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**CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSE HOSTELS RECOGNIZED FOR ECO-FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATIONS
HI-PIGEON POINT LIGHTHOUSE AND HI-POINT MONTARA LIGHTHOUSE
ARE NOW CERTIFIED GREEN BUSINESSES**

San Mateo County, CA – Two historic lighthouse hostels in San Mateo County are now providing green-certified lodgings in dramatic coastal locations. By upgrading their facilities to exceed federal and state environmental regulations, and working to conserve natural resources, prevent pollution, and reduce waste, the Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel and the Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel have received certification through the Bay Area Green Business Program.

Both lodging facilities have installed Energy Star appliances in the self-service guest kitchens and laundry rooms. Interior and exterior lighting systems now utilize a combination of low-mercury Energy Star T8 fluorescents, compact fluorescents with photocells, and solar-powered LED lighting, with motion-sensor capabilities in areas such as outdoor entries and indoor hallways.

To save water, the lighthouse hostels have installed aerators in the kitchen faucets, water-conserving shower heads, and bathroom sink faucets with metered, automatic shut-off. Both hostels also discourage the use of bottled water by providing filtered drinking water in each guest kitchen, and offering stainless steel water bottles for sale.

In addition to maintaining full recycling and composting programs, both hostels are committed to using only all-natural biodegradable cleaning products and recycled or compostable paper products.

The Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel and the Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel are each located in State Historic Parks, and provide affordable accommodations in former lighthouse keepers and Coast Guard quarters. Rates start at \$25/night for dorm beds, and \$65/night for private rooms (double occupancy with shared bath).

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The lighthouse hostels are operated by the Golden Gate Council of Hostelling International USA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting intercultural understanding, environmental stewardship, and world peace through travel.

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