

# News Release



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## **November 14 Lighthouse Lighting Cancelled**

### **Anniversary Celebration Cancelled for 2009**

PIGEON POINT LIGHT STATION STATE HISTORIC PARK – California State Parks announces the cancellation of this year's 137<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park that had been scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2009. At this popular public event, the historic Fresnel lens is lit at sunset to honor the first night of the station's operation in 1872. Visitors and photographers gather to capture the moment when lens is lit and beams of light radiate around the top the 115 foot tall lighthouse. This year's cancellation is the result of the current budget reductions, position vacancies, and mandated employee furloughs. Officials hope to reestablish the annual celebration in November 2010.

The park remains open to visitors daily. A dedicated group of volunteer docents are on-site Friday through Sunday most weekends to host the bookshop, lead tours around the historic grounds, and organize a shore-based whale watching program. An interpretive center is located in the Fog Signal Building and includes a replica lighthouse showing the interior structure of the lighthouse tower. The tower has been closed since December 2001 when a piece from the upper ironwork broke loose.

Pigeon Point Light Station is located off Highway One near Pescadero, California, approximately fifty miles south of San Francisco. For more information, call the Pigeon Point information line at (650) 879-2120 Friday through Sunday, or visit us on the web at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov).

Information about California State Parks Foundation's lighthouse restoration campaign can be found at [www.calparks.org](http://www.calparks.org).

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