

May 05, 2000

TO THE AMERICAN LAND CONSERVANCY/EAST WEST RANCH BOARD:

The Art Beal Foundation is pleased to present a cashier's check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the American Land Conservancy/East West Ranch as a donation in the efforts to secure the historic Fiscalini ranch. This money is presented to honor the memory of Art Beal, a Cambrian of more than half a century, whose love of Cambria and its history was evident in his unique home known as Nitt Witt Ridge.

Art was an articulate and often eloquent oral historian. He often closed a remembrance or story with the words, "This is history, let's preserve it!"

The board of directors of the Art Beal Foundation supports the efforts to preserve a piece of property that tells a story from the pages of history, from the first tribal people who lived on this land in harmony with the environment to the families who came after that loved and worked the land with their expertise.

For all the people of Cambria, now and in the future, the success of acquiring this land will be a lasting link to our collective history and a window to a future that will allow each of us to discover it in our own ways.

Thank you for your vision and the will to pursue it. Art Beal would approve and tip his hat to such kindred spirits.

Sincerely,



for the Art Beal Foundation

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