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**Pacific Grove Golf Links Recognized for Environmental Excellence**

PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA – Pacific Grove Golf Links has achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. Rob Esposito, Superintendent, completed the effort to obtain sanctuary designation on the property. The course is now one of over 900 courses in the world to hold certification from Audubon International.

"Pacific Grove Golf Links has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program. They are to be commended for their efforts to provide a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property," said Christine Kane, CEO at Audubon International.

"To reach certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas," explained Kane. These categories include: Environmental Planning, Wildlife & Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Quality Management. The Course's accomplishments include:

- Reducing irrigated areas to conserve water
- Expanding Native Vegetation
- Providing quality wildlife habitat
- Conducting water quality testing

Pacific Grove Golf Links is honored to be recognized as an Audubon Certified property. We strive to provide a great experience for our golfers while preserving the natural environment and resources of the Monterey Peninsula and surrounding communities.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, endorsed by the United States Golf Association, provides information and guidance to help golf courses preserve and enhance wildlife habitat and protect natural resources. Golf courses from the United States, Africa, Australia, Canada, Central America, Europe, New Zealand, and Southeast Asia have achieved certification in the program.

Pacific Grove Golf Links is a well known municipal golf course which features views of the Monterey Bay framed by Cypress trees on the original front 9, and an ocean-side back 9 cut through the natural dunes of the coast. The golf course has been operated by CourseCo since 2014 and has worked diligently to achieve this certification.

Audubon International is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Troy, NY. In addition to golf courses, Audubon International also provides programs for businesses, schools, communities, and new developments

with the purpose of delivering high-quality environmental education and facilitating the sustainable management of natural resources. For more information, call Audubon International at 1-844-767-9051 or visit [www.auduboninternational.org](http://www.auduboninternational.org).