written charter. The following describes each committee, its current membership, the number of meetings held during fiscal year 2004 and its function.

*Audit Committee.* The Audit Committee consists of Messrs. Arens, Burnaman, and Sabin, with Mr. Burnaman serving as Chairman. The Board has determined that all members of the Audit Committee

are independent directors under the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market and each of them is able to read and understand fundamental financial statements. In addition, the Board has determined that Mr. Burnaman has past employment experience as a chief executive officer or other senior officer with financial oversight responsibilities which results in the level of financial sophistication as set forth in the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, and qualifies him as an audit committee financial expert as defined in the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Audit Committee met six times during 2004.

The Audit Committee is responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of all work performed by the Company's independent auditors; the pre-approval of the audit of the Company's financial statements and the performance of services related to the audit; reviewing the scope and results of the audit with the independent auditors; reviewing with management and the independent auditors the Company's year-end operating results; considering the adequacy of the internal accounting control procedures of the Company; the pre-approval of the non-audit services to be performed by the independent auditors and considering the effect of such performance on the auditors' independence. The Audit Committee pre-approves all fees to be paid to the independent auditors in accordance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in accordance therewith. Additionally, the Audit Committee has adopted a policy to pre-approve all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by the independent auditors. The Audit Committee will consider annually and, if appropriate, approve the scope of the audit services to be performed during the fiscal year as outlined in an engagement letter proposed by the independent auditors. For permissible non-audit services, the Audit Committee will approve in advance all services to be provided by the independent auditors in accordance with the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and regulations and the federal securities laws, and will determine the amount of compensation to be paid to the independent auditors for such auditing services. The Company will routinely inform the Audit Committee as to the extent of services provided by the independent auditors in accordance with this pre-approval policy and the fees incurred for the services performed to date.

The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board, a copy of which was filed as *Exhibit A* to the Proxy Statement for the Company's 2003 Annual Meeting. The Audit Committee works closely with management and the Company's independent auditors. The Audit Committee also meets with the independent auditors in an executive session, without the presence of our management, on a quarterly basis, following completion of their quarterly reviews and annual audit and prior to our earnings announcements. The Audit Committee also meets with our independent auditors to approve the annual scope of the audit services to be performed.

The Audit Committee Report is included herein on page 12.

*Compensation Committee.* The Compensation Committee consists of Messrs. Arens and Sabin, with Mr. Arens serving as Chairman. The Board has determined that all members of the Compensation Committee are independent directors under the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market. The Compensation Committee is responsible for the review, recommendation and approval of compensation arrangements for directors and executive officers, for the approval of such arrangements for other senior level employees, and for the administration of certain benefit and compensation plans and arrangements of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Compensation Committee met two times during 2004.

The Compensation Committee Report is included herein on page 10.

*Nominating Committee.* The Nominating Committee consists of Messrs. Arens, Burnaman, and Sabin with Mr. Sabin serving as Chairman. The Board has determined that all members of the Nominating Committee are independent directors under the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market. The Nominating Committee considers and periodically reports on matters relating to the identification, selection and qualification of the members of the Board and candidates nominated to the Board and its committees; and oversees the evaluation of the Board and management. The Nominating Committee held two meetings

during fiscal year 2004. The Nominating Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board, a copy of which was filed as *Appendix A* to the Proxy Statement for the Company's 2004 Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee considers properly submitted stockholder recommendations for candidates for membership on the Board of Directors as described below under *Identification and Evaluation of Director Nominees*. In evaluating such recommendations, the Nominating Committee seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on the Board members and to address the membership criteria set forth under *Director Qualifications*. Any stockholder recommendations proposed for consideration by the Nominating Committee should include the candidate's name and qualifications for membership on the Board and should be addressed to: Nominating Committee, Attention: Secretary, California Coastal Communities, Inc., 6 Executive Circle, Suite 250, Irvine, California 92614. Any such stockholder recommendations include the following information: (a) all information relating to such director nominee that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (including such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected); (b) the name(s) and address(es) of the stockholder(s) making the nomination and the number of shares of the Company's Common Stock which are owned beneficially and of record by such stockholder(s); and (c) appropriate biographical information and a statement as to the qualification of the director nominee, and should be submitted in the time frame described under the caption *Other Matters Submission of Proposals for 2006 Annual Meeting* below.

*Director Qualifications.* The Nominating Committee uses a variety of criteria to evaluate the qualifications and skills necessary for members of the Board. Under these criteria, members of the Board should have the highest professional and personal ethics and values, consistent with the Company's longstanding values and standards. They should have broad experience at the policy-making level in business, real estate, finance, government, education, or public interest. They should be committed to enhancing stockholder value and should have sufficient time to carry out their duties and to provide insight and practical wisdom based on experience. Their service on other boards of public companies should be limited to a number that permits them, given their individual circumstances, to perform responsibly all director duties. Each director must represent the interests of the Company's stockholders.

*Identification and Evaluation of Director Nominees.* The Nominating Committee utilizes a variety of methods for identifying and evaluating nominees for director. The Nominating Committee regularly assesses the appropriate size of the Board, and whether any vacancies on the Board are expected. In the event that vacancies are anticipated, or otherwise arise, the Nominating Committee would consider various potential candidates for director. Candidates may come to the attention of the Nominating Committee through current members of the Board, professional search firms, stockholders or other persons. These candidates will be evaluated at regular or special meetings of the Nominating Committee, and may be considered at any point during the year. The Nominating Committee considers properly submitted stockholder recommendations for candidates for the Board of Directors. In evaluating such recommendations, the Nominating Committee uses the qualifications standards discussed above and seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on the Board.

*Strategic Planning Committee.* The Strategic Planning Committee consists of Messers. Pacini and Sabin, with Mr. Sabin serving as Chairman. The Strategic Planning Committee is responsible for evaluating various business prospects and strategic alternatives for the Company. The Strategic Planning Committee met seven times during 2004.

*Code of Ethics and Business Conduct.* The Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct applicable to all of its employees, including its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and any other principal executive, senior financial or principal accounting officer. A copy of the

Code of Ethics and Business Conduct was filed as *Appendix B* to the Proxy Statement for the Company's 2004 Annual Meeting. The Company will disclose any amendment to the Code of Ethics and Business Conduct or waiver of or departure from a provision thereof by filing a Current Report on Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission within five business days of any such occurrence.

**Executive Officers of the Company**

Name and Title	Age	Business Experience
Raymond J. Pacini President and Chief Executive Officer	49	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Company since May 1998.
Sandra G. Sciutto Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	45	Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company since May 1998.
Michael J. Rafferty President, Hearthside Homes, Inc.	50	President of the Company's Hearthside Homes, Inc. subsidiary since 1996.
John W. Marshall Senior Vice President, Hearthside Homes, Inc.	54	Senior Vice President of the Company's Hearthside Homes, Inc. subsidiary since 1996.

**COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

**Compensation of Directors**

The non-employee directors of the Company are entitled to receive cash compensation and compensation pursuant to the plans described below.

*Cash Compensation.* Non-Employee Directors of the Company are entitled to receive compensation of \$30,000 per year and \$2,000 per meeting for attendance at each Board meeting. Non-employee directors who are members of the Audit, Compensation and the Strategic Planning Committees are entitled to receive \$15,000 per year for membership in each of those committees and \$1,000 for attendance at each committee meeting. Mr. Arens declined all such compensation prior to the fourth quarter of 2004. All directors are reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending Board and committee meetings. For 2005, the committee retainers have been reduced from \$15,000 to \$5,000, and the Chairman of the Audit Committee will be granted options to acquire 2,500 shares of the Company's common stock per meeting. Pursuant to the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors, a non-employee director may elect, generally prior to the commencement of any calendar year, to have all or any portion of the director's compensation for such calendar year credited to a deferred compensation account. Amounts credited to the director's account will accrue interest based upon the average quoted rate for ten-year U.S. Treasury Notes. Deferred amounts will be paid in a lump sum or in installments commencing on the first business day of the calendar year following the year in which the director ceases to serve on the Board, or of a later calendar year specified by the director.

*Amended and Restated 1993 Stock Option/Stock Issuance Plan.* The Company's Amended and Restated 1993 Stock Option/Stock Issuance Plan contains two separate equity incentive programs in which members of the Board may be eligible to participate.

**Compensation of Executive Officers**

*Summary Compensation Table.* The following table summarizes the compensation paid during the previous three fiscal years to the Chief Executive Officer and the Company's other executive officers whose salary and bonus during 2004 exceeded \$100,000 (the "Named Executives") for services in all capacities to the Company.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Annual Compensation		Other Annual Compensation (\$)	Long-Term Compensation Awards			All Other Compensation (\$)
		Salary (\$)(1)	Bonus (\$)		Awards Restricted Stock Award(s) (\$)	1993 Plan Options (# of shares)	Payouts LTIP* Payouts (\$)	
Raymond J. Pacini President and Chief Executive Officer	2004	\$ 324,600	\$ 125,000					
	2003	324,600	125,000					
	2002	312,100						
Sandra G. Sciutto Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2004	\$ 181,600	\$ 140,000					
	2003	181,600	125,000					
	2002	171,600	90,000					
Michael J. Rafferty President	2004	\$ 184,600	\$ 1,154,200					
	2003	184,600	655,900					
	2002	184,600	218,600					
John W. Marshall Senior Vice President Hearthside Homes, Inc.	2004	\$ 144,100	\$ 692,520					
	2003	144,100	393,540					
	2002	144,100	131,160					

\* Long Term Incentive Plan

(1) Includes auto allowance and amounts electively deferred by each Named Executive under the Company's 401(k) plan.

Pursuant to employment agreements currently in effect, all of our executive officers are entitled to receive their respective base salaries and Ms. Sciutto, Mr. Rafferty and Mr. Marshall are entitled to receive incentive bonuses upon the completion of certain performance targets agreed upon by the Company. The term of the employment agreements with Ms. Sciutto and Mr. Pacini expires on April 30, 2007. The term of the agreements with Messrs. Rafferty and Marshall expired on December 31, 2004, and it is anticipated that these agreements will be extended in the near future. If the employment of any of our executive officers is terminated without cause, then they are entitled to a severance payment equal to their annual base salary for the remainder of the term of their employment agreement plus medical insurance for twelve months after such termination. In addition, Ms. Sciutto, Mr. Rafferty and Mr. Marshall are entitled to payment of applicable target bonuses.

*Aggregated Option/SAR Exercises in Last Fiscal Year and Fiscal Year-End Option/SAR Value.* The following table sets forth information for each Named Executive with regard to the aggregate stock options exercised during the 2004 fiscal year, and stock options held as of December 31, 2004.

Name	Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized (\$)(1)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options/SARs at FY-End (#)(2)	Value of Unexercised In-the-Money Options/SARs at FY-End \$(2)
Raymond J. Pacini			264,996	\$ 5,180,672
Sandra G. Sciutto			80,000	\$ 1,564,000

(1) Market value of underlying securities on exercise date, minus the exercise price.

(2) Based upon market value of \$24.05 per share for the Common Stock as of December 31, 2004, less the exercise price of \$4.50 per share. As of December 31, 2004, 264,996 options granted to Mr. Pacini were exercisable, and 80,000 options granted to Ms. Sciutto were exercisable. Such individuals held no unexercisable options and no stock appreciation rights at the end of such fiscal year.



**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

<b>Plan category</b>	<b>Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)</b>	<b>Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)</b>	<b>Number of securities remaining available for future issuance (c)</b>
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	692,496	\$ 4.58	132,488
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders			
<b>Total</b>	<b>692,496</b>	<b>\$ 4.58</b>	<b>132,488</b>

**Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

The Compensation Committee, and its members are named below. No member of the Compensation Committee was at any time during the 2004 fiscal year or at any other time an officer or employee of the Company. No executive officer of the Company serves as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any entity which has one or more executive officers serving as a member of the Company's Board of Directors or Compensation Committee.

**Report of the Compensation Committee**

*The following Compensation Committee report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 nor incorporated by reference into any document so filed.*

The Compensation Committee is responsible for determining the annual salary, short-term and long-term cash and stock incentive compensation, and other compensation of the executive leadership team and the overall compensation philosophy of the Company, including the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table set forth above. This report describes the policies and approach of the Committee in establishing executive compensation during 2004.

The overall objectives of the Company's compensation program are to retain the best possible executive talent, to motivate these executives to achieve the goals inherent in the Company's business strategy, to maximize the link between executive and stockholder interests through an equity based plan and to recognize individual contributions as well as overall business results.

The key elements of the Company's compensation program consist of fixed compensation in the form of base salary, and variable compensation in the forms of restricted stock grants, stock options, and annual incentive compensation. An executive officer's annual base salary represents the fixed component of their total compensation; however, variable compensation is intended to comprise a substantial portion of an executive's total compensation. In addition, while the elements of compensation described below are considered separately, the Compensation Committee takes into account the full compensation package afforded by the Company to the individual, including any pension benefits, insurance and other benefits, as well as the programs described below.

In determining the principal components of executive compensation, the Compensation Committee considers the following factors: (a) the overall competitive environment in executive compensation needed to attract, retain and motivate talented and experienced senior management; (b) Company performance, both year over year and in comparison to other companies within the real estate development industry, (c) comparative compensation studies; and (d) historical compensation levels at the Company.

The compensation philosophy adopted by the Compensation Committee also recognizes that distinctions in individual compensation levels are based on multiple factors, including (1) current level of contributions relative to peers; (2) expected future contributions to the Company; (3) past contributions to

the Company; and (4) comparison to market value. The Compensation Committee also reviews the compensation levels for peer-level positions of other real estate development companies.

*Base Salaries.* Base salaries for executive officers are determined by evaluating the responsibilities of the position held and the experience of the individual, and by reference to the competitive marketplace for executive talent including, where appropriate, a comparison to base salaries for comparable positions at other companies, and to historical levels of salary paid by the Company and its predecessors. Salary adjustments are based on a periodic evaluation of the performance of the Company and of each executive officer, and also take into account new responsibilities as well as changes in the competitive market place. The Compensation Committee, where appropriate, also considers non-financial performance measures.

*CEO Compensation.* The base salary established for the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Pacini, reflects the Committee's policy to maintain a level of stability and certainty with respect to the CEO's base salary from year to year. The Committee initially set the CEO's base salary in 1998, and sought to closely align Mr. Pacini's compensation with the interests of stockholders in maximizing the value of the Company. Therefore, Mr. Pacini's compensation package was structured to have his base salary compensation play a less central role by reason of a restricted stock award of 100,000 shares in 1998 and grants of stock options for 189,996 and 75,000 shares in 1997 and 1999, respectively. The stock award and stock options are also intended to provide the principal bonus component of Mr. Pacini's total compensation. In March 2005, Mr. Pacini received a cash bonus of \$125,000 in recognition of his contributions to the success of the Company's homebuilding business and the Company's profitability. The CEO's total cash compensation (base salary plus bonus) is below the average of the surveyed compensation data for similarly situated chief executive officers in the industry. Mr. Pacini holds no stock appreciation rights.

*Annual Incentive Compensation Awards.* The Compensation Committee evaluates whether to grant annual incentive compensation awards to the CEO based on the performance of both the Company and the CEO, while considering the objective of tying most of the CEO's variable compensation to the Company's stock performance through the granting of restricted stock and options described above. The variable compensation payable annually to the CEO is intended to consist principally of annual incentive compensation awards, based on various individual performance objectives established by the CEO and the Compensation Committee. The annual bonuses paid to the President and Senior Vice President of the Company's homebuilding subsidiary, Hearthside Homes, Inc., are based on 10% and 6%, respectively, of the after tax profits of this subsidiary. These bonuses are above the average of the surveyed compensation data for similarly situated executive officers in the industry because they are based on a formula designed to promote substantial growth of the Company's homebuilding business.

*Other Incentive Compensation.* Each option grant is designed to align the interests of the executive with those of the stockholders and provide each individual with a significant incentive to manage the Company from the perspective of an owner with an equity stake in the business. The number of shares subject to each option grant is based upon the executive's tenure, level of responsibility and relative position in the Company. The Compensation Committee has established certain general guidelines in making option grants to the executives in an attempt to target a fixed number of option shares based upon the individual's position with the Company and their existing holdings of options. However, the Company does not adhere strictly to these guidelines and will vary the size of the option grant made to each executive officer as it feels the circumstances warrant.

The Compensation Committee  
of the Board of Directors:

Geoffrey W. Arens, Chairman  
Thomas W. Sabin, Jr.





## Report of the Audit Committee

*The following Audit Committee report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 nor incorporated by reference into any document so filed.*

The purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board in its oversight of management's conduct of the Company's financial reporting process, and is more fully described in its charter which the Audit Committee has adopted. The Audit Committee reviews its charter on an annual basis. The Audit Committee annually reviews the Nasdaq standard of independence for audit committees and at its most recent review determined that its members meet that standard.

The Audit Committee reviews the Company's accounting and financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors. Management is responsible for the preparation, presentation, and integrity of the Company's financial statements, accounting and financial reporting principles, internal controls, and procedures designed to ensure compliance with accounting standards, applicable laws and regulations. The Company's independent auditors, Deloitte & Touche LLP, are responsible for performing an independent audit of the consolidated financial statements and expressing an opinion on the conformity of those financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee discussed with management and the independent auditors the overall scope and plans for their respective audits. The Audit Committee met with the independent auditors, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examinations, the evaluations of the Company's internal controls, and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting.

The Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management of the Company and Deloitte & Touche LLP the audited financial statements of the Company contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004.

The Audit Committee discussed with Deloitte & Touche LLP the matters required by Codification of Statements on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended, Communication with Audit Committees. The Audit Committee also received and reviewed the written disclosures and the letter from Deloitte & Touche LLP required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 Independence Discussions with Audit Committees, currently in effect and discussed with that firm its independence from the Company and its management. The Audit Committee discussed with management of the Company and Deloitte & Touche LLP such other matters and received such assurances as the Audit Committee deemed appropriate, including consideration of whether certain non-audit services provided by Deloitte & Touche LLP to the Company in 2004 were compatible with maintaining auditor independence. The Audit Committee has determined that provision of those services is compatible with maintaining the independence of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditors.

During fiscal 2004, the Audit Committee performed all of its duties and responsibilities under the applicable Audit Committee Charter. In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors approved, the inclusion of the audited financial statements referred to above in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2005.

Following a review of their performance and qualifications, the Audit Committee approved the reappointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditors for fiscal year 2005.

The Audit Committee  
of the Board of Directors:

Phillip R. Burnaman, II, Chairman  
Geoffrey W. Arens  
Thomas W. Sabin, Jr.

### Stock Price Performance Comparison

The following Stock Price Performance Comparison shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 nor incorporated by reference into any document so filed.

The following graph illustrates the return during the past five years that would have been realized on December 31 of each year (assuming reinvestment of dividends) by an investor who invested \$100 on December 31, 1999 in each of (i) the Company's Common Stock, (ii) a peer group index ( Real Estate Index ), which consists of five real estate development and homebuilding companies, and (iii) the CoreData Composite Market Value Index ( CoreData Index ).

The Company's peer group index includes the following companies: Brookfield Homes Corporation, Meritage Corporation, Standard Pacific Corporation, Tejon Ranch Company and William Lyon Homes.

### COMPARISON OF CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN AMONG THE COMPANY, REAL ESTATE INDEX AND MEDIA GENERAL INDEX

Company/Index/Market	FISCAL YEAR ENDING					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
The Company	100.00	44.44	66.67	81.93	161.78	356.30
Real Estate Index	100.00	167.92	199.55	233.32	458.61	635.91
CoreData Index	100.00	90.27	79.93	63.49	84.52	94.81

### CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS

None.



*Proposal 2*

**APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SALE OF THE 103-ACRE LOWER BENCH OF THE BOLSA CHICA MESA**

On August 12, 2004, the Company's agreement to sell a 103-acre area of the Bolsa Chica Mesa known as the Lower Bench to the State's Wildlife Conservation Board ( WCB ) for \$65 million was approved by the WCB. The Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions, a copy of which is attached hereto as *Exhibit A* (the Agreement ) is subject to the approval of the Company's stockholders, which is now being sought. [The terms of the Agreement, as amended on April , 2005, state that the outside closing date (the Closing Date ) is , 2005, subject to such further extensions as the parties may mutually agree]. If the Company receives stockholder approval and a Coastal Development Permit ( CDP ) for the development of the Bolsa Chica Upper Bench (as described below) is issued before the Closing Date, the sale will be completed and the WCB's purchase of the property will be funded with bond proceeds authorized by voter-approved Proposition 50, which was passed in November 2002.

The Company agreed to the sale price, which is deeply discounted (as discussed below), in order to facilitate its pursuit of approval for development of its approximately 105-acre Upper Bench area on the Bolsa Chica Mesa. During negotiations with the WCB, the Company indicated that it would require Coastal Commission approval of the development plan for the Upper Bench prior to seeking stockholder approval, and the issuance of the CDP for that development plan before the Closing Date.

From time to time, the Company has received outside appraisals on the value of the Lower Bench. These appraisals have been made on a raw land basis and on an as developed basis . The range of those appraisals was \$185 million on a raw land basis; and \$240 million on an as developed basis. However, the ability to realize the value of an appraisal is subject to inherent risk, especially in the case of appraisals that are made on a raw land or on an as developed basis because these types of appraisals are based on speculative assumptions regarding the potential use of the land and the ability to overcome the substantial entitlement process risks associated therewith. Prior to entering into the WCB agreement, the Company engaged a real estate broker to investigate the prospects of making a raw land sale and found that, due to the substantial entitlement risks, there was no market for buyers at a price anywhere near approximating the \$185 million appraisal. In addition, since the Agreement was announced, the Company has received no offers.

In addition, the Company believes that the protracted history of its and predecessor companies' attempts to entitle development on any part of the Bolsa Chica Mesa has demonstrated that many years of entitlement effort could be required and costs approximating \$5 to \$10 million could be incurred if development of the Lower Bench was pursued in an effort to realize all or a portion of the estimated developable value. Even if such effort was expended and such costs were incurred, there can be no assurance that the Company would be permitted to develop any portion of the Lower Bench on a timely basis. However, the Company could take legal action against the State for an unconstitutional taking of the Lower Bench, in the event it was denied a permit for economically viable development of the Lower Bench.

On April 6, 2005, the California Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the appeal of a case which held that the California Coastal Commission is illegally constituted and has no present authority to issue, condition, or deny coastal development permits. If the Supreme Court affirms the decision in *Marine Forests Society v. California Coastal Commission*, the authority to determine development of both the Upper and Lower Bench of the Bolsa Chica Mesa could revert to the County of Orange, until such time as the Coastal Commission is legally reconstituted. Given the County of Orange's past and present approvals of significantly more expansive development of the entire Bolsa Chica property, the Company could benefit greatly from a decision to affirm. Of course, there can be no assurance as to (i) how this case will be concluded, (ii) whether the County of Orange would act in a manner that is more favorable to the Company, or (iii) whether new litigation efforts would be pursued by the opponents to the Company's

Bolsa Chica development efforts, which might prevent the Company from pursuing a more favorable development plan until such time as the Coastal Commission is reconstituted. The California Supreme Court is required by law to render its decision in this case by July 5, 2005. Therefore, we will mail a supplement to this Proxy Statement following the announcement of the Court's decision.

On April 14, 2005, the California Coastal Commission approved the Company's CDP application for a planned community consisting of 349 homes to be built on 68 acres of the Upper Bench. The Company believes that the agreement to sell the Lower Bench to the WCB was helpful in obtaining Coastal Commission approval and, therefore, justifies the discounted sales price; provided that the Company receives a CDP for the development plan approved by the Coastal Commission before the Closing Date. In addition, the Company believes that the agreement to sell the Lower Bench will be a disincentive to the filing of litigation by any opponents to development of the Upper Bench.

In view of the receipt of the requisite Coastal Commission approval for Upper Bench development and the high costs and uncertain process of Lower Bench development, the Company believes that the ability to sell the Lower Bench near-term for the \$65 million sale price (\$63.05 million net after commissions) is reasonable and should be approved. Even if stockholder approval is received, the sale will remain subject to receipt of the CDP for the Upper Bench development plan approved by the Coastal Commission before the Closing Date.

Therefore, the Company is asking that a majority of its stockholders, present in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting, approve the sale of the Lower Bench as set forth below.

#### *Stockholder Approval*

Assuming the presence of a quorum, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock present and entitled to vote on this item at the Annual Meeting is required to approve the proposed sale through the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the stockholders of the Company do hereby approve the sale of the 103-acre Lower Bench of the Company's Bolsa Chica Mesa property for \$65 million in the manner contemplated by the Agreement; provided, however, that the CDP for the Upper Bench development plan approved by the Coastal Commission on April 14, 2005 must have been received by the Company before the Closing Date.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SALE THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF THE STOCKHOLDER RESOLUTION SET FORTH ABOVE.

#### *Proposal 3*

#### **RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, has appointed Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditors for the 2005 fiscal year and hereby requests that stockholders ratify such appointment. Representatives of Deloitte & Touche LLP will not be present at the Annual Meeting.

The Board has also approved the decision to appoint Deloitte & Touche LLP based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee. Before making its recommendation to the Board, the Audit Committee carefully considered that firm's qualifications as independent auditors. This included a review of the qualifications of the engagement team, the quality control procedures the firm has established, and any issues raised by the most recent quality control review of the firm; as well as its reputation for integrity and competence in the fields of accounting and auditing. The Audit Committee's review also included matters required to be considered under the SEC's Rules on Auditor Independence, including the nature

and extent of non-audit services, to ensure that they will not impair the independence of the accountants. The Audit Committee expressed its satisfaction with Deloitte & Touche LLP in all respects.

Although ratification by stockholders is not required by law, the Board has determined that it is desirable to request approval of this appointment by the stockholders. Notwithstanding its appointment, the Board, in its discretion, may appoint new independent auditors at any time during the year if the Board believes that such a change would be in the best interest of the Company and its stockholders. If the stockholders do not ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP, the Board of Directors may reconsider its appointment.

**Independent Auditor s Fees During 2004 and 2003**

The Audit Committee appointed Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company s independent auditors to audit the Company s financial statements for each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. The aggregate fees billed by and paid to Deloitte & Touche LLP include fees for the following services rendered during those fiscal years are as follows:

	2004	2003
Audit fees(1)	\$ 85,943	\$ 89,186
Audit-Related Fees(2)	92,738	7,070
Financial information systems design and implementation fees	None	None
Tax Fees(3)	65,377	37,427
Other fees	None	None
	\$ 244,058	\$ 133,683

(1) **Audit Fees:** This category consists of fees for the audit of the Company s annual financial statements, review of the financial statements included in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and services that are normally provided by the independent auditors in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years. This category also includes advice on audit and accounting matters that arose during, or as a result of, the audit or the review of interim financial statements, and the preparation of an annual management letter on internal control matters

(2) **Audit-Related Fees:** This category consists of assurance and related services by Deloitte & Touche LLP that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements and are not reported above under Audit Fees.

(3) **Tax Fees:** This category consists of professional services rendered by Deloitte & Touche LLP for tax compliance and tax planning. The services for the fees disclosed under this category include tax return preparation and technical tax advice.

The Audit Committee discussed these non-audit services with Deloitte & Touche LLP and determined that their provision would not impair Deloitte & Touche LLP s independence.

**THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS.**

## OTHER MATTERS

### Submission of Proposals for 2006 Annual Meeting

Any stockholder who wishes to present a proposal for action at the next annual meeting of stockholders, presently scheduled for [June, 2006] or wishes to nominate a director candidate for the Board, must submit such proposal or nomination in writing to the Secretary of Company at: 6 Executive Circle, Suite 250, Irvine, California 92614. The proposal or nomination should comply with the time period and information requirements set forth in the Company's Amended By-Laws relating to stockholder business or stockholder nominations, respectively. Stockholders interested in submitting a proposal for inclusion in the proxy statement for the 2006 annual meeting of stockholders may do so by following the procedures prescribed in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 14a-8. To be eligible for inclusion, the Corporate Secretary at the above address must receive shareholder proposals no later than January 13, 2006.

### Stockholder Communications with the Board

Other than the procedures set forth under "Submission of Proposals for 2006 Annual Meeting" above, the Company does not have a general procedure by which stockholders can send communications to the Board. Stockholders who wish to communicate with our Directors to report complaints or concerns related to accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing may do so by contacting the Audit Committee. Such complaint or concern should be submitted in writing and such persons lodging a complaint may remain anonymous if they so choose. Stockholders may address any such complaints to the Audit Committee of the Board at Company's main business address set forth above. Alternatively, stockholders wishing to communicate with a specific individual director should so indicate and the communication will be forwarded as appropriate. The Company does not have a policy with regard to directors' attendance at annual meetings. Mr. Pacini was the only director who attended the Company's last annual meeting.

### Compliance with Section 16(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires the Company's directors and executive officers and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of the Company's equity securities to file various reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers concerning their holdings of, and transactions in, securities of the Company. Copies of these filings must be furnished to the Company.

Based solely on a review of the copies of such forms furnished to the Company and written representations from the Company's executive officers and directors, the Company believes that there was compliance for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004 with all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to the Company's officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners.

### Annual Report

The Company's 2004 Annual Report to Stockholders, [its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004,] together with this Proxy Statement, are being mailed to all stockholders of the Company of record as of [May 12, 2005] the record date for voting at the Annual Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SANDRA G. SCIUTTO  
*Senior Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary*



**CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMUNITIES, INC.**  
**Annual Meeting [July 12, 2005]**  
**THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Raymond J. Pacini is hereby authorized to vote all shares of Common Stock of California Coastal Communities, Inc. which the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of California Coastal Communities, Inc. to be held on [Tuesday, July 12, 2005] and at any adjournments, as specified on the reverse side.

THIS PROXY WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED HEREIN BY THE UNDERSIGNED STOCKHOLDER(S). IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

(Please mark this proxy and sign and date it on the reverse side hereof and return it in the enclosed envelope.)

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**A vote FOR Proposals 1, 2, 3 and 4 is recommended by the Board of Directors**

1. Election of Directors with terms expiring at the Annual Meeting in 2005.

**NOMINEES:**

**01 Geoffrey W. Arens**

**02 Phillip R. Burnaman II,**

**03 Raymond J. Pacini, and**

**04 Thomas W. Sabin, Jr.**

**FOR all nominees listed below (except as marked to the contrary)**

**WITHHOLD AUTHORITY to vote for all nominees listed below**

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**(Instructions: To withhold authority to vote for any nominee, write that nominee's name on the line below.)**

2. Board Proposal for the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the stockholders of the Company do hereby approve the sale of the 103-acre Lower Bench of the Company's Bolsa Chica Mesa property for \$65 million in the manner contemplated by the Agreement; provided, however, that the CDP for the Upper Bench development plan approved by the Coastal Commission on April 14, 2005 must have been received by the Company before the Closing Date.

FOR                       AGAINST                       ABSTAIN

3. Ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005.

FOR                       AGAINST                       ABSTAIN

4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or

postponement thereof.

**Please sign name below exactly as imprinted (do not print).**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

**NOTE: Executors, administrators, trustees and others signing in a representative capacity should indicate the capacity in which they sign. If shares are held jointly, EACH holder should sign.**

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