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To whom it may concern:

This past August the City's Museum Department used monies from the Museum Improvement Fund to bring Gretchen Voeks and Nicholus E. Johnston to Pacific Grove for the purpose of inspecting the Third Order Fresnel Lens in the Point Pinos Lighthouse and reporting on its status and proper care in the future. Here is a copy of the report.

Gretchen Voeks is an object conservator at the Western Archeological and Conservation Center, Museum Collections Repository, Conservation Laboratory, National Park Service in Tucson, Arizona. Nicholus E. Johnston has just retired from the United States Coast Guard in North Carolina. He is one of only about four expert lampists in the United States working with Fresnel lenses. Voeks and Johnston have worked, separately, together, and in other teams, on many of the remaining Fresnel lenses in North American lighthouses. Their combined expertise in this field is most eminent. Needless to say, we take their advice very seriously.

You are receiving this because you are directly or indirectly concerned with the preservation of the Point Pinos Lighthouse Fresnel Lens. The Museum Department staff believes that it is important that concerned parties understand the issues and needs involved in proper preservation of the lens. This report has helped the staff's understanding and we expect that you will find it valuable as well, whether you are directly involved with the care of the lens or you are involved at the level of policy and funding. A few people receiving this report are not strictly speaking involved but have a strong interest in our lighthouse and have cooperated with us in the past.

Questions may be addressed to Assistant Curator Paul Finnegan or myself.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Bailey, PhD
Museum Director