

November 29, 1979

Commander Joseph S. Blackett
Chief, Aids to Navigation Branch
Twelfth Coast Guard District
630 Sansome Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Commander Blackett:

This letter is in regard to the Point Pinos Lighthouse and the City of Pacific Grove's interest in maintaining a museum in that facility. My responsibility as Museum Director is to plan and coordinate the museum effort.

Some months ago, Gary Bales, City Manager, and I met with you and the principal officers of the Monterey Station to discuss the City of Pacific Grove's problems in meeting upkeep costs. At the time you indicated that the Coast Guard might possibly provide funds under certain circumstances.

We are presently assessing the landscaping needs of the area immediately surrounding the building and have developed an overall plan for low-maintenance plantings which will be in keeping with the character of the building and the site.

We are receiving contributions for plantings; so it appears that this need will be taken care of. Our problem is how to finance a sprinkler system which will be necessary if we are to keep our employee costs to the lowest possible level.

The City's Building and Grounds Foreman has estimated that approximately \$1500 will be required to replace old leaking pipes and provide the type of sprinkler head least likely to be vandalized. To date I have been unable to find donors willing to finance this portion of the landscaping. Mr. Ryan of the Monterey Station informed me that his budget could not provide a sprinkler system. I therefore appeal to you in the hope that the Twelfth Coast Guard District will consider this a worthwhile expenditure.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Vernal L. Yadon
Director

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