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## Executive Director Lester Statement on the Passage of Peter Douglas

**(San Francisco)** – California Coastal Commission Executive Director Charles F. Lester has issued the following statement on the passing of former Coastal Commission Executive Director Peter M. Douglas, who died Sunday, April 1, 2012 after a long battle with cancer:

“Peter was a giant in the world of coastal protection. Since the passage of Proposition 20 and the Coastal Act, Peter worked tirelessly for forty years protecting public access to our shoreline and preserving wetlands, sensitive habitats, and scenic landscapes up and down the coast. Peter’s undying dedicated public service played an essential role in the building of California’s coastal protection program, which is a model of success for communities around the world. Above all Peter was an incredible human being who carried himself with deep integrity, commitment, and love for the people and natural world around him. Our hearts go out to his family. He will be deeply missed, but his being and spirit will endure in our hearts and minds.”

