

Monterey Herald Shining a light on problem areas

Foghorn without a cause sits derelict in P.G.

house in Pacific Grove has become a coastal nallens in the original structure. evesore.

The structure consists of a concave wall on tember 2002 that 20 of the country's 300 light-

the landward side of Ocean View Boulevard near Asilomar Avenue and once was used as a sound reflec- Who's responsible: tor to bounce the foghorn's deep The federal government notes out to sea during the decades Action needed: Transfer of its operation.

The Coast Guard, which operated Guard to the city of the lighthouse and foghorn, no Pacific Grove longer depends on such things as Target date: Indefinite navigational aides because global positioning devices and radar have the works made them obsolete.

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the oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the West Coast and has guided mariners since 1855.

Its Fresnel lens still projects light that can be remains a forsaken roadside curiosity. seen 17 miles out to sea and it is one of only

The long-silent foghorn at Point Pinos Light- four remaining facilities that features the origi-

The National Park Service announced in Sep-

houses were available at no cost to those who can prove that they can take good care of them.

At the same time the Maritime Transportation Anti-terrorism Act of 2002, approved by Congress, approved the transfer of the Point Pinos Lighthouse from the Coast Guard to the city of Pacific Grove.

The city has leased much of the

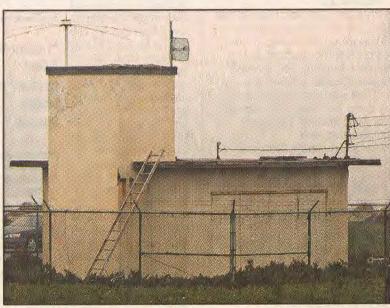
status: The transfer is in the works made them obsolete.

Now the foghorn sound wall serves as a perch for seagulls and pelicans, who leave evidence of their visits behind.

The 150-year-old lighthouse at Point Pinos is the property transfer is still in the works, delayed by the transfer of the Coast Guard from the Department of Transportation to the Point Pinos property from the Coast Guard for 45 years, operating the lighthouse and the back nine spokeswoman said the property transfer is still in the works, delayed by the transfer of the Coast Guard from the Department of Transportation to the Point Pinos property from the Coast Guard for 45 years, operating the lighthouse and the back nine spokeswoman said the property transfer is in the works. tation to the Department of Homeland Security.

And while the lighthouse is maintained by a volunteer organization, the derelict foghorn

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The foghorn on Ocean View Boulevard in Pacific Grove.

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