



HILLS LIKE THESE are focus of new group called Save San Pedro Peninsula, which is working to preserve open space near Peacock Gap. (Pointer photo by Judi Colby)

## Group to save San Pedro Peninsula needs workers

by LEE BATTAT

A group of dedicated, conservation-oriented citizens of East San Rafael are forming an organization dedicated to saving open space and controlling development of San Rafael hillsides and coastlines. In particular, they are concerned with the San Pedro Peninsula.

"There are over 2,000 acres of wilderness left in these open space lands and these include a beautiful redwood forest, a

waterfall, marshes and shorelines. This is the last big chunk of rustic land jutting out into the bay," says co-founder Sandy Hansen.

"Many conservation groups have taken note of the San Pedro Peninsula," Louise Kanter says. She pointed out that the Sierra Club has passed a resolution calling for preservation of this area and offering support to the Save San Pedro Peninsula organization in order to save this regional land.

"ABAG, too, has declared

this area a greenbelt. And Bob Young of the Marin Conservation League has informed the group that the entire San Pedro area is one of prime consideration in establishing a regional park."

(Formation of a county regional park will be one of the issues to be decided by voters in our November general election.)

"We need lots of people to help us inform the population," said Ms. Hansen. At present, the members of the group are speaking at coffee and homeowner meetings, showing groups copies of both the city and the county master plans, and then letting them see for themselves what lands are

designated for open space in each of these plans.

The group has gone on record favoring the county plan on open space.

Members of the Save San Pedro Peninsula have watchdog representatives at all important city and county governmental meetings - City Council, Board of Supervisors, sanitation district, water district and both planning commissions.

With enough manpower, the group hopes to be able to inform the public early of any upcoming development on the

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