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Steinberg Statement on the Death of Peter M. Douglas

(Sacramento) - Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento) has issued the following statement on retired California Coastal Commission executive director Peter M. Douglas, who has passed away after a long battle with cancer:

“I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Peter Douglas. The preservation of California’s pristine coastline is a direct result of Peter’s unwavering lifelong commitment to protect one of our state’s most important natural treasures. Four decades ago, he was ahead of his time in his vision to preserve our coastal environment and to ensure public access when he spearheaded the citizens’ initiative to create the Californian Coastal Commission. His service to our state continued unabated when he drafted the California Coastal Protection Act of 1976, followed by 26 years as the Coastal Commission’s executive director.

“Peter’s life and work were guided by integrity, professionalism and a fierce dedication to safeguard our coast’s beauty and the critical habitat it provides. He will be sorely missed, but leaves an unrivaled legacy of environmental advocacy to the benefit of all Californians.”

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