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Abstract

With the population of the planet expected to double by the year 2010, the greatest threat to the remaining natural resources of the world will be the ability of the land to withstand the degree of development that will be required to sustain that population. With this incentive, preservation of land is a paramount focus of environmentalists around the globe.

The role of land trusts and conservancies is to act as a public benefit corporation that will purchase land and accept conservation easements. Most of the efforts are thus organized around land appraisals, negotiations, and raising funds for such tasks. Another aspect involved in land preservation is exploring the different modes that can be utilized in the acquisition of land. Out of one process, the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy was formed specifically to preserve a 4000-acre chaparral ecosystem in San Bernardino Valley. The goal of the Conservancy is to protect the land for its watersheds, historical significance, recreational opportunities, and biological resources.

The formation and evolution of the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy and its role in land preservation efforts are the focus of this project. The purpose of this project is to provide a guide for land preservation strategies and an addendum to environmental education curriculum. Specific steps are detailed for the activist to utilize.

Included in this project is a background account on land acquisition strategies. The action that was implemented by the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy accompanies the background objectives.
Student activity suggestions are provided in each section. Their applicability varies from classroom to field situations.

A section on "General Correspondence to Governmental Officials" reveals how to write an effective letter that can thread through the bureaucratic channels. Investigative journalism and recreation are discussed in "Field Trips." "Letters to the Editor" describes communication skills that concentrate on content and style as well as how to edit your letters. "Individual Contacts" advises how to recruit individuals who will benefit your cause. The range of issues that need examination prior to forming a proposal is outlined in "Conservancy Parkland Proposal." "Organizational Meeting (Scoping)" specifies the need for and means of conducting a general meeting. The role of individuals and agencies is described. "Group Contacts" informs how to link goals of a conservancy with field experts representing professional organizations. "Organizational Meeting (Associates)" states how to define goals and objectives of the group, in addition to suggesting methods of recruiting new members for the Board of Directors and identifying community liaisons. Procedures in legal aspects of incorporation and protocol guidelines are given in "Forming a Legal Conservancy." "Land Acquisition Steps to Preservation" reveals funding mechanisms and strategies for obtaining conservancy lands. "Development Proposals and Your Conservancy" illustrates ways to provide protection of desired land by describing the use of the Environmental Impact Report Monitor and California Environmental Quality Act in the planning process. Methods to maximize the influence of the media are presented in "Press Coverage." "Wildlife Data" describes how to gather information on biological resources.
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Introduction

The most efficient way to preserve land is to purchase it outright. Unless you are able to involve professional land steward groups such as The Nature Conservancy or the Trust for Public Lands in assisting you, the task of dealing with public officials will be your responsibility. Problems may arise because agencies may not have the will, time, experience, or funds to negotiate the purchase of environmentally sensitive areas. Thus, the processes involved in land preservation will depend on your ability to organize. A logical first step is to form your own land conservancy.

Conservancies and land preservation efforts are not new; however, because of the rampant development that is occurring, the urgency to acquire land is a cry widely echoed in cities and counties alike. Southern California has borne the brunt of uncontrolled growth due to its mild climate and this has been responsible for the destruction of 90% of coastal sage chaparral and woodland riparian habitats. The public is now encouraging planners to preserve the remnants of these ecosystems for wildlife and passive recreation.

The purpose of this project is to provide individuals with a primer for land preservation to be used as an educational tool. The scope of the project includes background and action data that were utilized in our conservation efforts. The "background" section recommends procedures toward accomplishing specific objectives. It is followed by an "action" section which describes the activities implemented by the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy. Appendices and photographs supplement background and action texts. Each item culminates with a
suggested student activity. Educators can adapt any section they choose to an environmental education curriculum.

As a case study concerning the preservation of the chaparral ecosystem of the Crafton Hills, the format consisted of documenting all aspects of land conservation using a chronological sequence. This was done to intentionally focus the reader to recognize the pitfalls and short-cuts the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy experienced and to help others in accomplishing their goals.

As this project was concluding, several developments had taken place. Because of our efforts and recommendations, the City of Yucaipa was incorporating measures in their General Plan to restrict off-road vehicles in the Crafton Hills and to adopt stringent building codes to maximize open space retention. The County has placed a measure on the June ballot that would form an Open Space and Park District. The funds would be specifically designated for acquisition of the Crafton Hills, adjoining Santa Ana River, and connecting wildlife corridors. It seems motivation of the citizenry is enough to inspire our elected officials into action. Preserving our natural landscape is now accepted and desirable.
General Correspondence to Governmental Officials

Background

Other than testifying in person, communicating through letter writing is especially effective because the respondent's comments become part of the public record. It may be necessary to have copies of your letter made. The most effective materials could be notarized. This may seem extreme, but validation of materials is necessary when dealing with bureaucracy.

When addressing governmental officials, indicate their bestowed title. Initially, try to find an issue that you can give them credit for, even if their involvement is marginal. This posturing leads to an affirmation of the knowledge you have on their perspective and opens the gateway for communication.

You may have to repeat the correspondence if you have not received a response, or, as is typically the problem, the issues you raise have not been adequately addressed. It is possible that you need to be specific and succinct about those issues. Most officials have aides that respond to inquiries and you can usually contact them. One possible outcome of miscommunication is that you may improve your letter-writing by learning to edit unnecessary verbiage. Embellishing and exaggerating your writing (emotional attachment) may be stylistic, but rarely receives the desired effect you seek.

Action

I presented my first two letters to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors concerning massive development planned for the local foothills (6/86, 5/86). Inconsequential material was not addressed and
vital points were placed (by use of asterisk) into the public record. These points require a specific response. Admittedly, I chose to be combative and promised to take action to educate voters about the pro-growth stance current officials were taking. In retrospect, both letters were subtly threatening and I chose to use these as class lessons on how not to write an effective letter (Note how I had toned down communication to County on 11/86, Appendix A). As opposed to earlier gestures, I adopted a conciliatory attitude and suggested possible economic benefits as outcomes of well-planned development.

Suggested Student Activity

Students can write letters to public officials. Letter writing is a skill requiring self-examination, research, and willingness to be criticized. Good journalism allows for rebuttal to allegations, whether made by editor or reader. Students can learn to formulate ideas, role-play as editorial staff, and compare writing styles. With experience, a process of self-actualization begins to emerge.
Field Trips

Background

John Muir consistently expressed that you can not save the land unless you have a passion for it. Field trips are necessary to familiarize your group and the public as to the specifics of your land preservation goal. It is of paramount importance to invite public officials, whenever possible, in order to garner their support and determine whether their position is to support or deter your efforts.

Action

On March 30, 1987, five members of the school ecology club, Serrano Greens, and I were treated to an auto tour of the Crafton Hills and Upper Santa Ana by Barbara Riordan, Supervisor of the Fifth District. At various points along the route, we hiked while examining plants and animals. Students recorded information while asking questions of the Supervisor. I told Barbara that I would send her a copy of the students' writings before anything was submitted to the school newspaper. I had briefed the students earlier that they should make it known they were future voters and potential home buyers, and that decisions today would effect their quality of life in the future. While the focus of the trip was not to put the Supervisor on the spot, from the "mouth of babes" spouted questions of endangered species, pollution, and their willingness to become involved in change. A little coaching is not only effective, but it also brings the matters to focus clearly and immediately. Barbara Riordan was quite willing to discuss the reality of economics and growth, realizing she had knowledgeable students to deal with.
As a follow-up, we invited Theresa Kwappenber, who was challenging Barbara Riordan for the supervisorial seat, to attend our school and discuss her views for the future. Over 50 students and teachers participated in a question and answer session. Note: On January 20, Barbara Riordan had responded to our invitation for a field trip. However, she offered an assistant planner to accompany us. I mentioned that the students would be much more impressed if she were the one attending the field trip. I stressed that she might get mileage out of the tour with press releases and it might help her supervisorial campaign. She chose to attend.

It is also important to lead field trips for the general public. John Goodman, Earl Giddings, Diane Ramirez-Kelley and I, working out of the Maudsley Museum of Yucaipa, led a series of walks through the Crafton Hills in spring of 1989. Over 100 individuals participated in the naturalist programs we offered. Today, we are in the final phase of planning Crafton Hills Preservation Day. On April 27, hourly walks will depart from campus into the surrounding foothills. Trained volunteers will lead hikes along interpretive trails. All of our efforts will focus around the unique "island ecology" that Crafton Hills exhibits. In order to preserve that uniqueness, emphasis will be placed on the June ballot, Measure E, for open space and parks. (For additional information, refer to Appendix B).

Suggested Student Activity

Invite a local reporter to address your class on techniques involved in obtaining cogent information. This activity is motivating and polishes critical thinking skills. Propose group projects. You
will have to provide guidelines on information-gathering techniques and this is where a reporter's experience is helpful.
Letters to the Editor

Background

This form of media communication is underutilized with respect to environmental education. I believe that because the biological sciences carry the "death-dread" aspect with them, few editors will publish a doom and gloom scenario. Biological writers need to try to reach the mainstream reader. The reader must be motivated to be part of the struggle to preserve an ecosystem. He/she must also feel a sense of "ownership" and recognition of particular species (professional biologists label a readily identifiable species as "sexy") or wildlife park. Even the "couch potato" may be induced to write a check to the Nature Conservancy if he/she reads a letter that is not too heavy-handed and relies on colorful imagery. Almost all readers empathize with the struggle of a group to stave off government or developer land grabs (the reason Crafton Hills Conservancy has gained moderate success).

Action

It was by luck that my first letter concerning Crafton Hills was included with the letter of Lenore Figueredo. The angry tone and call-into-action contrasted the visual journey of Lenore into the cathedral of the coyotes. The awe and beauty of her experience should inspire the reader to become involved because she touches on how best to protect the environment. Many editors know how to blend styles to achieve an effective response. Of course, it is nice to have an environmentally aware editorial staff. In the East Valley, we are fortunate to have support from Richard Kimball, Editor of the Sun, and Bobbie Monk, Editor of the Yucaipa-Calimesa Mirror. Collectively, their
papers reach over 250,000 subscribers. Complementary letters to the editor help maintain open lines, but realize that not all of your letters will be published. While the theme may be environmental, focus must vary so as not to become redundant. Humor, outrage, and satire can all be woven into themes and still have the expected outcome (as I demonstrated in later letters). (For additional information, refer to Appendix C).

**Suggested Student Activity**

As an assignment, I gave the letters to groups of students who were to critique the letters in a compare-and-contrast mode. Although my students are at the middle school level, this lesson could easily fit into high school curriculum.
Individual Contacts

Background

There are always a few individuals who, if the opportunity arises, will altruistically and enthusiastically respond by assisting with land preservation efforts. John Goodman, having taught at the University of Redlands for 30 years (with occasional sojourns into the African veldts), finally surveyed an area of the Crafton Hills after 25 years. As you will follow in his letters, he has excitement and a great commitment in pursuing his field of study. Professor Robert Galbraith of Crafton Hills College (who would later become the College liaison and Chairperson of the Conservancy) eagerly became involved, having spent 20 years promoting environmental matters. The original interpretive trail he and his students had constructed on campus 10 years earlier would provide many interpretive studies in the future. I have discovered many of the individuals who have spent their lives in southern California react prophetically that little can be done to save anything. But, with a little instilled enthusiasm from the community, they are ready and willing to fight that "one last battle."

School district support is critical, but very few school districts are willing to participate in the venture. They see the outcome of such efforts as slowing the influx of students into an area, thus making less funds available. Tragically, they are much more willing to deal with impacted schools and dropping quality of education.

Because of general distrust of big developers and the bureaucratic jungle, many individuals may be willing to assist your cause. Do not overlook anyone willing to donate a few hours weekly. Organizing
meetings and performing secretarial skills are usually done by those who are retired or working out the home.

The last point I mention is that governmental figures should be placed on the sidelines until the goals of land preservation strategy have been discussed and a meeting to discuss proposals has been set. Individuals who are employed by government may have a conflict of interest in becoming involved, and you do no want to jeopardize your efforts.

**Action**

I originally sent an information sheet to science departments of local schools in hope of soliciting professionals with specific expertise. Dave Matuszak, physical education instructor of Yucaipa Unified School District, provided initial support and pledged that students could help construct and maintain trails when the park was developed. They would also send letters of support for any proposals. (For additional information, refer to Appendix D).

**Suggested Student Activity**

Many activists, social and environmental, are willing to share their experiences and knowledge. Contacting environmental groups and rotaries will provide students with a wealth of view points.
Conservancy Parkland Proposal

Background

Your park proposal must specifically address the following concerns:

1. Why should the proposal be considered? Provide information on the status of animal and plant life in the area. Consider recreational possibilities. Explore historical use.

2. What uses will be permitted? Is your goal to create a wildlife preserve and/or to allow non-consumptive recreational activities to occur? Some agencies may already have restrictions of some type in place. For example, we had an ordinance restricting motorized use enacted by the City of Yucaipa immediately. Will improvements (e.g., road and firebreak maintenance, camping) be allowed or will a primitive wilderness setting be developed?

3. Where is the area located? Legal description is necessary and a brief geographical assay is helpful.

4. How will the area be acquired? This needs to be handled with great care, especially when dealing with private inholdings. We were on our way to forming a legal land conservancy before we contacted owners. This was not covertly done and our purpose was to develop a proposal before presenting it. Our first newsletter was published as we were legally incorporating our group.

Note: We were instrumental in getting the County of San Bernardino to survey voters about a potential open space initiative. As a result of
moderate positive response, the County has placed such a district on the June ballot!

**Action**

In an area whose development had always been unrestrained, the majority of interested individuals was cautious about a widened scope of a proposal to preserve the entire ecosystem comprising Crafton Hills, approximately 4000 acres. Because the majority of land was privately held, many thought the plan was too ambitious. Coupled with a lack of understanding of wildlife habitat requirements, it was difficult to bridge the goals and needs of the diverse philosophies. Eventually, a group filtered down to three biologists, Diane Ramirez-Kelley, Jim Poss, and myself, and two trail experts, Earl Giddings and Ingrid Lagerlof. We agreed that wildlife protection was paramount and only existing trails would be maintained. We had observed similar success in preservation of Sycamore Canyon in Riverside as a wilderness park.

It is difficult to assume that one model for land preservation will work in every case. The Crafton Hills present unique situations concerning management. Not only did some land fall under jurisdictions of the Cities of Redlands and Yucaipa, but the County of San Bernardino and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) also owned parcels. Councils of both cities shared enthusiasm about preservation of the area (but certainly not the enthusiasm we displayed). The BLM was eager to dispense of their land. The County gave support, but also suggested that the area could be utilized to store solid waste in the future.

As you examine Appendix E, May, 1989 to present, the process of defining and refining goals and objectives gives insight into areas that
need researching: land ownership and parcel maps (obtained through agency planning departments), existing database on biological resources (California Department of Fish and Game, Weislander Vegetation Survey) and current graduate research being conducted (colleges usually provide contacts), general plan and land use status (local jurisdictions).

Suggested Student Activity

School districts usually have surplus land (that they have to pay taxes on if they cannot rationalize use on) and students could propose a variety of environmental projects. Included in Appendix E is a sample of proposals for a nature park adjacent to the middle school I teach at. We eventually had city officials respond to the overwhelming mail they received regarding the students' proposals and we were provided with two one-acre sites within the golf course setting.
Organizational Meeting (Scoping)

Background

Because of the immensity and diversity of issues surrounding land preservation, it is best to make initial contacts with individuals representing conservation groups. Additional contacts involve museum and university personnel. The reason I stress this is that conservation groups tend to focus on entire issues, from legal to organizational. Individuals and researchers generally promote preservation of particular species, so separate meetings may be prudent.

When you are developing organizational strategies, beware of agency inclusion. I feel that they are usually diversionary, due to bureaucracy and competing interests, and may delay your conservation efforts. In reality, you will have to assemble a group of impassioned individuals who have the time to dedicate themselves. If you do not have expertise in a particular field, you may be forced to become a "jack of all trades." Knowledge of wildlife and their needs, soils, water availability, land ownership, studies previously completed, historical and archaeological significance, and recreation use are all subjects that need some degree of understanding. While these topics are being integrated, you need to plan ahead to deal with potential developments that could impact your area.

Action

The initial meeting of our group (which later would become the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy) consisted overwhelmingly of representatives from equestrian groups. They were concerned that trails would be lost as opposed to the "big" wilderness preservation concept I
was endorsing. I went into a tirade about quality of life, biodiversity, and ecosystem rehabilitation. Although I was presenting a different concept to the community, I received little opposition. Later, I found out that few thought any park concept was possible. (At this time, I suggested that we develop a "Chino Hills East"). (For additional information, refer to Appendix F).

Suggested Student Activity

Develop a campus conservation club. Many students relish opportunities for after-school activities and weekend excursions. Not only did the Serrano Greens have debates and letter writing campaigns, they also planted trees with Gerry Stoops, Urban Beautification Coordinator, and performed trail work for the U.S. Forest Service in the local mountains.
Group Contacts

Background

Because environmental groups have diversified to cover a greater range of areas (and ecosystems), you will have to decide which contact would most fit your situation and needs. The Sierra Club has been in practice since 1890 and, in addition to conducting outings, maintains a conservation staff that covers all aspects of development and can provide legal assistance. Tri-County Conservation League, founded in 1916, aims at protecting the Santa Ana River and its tributaries, wildlife, recreation, and water quality and is a watchdog for developments adjacent to the river. From the San Gorgonio Wilderness to the shores of Huntington Beach, Tri-County monitors planning where wetlands are involved. The Audubon Society transcends its stereotype of bird-watching (although it is still enjoyed) and has evolved a conservation staff similar to the Sierra Club. Many of these organizations form coalitions to combat particular elements of development. They also effectively lobby for environmentally sensitive regulation and enforcement.

Action

Friends of Live Oak Canyon specifically formed to ensure that the rich oak-bordered creek was kept intact for recreation and as a viable wildlife corridor between San Timoteo Canyon in Redlands and Wilson Creek in Yucaipa. Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy was formed and incorporated in December 1990 after painstakingly researching the best and most effective method of preserving land in the Yucaipa Valley area. This group has branched out to try and preserve a large intact
ecosystem surrounding the Pisgah Peak/Oak Glen area. (For additional information, refer to Appendix G).

Many of the organizations have local chapters and information packets so you can prioritize their degree of involvement. Below is a list of groups:

- Sierra Club
- Audubon Society
- Tri-County Conservation League
- Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy
- Friends of Live Oak Canyon
- Nature Conservancy

Others:

- U.S. Geological, Soil Conservation Service
- California Department of Fish and Game
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- County and City Parks and Recreation
- County and City Planners
- Resource District

**Suggested Student Activity**

As an extra-credit assignment, students can attend a meeting of an organization and submit a written synopsis of topics of interest. The I.B. (International Baccalaureate) program offered at many schools now requires 20 hours of community service per semester. Attending meetings and becoming involved with an environmental group fulfills this requirement.
Organizational Meeting (Associates)

Background

An initial environmental "summit" will draw a vast array of illuminatos out of hibernation. Since no one wants to get left out, make sure you extend the invitation to all agencies, various environmental and civic groups, senior citizens and school districts. A mere appearance by a dignitary will work toward approval, so extend your hand even if you have conflicting views. I do not apologize for these suggestions. Compromise comes with age.

Action

As a result of the initial scoping meetings of February 1988 and January of 1990, we evolved from backroom environmentalists to becoming a land conservancy that received the blessing of a Joint Powers Resolution, the union of San Bernardino County and cities of Redlands and Yucaipa. Supervisor Barbara Riordan joined Mayors DeMirgyn and Pitts in support of preservation of the Crafton Hills. The community college district, under guidance of biology Professor Robert Galbraith, would function to provide support facilities for meetings and nature walks on campus.

With subsequent monthly meetings, we selected dedicated individuals from the original steering committee and proceeded to focus their talents. Every board member had an area of expertise that aided in moving toward our goal. Communication was as important as biotic studies. Open meetings are complemented by taking City Council members on field trips. We will continue to hold an annual meeting in order to exchange information and notify the public of our progress.
Presently, we hold monthly meetings at the biology lab on the Crafton Hills college campus. Members of the public are welcome until the board discusses matters under executive session. We actively recruit community activists to replace retiring board members. All meeting information is recorded by a secretary and presented as minutes at the opening of the next meeting. Agenda items initiate discussion and suggestions. Frequently, we have guest speakers present material on topics as diverse as real estate appraisal to geological formation. A quarterly newsletter is distributed to libraries and businesses and describes activities the Conservancy sponsors. We currently do not have a membership, but the tax-exempt status we are pursuing will allow us to accept donations and conduct fund-raising activities. (For additional information, refer to Appendix H).

**Suggested Student Activity**

Same as organizational meeting (Scoping).
Forming a Legal Conservancy

Background

Once enough interest and momentum have been generated, the proponents need to consider the formation of a legal land trust for a variety of reasons. Firstly, it is necessary to form a corporation in order to conduct business that will allow funding mechanisms to be credited under a tax-exempted status. Secondly, the land trust or conservancy has to consider issues of liability concerning accidents that could occur on its acquired parcels or the possibility of being sued by a private landowner not wanting to relinquish his/her lands. Of paramount importance is the need to understand that the land you are seeking to preserve may be private and the owners possess development rights. Your strategy in forming a legal land trust is to function as a business corporation. Your group then will work as an intermediary between private landowners, government agencies, and the general public.

Action

We struggled for months to come to a consensus about how best to construct our conservancy. We were fortunate to have Elizabeth Byers from the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) provide guidance. For a nominal fee, TPL will research feasibility of forming a trust (guidelines for conservancy articles of incorporation and by-laws) and mechanisms involved in land transactions.

The most sensitive issue involved in forming the land trust is developing criteria for establishing the Board of Directors. From our initial Associates Organizational meeting, it was evident that we had as many politicos as citizens who wanted to be involved. As was stated
earlier under parkland proposals, we were dealing with multiple agencies. This presented unique opportunities. It also presented unique challenges. Having influential participants from County Supervisor planning commissions and City Councils gave our efforts great momentum. Rather than see both cities and the County embroiled in canvassing their agendas, the citizens (including local biologists and trail advocates) insisted that, in order to prevent jurisdictional favoritism, they comprise the majority of directors. Although trusts differ in their constituents, most have two representatives from government with the remaining positions held by citizens.

An area of prime concern is the need for a lawyer to examine the documents to be submitted to state and federal departments. Knowledge of accounting is also necessary to ensure you obtain the status you are seeking. Many cities will provide legal services, but finding someone involved with an environmental organization would best meet your needs.

On March 26, 1990, the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy was formed after our initial scoping meeting in December 1989. (For additional information, refer to Appendix I).

Suggested Student Activity

Students could provide a system of organizational models from a cellular level to the United Nations. This would be a "brainstorming" activity to demonstrate the complex nature of organizations and their functions. A "branching" tree could be used at the middle school level to illustrate interactions and importance of all the components.
Land Acquisition Steps to Preservation

Background

Once you have formed a land trust, your tax-exempt status will allow land and conservation easements to be accepted. Funding activities can also be undertaken. With some assets (i.e., donated land) in your account, you have the foundation to do serious negotiating with individual land owners. Again, you have to determine your ability to undertake donation transactions. Municipal governments, whose various departments have the expertise you need, may act as intermediaries between the conservancy and property owners.

Having a lawyer to examine transactions and a Certified Public Accountant to determine tax benefits for the land donor will expedite a time-consuming project. Land donors want the means to maximize their tax write-off and want you to determine "creative appraising" mechanisms. Ecologically sensitive lands (e.g., wetlands, woodlands) would have higher value than disturbed habitat such as agricultural lands.

As the Conservancy evolved, it encouraged a relationship with the development community. They know of our intentions and willingness to scrutinize and monitor any potential project that would affect the Crafton Hills. Rather than haggling over issues at planning commission and city council meetings, we recommend areas that we would like preserved. We usually get the desired protection as mitigation measures. The developer can then claim the donated open space as an amenity to the project and property values rise. It is a win-win situation.
Funding mechanisms for land acquisition range from local
development fees to county or state-wide bond and initiative proposals.
When you are dealing with governmental agencies, you have to
specifically designate the lands you want to see acquired and determine
what organization will have management rights over the area. It is best
to have a management plan in place and notarized. You can always amend
and improve upon the plan as needed. You do not want a natural
landscape "improved" by allowing alteration of the environment.
Justification for funding any proposal needs to include compatible
recreational activities. Few people will support a wilderness concept
that excludes access to land. The land trust can always institute a
permit system to minimize the impacts and prevent "loving" an area to
its demise. Understanding that a conservancy or land trust functions as
a small business corporation, and the business is land acquisition and
preservation, may actually draw acknowledgement from business groups or
Chamber of Commerce. Emphasize the potential boost in commerce as
recreational opportunities diversify with increasing access to open
space. Endorsements are key to furthering support for your efforts.

Action

At the point of initial contact with potential land donors, it is
prudent to organize a meeting with land owners. Our initial meeting was
informal and provided refreshments and a slide show as well as a member
from each agency to answer questions. As a result of this first
contact, we were offered 240 acres of land that was prime coastal
chaparral. In contrast, a representative for a local development
company (who saw a way to become a successful speculator) shocked us
with his proposal to develop nearly 800 acres. While we had been
gloating over our rapidly evolving successes, this development
representative had met with some owners and had promised them maximum
profit for their land, whether to be developed or sold to us. We
learned very rapidly that not everyone shared our altruistic idealism in
preservation of the Crafton Hills. This is the reality land trusts may
have to contend with. (For additional information, refer to Appendix
J).

Suggested Student Activity

Land ethics involve economical, ecological, and philosophical
considerations. Students could formulate a list of competing interests
and then rank the list in order of importance. This activity would
illustrate the results of their perspectives as compared to the current
state of society. A further activity, involving value judgement and
critical-thinking skills, could be the use of funding and bartering to
obtain land the conservancy was trying to preserve.
Development Proposals and Your Conservancy

Background

This section discusses the actions that individuals within the Conservancy took to ensure that the integrity of Crafton Hills stayed intact. It involves understanding and becoming active in the planning process, attending endless meetings on various levels, and, when necessary, being able to use real tools, CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) and EIR (Environmental Impact Report) Monitor, to challenge any aspect of a project that would affect your area of preservation.

CEQA is a legal manuscript that provides guidelines for environmental protection policies. CEQA examines the need for identifying environmental impacts that a project may pose. It then outlines the procedural steps to determine whether the proposed project would impact an area to the extent that an EIR would be warranted.

Inclusive in the process is the necessary mitigative steps the developer must take to satisfy certain agency requirements. For example, stream or wetland alteration would need to be reviewed by the California Department of Fish and Game, while the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would need to consulted wherever federally listed species may be affected. The lead agencies are also identified and they are the parties to whom you will send your comments.

"The Citizen's Guide to CEQA" is a handbook that streamlines the process and focuses on how you can take action against any agency that does not comply with the intent of CEQA. Relevant court cases and findings will help you determine if violations of environmental policy through approval of a project warrant a lawsuit. Sadly enough, the
environmental community has had to rely heavily on this procedure. It is time-consuming and sometimes costly; however, it may be the only recourse you have when fighting big developer interests. A specific case using reference to CEQA occurred when the County of San Bernardino attempted to place a concrete plant in the middle of Live Oak Canyon, an area that was zoned for agriculture and homes on five acres. The Friends of Live Oak Canyon, having included a clause in their articles of incorporation to take legal action to maintain a rural lifestyle, successfully thwarted the plan using CEQA guidelines. The County abandoned their proposal because they had not provided alternative sites in their planning.

An EIR is a document that identifies impacts and levels of impacts of a proposed project on and around the surrounding area. Some of the areas that an EIR may address are: biology, archaeology, history, water availability, sewage disposal, traffic, and community services (e.g., schools, medical facilities, commercial zones). The scope of the EIR is decided by the lead agency and can range from "focused" to complete. The goal of the project developer is to provide mitigation for each concern to the point of non-significance or acceptability. The use of CEQA here is necessary for a background comparison.

Every project you encounter has some impacts. The degree to which they will be mitigated depends on how loud the community expresses its opinions. With the loss of recreation and wildlife areas, the public has grown much more vigilant from a decade ago. They demand that their "quality of life" - one of CEQA's strongest references - not be diminished. The typical process of project review proceeds first to
an environmental committee, next to a planning commission, and then to the Council or Board for a final decision of approval or denial. You can make public comments at any step, but the earlier the input, the more powerful and credible your case will be. Taking the time to contact an official and possibly inviting him/her for a hike or office conference is much more pleasant than sitting for endless hours in meetings. Try and undercut the system. You will need time to plan strategies for your next goal.

Action

The Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy has challenged every project affecting its boundaries in which the project proponent and/or agency has issued a "negative declaration" statement on the environmental impacts. This ploy, commonly used by developers to prevent requirement of an EIR, rarely stands up to minimum professional scrutiny. Since our initial stand two years ago, not one developer has tried to circumvent the legality of CEQA and the need for an EIR. In fact, developers attend our Conservancy meetings and negotiate with us to mitigate habitat loss and, in many cases, work to enhance the area through mitigation measures. A project adjacent to Route 38, Long Beach Equities, not only gave us 190 acres of open space, but also moved a few homes out of a wash area that functioned as a wildlife corridor. The Chapman Ranch project donated 240 acres of open space and agreed to provide water drinkers for wildlife. The residents of the chaparral benefit and the developer does not have to face off with the conservationists of the community. Thus the conservancy succeeds at getting project proponents to recognize that the members are willing to
negotiate. If you have an understanding of CEQA and EIR's, this procedure is much more tolerable than having to follow the bureaucratic trail to project completion. (For additional information, refer to Appendix K).

**Suggested Student Activity**

Similar to Greenpeace's proposal for an international park in Antarctica, the students could prepare a proposal for preservation of chaparral ecosystems in their area. Some suggestions could be incorporated in city or county general plans.
Press Coverage

Background

One of the easiest methods to draw attention to your cause is through press coverage. Though the press typically follows controversy, that may be the vehicle you will have to fully exploit. An environmentally aware reporter can accent the struggle of citizens in fending off wealthy developers attempting to degrade their environment and quality of life.

Human interest and persecuted wildlife scenarios are great sellers because of the emotion they evoke. I am relating these concerns as a realist. You will not leave a City Council in tears with a passionate description of buckwheat being bulldozed; however, have the local deer herd displaced by condominiums and hell will break loose. Most people involved in their own struggle for existence will empathize with your effort. Politicians are always looking for exposure and since the environment is "in" again, invite them to all photo opportunities.

Action

Since the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy and Friends of Live Oak Canyon were aggressively pursuing their goals of preserving some of the remaining intact wildlife habitats, and providing recreational trails in conjunction with those areas, our efforts were seen as a public benefit and every news agency was eager to follow our progress. To this date, response to coverage of our cause has been very supportive. (For additional information, refer to Appendix L).
Suggested Student Activity

Establish a column in the school paper on issues of today and how to become involved in a local environmental organization.
Wildlife Data

Background

Whether initiating a call for forming land preservation or testifying as to the biological integrity of an area, it is necessary to provide cogent data on the area of concern to gain credibility. The California Fish and Game wildlife database, student theses, and biological consultants' reports can be presented as evidence of wildlife use.

One of the most underutilized sources of information can be found in library archives. Inadvertently, many historical books colorfully narrate the biological inhabitants of yesteryear. Just hope "progress" has not relegated them into extinction. While you may not agree with their style, hunters and trappers are usually very knowledgeable about water sources and wildlife habits.

Action

Maintaining journals not only helps you organize data, it could be a best effort at convincing a government agency an area is worth preserving. By monitoring animal migration through Gateway Wash in Yucaipa, the City Council voted that on a proposed development, natural drainage channels must remain intact. This is the first time in San Bernardino County Flood Control history that something other than concrete channels have been utilized. A major wildlife corridor will not only continue to function, but mitigative measures will allow enhancement of the riparian habitat. (For additional information, refer to Appendix M).
Suggested Student Activity

Students, even in an urban environment, can record information in a journal. Seasonal changes be observed, and basic statistic skills will be learned. The science class can suggest methods to improve the campus setting for wildlife from the data collected.
APPENDIX A

General Correspondence to Governmental Officials
11/20/86

Dear Barbara,

Your family has been part of the rich history of the San Bernardino Valley. From the use of your family name to signage of Cram Peak and being part of the evolution of the Valley "of the great smokes", I have difficulty with you not being more vocal against such widespread destruction of remaining citrus land and wildlife habitat. I know your's is only one voice in five, but outside of the housing tracts in Chino Hills, it seems the brunt of Orange County is headed this way. Progress cannot be measured in the amount of chimneys that rise from the valley floor, but the quality of life being lived by the people here.

The Sunrise Ranch levels over 600 acres of citrus, replaces it with 3000 homes and leaves a prime deer fawning ground (according to U.S.F.S. biologist Steve Loe) isolated by a chain-link fence. How would offsite water flow (with contaminants) effect the Santa Ana Wooly Star? There is no mention of any mitigation for this. How will the the Crafton deer herd move north to the National Forest if an impermeable barrier is set up along Rte. 38?

I would like to invite you on a field trip with our Green Club to tour the Crafton Hills/Santa Ana basin. My students have transportation and it would be good for them to hear an official discuss the future of these places.

Cordially,

Albert J. Kelley
G.A.T.E. Coordinator
Serrano School
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714 862-0230
January 20, 1987

Mr. Albert J. Kelley
Serrano Intermediate School
San Bernardino City Unified School District
3131 Piedmont Drive
Highland, California 92346

Dear Mr. Kelley,

Your letter raises many questions and concerns - answers to which would be too broad to cover in correspondence.

However, if it would be a benefit to your students, perhaps, we could arrange a member of our County planning staff to visit your class in order to explain how land-use decisions are arrived at.

If you care to do so please contact Mr. John Lightburn, my District Coordinator to make the arrangements.

Thank you for your interest and for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

BARBARA CRAM RIORDAN
Supervisor
Third District
San Bernardino County Superintendent Montecito,

I have written Barbara Blount and all of you concerning Montene Ranch and various impacts imposed by potential developments.

Just when I start to breathe, another threat is thrown upon the shrinking landscape via the grace of Yucaipa Valley Acres. "Blast me a tree!!!" Assault of Crago Hill and its fragile ecosystem on both sides?

I would be glad to take any and all of you on a trek through the wind to what you "have" plant and animal species I've encountered in my 7 yrs. as a California resident. It is also my area of preference for taking student field trips.

My students are being taught that ethics and land values for just being open are not desirable and mitigation is a term or "be manipulated for special interests. So I have it counter this apathetic attitude by grade and government officials and take time away from science studies to teach law and the depth of using recall (Moorse Valley).

They are potential voters and future citizens aware that comprehend the need for greenway and open space via sprawling California. Those kids are educating their parents and greatly care for San Bernardino's future!!

They won't tolerate calling decisions and I agree. Too many of those decisions have already limited their childhood experiences. Please spend the time to make the next decision be the made.

Praying for your wisdom and courage,
Abbot J. Kelley
Science Coordinator

Serrano Intermediate School
San Bernardino City Unified School District
3131 Piedmont Drive
Highland, California 92346

*noted; included in public record
Dear Barbara,

The last letter I sent you and the other supervisors concerned various approaches in dealing with greenbelt planning, wildlife corridors, and fragmentation of ecosystems. The issue I am concerned with involves a proposed development that exhibits all the criteria mentioned above and approval of the tract would guarantee degradation of an intact and fairly pristine local environment.

The Marshall tract in Mentone, along Rte. 38 and extending into Crafton Hills, was given approval by the Planning Commission and was granted not only a Greenbelt Ordinance Road waiver, but also an approved plan amendment which would lower the buildable lot size from 5 to 2.5 acres. The closest tract of this kind is the Stanley Ranch, 1 mile away!! this is classic "leap-frog" development that would not serve the few homes that currently have to deal with one of the most dangerous access roads in the area.

Another point that has been scantily addressed is the diversity of biological resources. Dr. John Goodman, Research Director for the County Museum, has been conducting biological surveys along with Professor Galbraith of Crafton Hills and Diane Ramirez-Kelley, Forest Service Biologist on the San Jacinto P.D. and Endangered Species Consultant for the city of Hemet. I am including a partial list of organisms observed, including 3 candidates for California State Endangered Species Listing. Dr. Goodman also discovered a new species of land mollusc that definitely warrants further study.

Two years ago, you provided myself and some students with a tour of the East Valley and you specifically stated that the Santa Ana trail and Crafton Hills were areas of priority in your efforts to secure open space. As you know, at election time last year, The Mirror wrote a letter I sent them concerning Prop. 70. That letter also mentioned the tour given to the students. That letter had been sitting in the paper's office for 2 months, so the timing definitely provided you mileage since it was taken as a Sierra Club endorsement. The students and the community would like you to honor the commitment made to them.

Marie Teeters attended an initial meeting of concerned citizens whose goal it is to preserve Crafton Hills as an Open Space recreational park. So, Barbara, we are helping you in your task. We have parcel maps, are speaking to owners, and are completing biota surveys. Earl Giddings, JimPoss, Ingrid Langerlof, and myself represent the many diverse types of individuals and their recreational needs. Dr. Goodmand has taken over 100 people on nature hikes in the Crafton Hills in conjunction with the Maudsley Museum. I have made a video of the area and will make you a copy.

What we need your support for is supporting a moratorium on developments that would effect the proposed park, especially plan amendments affecting densities. The Riverside Supervisors have limited development in the Box Springs area until park boundaries are established.

In closing, one can already see the negative impacts of sprawling new tracts placed on top of the regional park! One no longer gets the feeling of being removed temporarily from the "maddening" crowds. You can hear family squabbles mingled with owl hoots. The most abundant wildlife species is the domestic cat! A large Open Space Park COULD meet the needs of the mass migration east. We cannot allow such an opportunity and intact ecosystem to go the way of Industry Hills, a 'park' that was meant to be for the people. How about another professionally planned Chino Hills East?

Cordially,
Albert Kelley
Cons. Educ. Chair
Sierra Club
May 23, 1988

Mr. Albert Kelly
Serrano Intermediate School
3131 E. Piedmont Drive
Highland, CA 92346

Dear Mr. Kelly,

Thank you for your letter and suggestions within. We are working now on a Master Resource Plan for the Santa Ana River.

Enclosed please find the scoping study. I would appreciate any comments.

The Fish and Game Commission are very supportive of the study as is the Water Conservation District.

Sincerely,

BARBARA CRAM RIORDAN
Supervisor
Third District

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Enclosure
Dear Congressman Lewis,

I received the reply from Congressman Brown concerning my proposal that has been forwarded to you. I want to greatly thank you for your efforts in obtaining some funding for the Crest-to-Coast Santa Ana River Trail. As you may know, one of the key locations for a trail camp is the diversion on toward Crafton Hills in Yucaipa. Our goal as an open space conservancy is to ensure that trails and habitats be maintained and that has sorely been ignored in the Oak Glen area.

As is outlined, our efforts are for securing vital parcels for recreation and wildlife habitat alike. County Supervisor, Barbara Riordan provided myself and concerned students with a guided tour of the East Valley and discussed concern over preservation of Crafton Hills. Barbara's field assistant, Marie Teeters, asked that we also concentrate our efforts in the Pisgah Peak area managed by the National Forest. The parcels are located in mountainous slopes with zoning of 20-40 acres/development. That would make most building cost prohibitive.

The County of San Bernardino is also going to be left out in the legal "cold" with lack of planning and foresight for future endangered species management. With the federal parcels forming habitat blocks (such as Riv. County), recreation trails and public land is preserved. Even some of your local supporters, the Hansberger family, have expressed concern over the potential loss of the local area rural lands (I am including related article).

The Forest Service has given the ski industry special use permits for destroying old growth forest in order to expand their operations (I also ski) as well as providing acreage to a condominium developer on the Sierra National Forest under such permits.

In closing, sir, we would really appreciate your support and guidance on this matter of public lands. The chaparral environment is the highest priority for United Nations Biosphere Recognition and the intact nature of the parcels on the San Bernardino National Forest could play a major role. I hope to hear from you soon. My students await also. This project may play a significant role in the next few years.

Cordially,

Albert J. Kelley
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Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy
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August 31, 1990

Mr. Albert Kelley
P.O. Box 844
Redlands, CA 92373

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you for your recent letter, which I received shortly after the letter you had written to Congressman George Brown had been forwarded on to me.

Contact has been made with appropriate U.S. Forest Service officials concerning your organization's desire to acquire parcels of public land on the San Bernardino National Forest. As soon as the agency responds to my inquiry in your behalf I will be back in touch with you at once.

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry Lewis
Member of Congress
Honorable Jerry Lewis
Member, United States House of Representatives
1826 Orangetree Lane, #104
Redlands, CA 92374

Dear Congressman Lewis:

The San Gorgonio District Ranger and I have reviewed the documents submitted to you for your consideration by Mr. Albert J. Kelley. There are a number of statements regarding different areas that make it difficult to focus on the issues that concern the author of the letters. The following is a summary statement of what I believe Mr. Kelley is concerned about.

In the area of Pisgah Peak near the communities of Oak Glen and Yucaipa there are isolated parcels of National Forest System Lands surrounded by private holdings. Land development has progressed into the Yucaipa/Oak Glen area. The reference to habitat blocks, endangered species, recreation and public land preserves leads me to believe the author is concerned over possible land adjustment programs the San Bernardino National Forest might undertake. This response addresses that perception.

The Forest Service has a land adjustment program intended to acquire key parcels of non-Federal lands that support important resources or Forest programs and to consolidate the National Forest lands ownership. Land acquisition funds are very limited. Therefore, the Forest program primarily involves land exchanges. To acquire a desired parcel, the Forest will consider the disposal of a parcel of lesser resource importance or a parcel that is difficult to manage.

The Forest Land and Resource Management Plan provides local land managers with guidelines when considering acquisition or land disposal proposals. The following are examples of acquisition guidelines:

- Parcels which have Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive species habitat.
- Parcels which have water frontage or riparian habitat.
- Parcels needed to prevent development of isolated new communities.
- Parcels which are important in consolidating Federal ownership.
- Parcels which are important to meet general resource/agency objectives.

Guidelines used when considering disposal of National Forest System land are:

- Parcels are isolated from other National Forest System lands and are difficult to manage.
- Parcels are partially or completely surrounded by development.
- Parcels are more appropriate for community expansion.
- Parcels are intermingled with private land.
For any proposed land exchange, the Forest Service is required to complete an environmental analysis or environmental impact statement depending on the issues involved. In these documents the issues such as wildlife, riparian habitat, endangered species, recreation, and many other resources and social conditions are evaluated to determine how they are affected by the proposal. Public comments are solicited at the beginning of the environmental evaluation process and incorporated into the analysis and subsequent decision.

While we have had a few inquiries about the subject parcels, we have no active proposals for a land exchange. To my knowledge, we have not been formally contacted by Mr. Kelley or the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy. However, we do want to assure them that we are directed to protect and/or mitigate for key species and habitats, cultural resources and a number of other resources. The Forest Service has put much effort into understanding and providing for important vegetation, wildlife and habitats, and in fact has long been a leader in this area.

If the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy is interested in trying to acquire any of the subject parcels, we would be open to a proposal. However, if an evaluation of the parcels reveals that they have significant vegetation or wildlife, or other unique values, they may not be available for exchange.

Hopefully, this addresses the concerns of Mr. Kelley. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

CHARLES H. IRBY
Forest Supervisor

cc: District Ranger, San Gorgonio RD
APPENDIX B

Field Trips
Greetings,

First, my apologies for planning such a strenuous hike last Sunday. However, our group did amazingly well on what was a more demanding route than I had counted on. I had hiked it a few days earlier in the week (actually, I hike that particular trail regularly) and I felt that it was well within the abilities of the group; however, it did stretch a few to the limits.

Second, there will be no hike next weekend (Sunday afternoon) as I will be sitting out in the desert Friday through Sunday on a waterhole in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park; sitting for three days counting Desert Bighorns. Wild sheep in the Southwest continue to be threatened through constant loss of more and more of their habitat in our deserts. Over 35 years ago I began a study of bighorns in the Santa Rosa Mountains and published, myself and with several University of Redlands students, a number of papers on our researches. Now there are a half-dozen organized groups involved in one way or other with desert bighorns. The weekend of July 4th is always for the last 19 years the time of the annual desert bighorn count in Anza-Borrego.

Mid-summer hikes are planned in July-August, mostly at higher elevations in the San Bernardino mountains. Many trails in the San Gorgonio Wild Area are available only on a rationed basis and must be scheduled prior to the hike date with the Forest Service Station at the mouth of Mill Creek canyon. An entire day, perhaps on Saturday, will be planned. Sunday afternoons, meeting at the trailhead at 1:00 is also a possibility instead of Saturday.

Fall will include hikes in the Santa Rosa Mountains and in the Whitewater. The Whitewater is perhaps the finest area for hiking in fall, winter and early spring in Southern California, with miles of isolated and scenic canyons -- one could hike a different canyon for many months or a year or more and never repeat oneself. A good many have never been explored. Hikes of one day or overnite or even 3-5 days could be considered.

Kwa herini ya kuonana,

(Goodbye until we meet again)

John D. Goodman
Earth Day events schedule

- Sam LaBudde, whose investigations and testimony led to condemnation of the use of drift nets in tuna fishing and the protection of dolphins, will speak and show his videotapes in Earth Day 1991 programs at San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College.

LaBudde will appear at 11 a.m. April 19 in San Bernardino Valley College’s Liberal Arts 100, and 8 p.m. the same date in the Performing Arts Center auditorium at Crafton Hills.

The college will also feature an environmental exposition April 22 with information booths and displays.

- The Yucaipa United Methodist Church will present A Creation Celebration with a series of workshops concerning the environment and ecology Sunday, April 21 from noon-2 p.m. Speakers include representatives from Yucaipa Valley Water District, the San Bernardino County Health Department, Yucaipa Beautification Committee, Measure E and Rev. Rosemier. The church is located at 35177 Beech Ave., 797-1143.

- The San Bernardino County Museum will present Earth Day entertainment, education and booths April 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Earth Day exhibits include representatives from and for San Bernardino County Regional Parks, rain forest information, household energy effectiveness, recycling/precycling, United States Forest Service, the Sierra Club and many more groups and clubs.

- The City of Yucaipa will plant a symbolic Earth Day ornamental pear tree at Flag Hill Park Earth Day, April 22 at 10 a.m. Mayor Bill Semans, Mayor Pro Tem Lilian Eaton, City Manager Leslie Keene Stratton and city administrative assistant Jim Ruggles are scheduled to be on hand.

- The Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy is sponsoring Crafton Hills Day: An Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m. to noon at Crafton Hills College.

Nature walks led by biologists and conservancy members will depart hourly. After the walks, refreshments and a slide show of the wildlife, seasons and terrain of the Crafton Hills, as well as educational and recreational opportunities in the area will be presented by Al Kelley, wildlife biologist and teacher.
Nature walk

in anticipation of a large turnout for “Crafton Hills Day” nature walks planned for the morning of Saturday, April 27, Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy is recruiting additional leaders.

At the CHOSC meeting Friday afternoon, March 22 in the CHC Science Lab, Professor Robert Galbraith volunteered to lead a training hike for nature walk leaders Saturday, April 6 at 9 a.m.

Local residents who wish to volunteer to lead nature walks April 27 and to participate in the April 6 training hike with Galbraith may indicate their interest and receive further information by calling me at 792-3631 or Albert Kelley at 797-9545.

It is hoped that recent rains will lead to the emergence of many wildflowers this spring.

Galbraith and Kelley are preparing a guide for nature walk leaders. This will include a map and designated points of interest.
Tiptoe through CHC's wildflowers

By GERTRUDE HAGUM
Staff Columnist

For a close-up look at a variety of spring wildflowers, unique geological formations and wildlife, the public is invited to participate in nature walks sponsored by Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to noon at Crafton Hills College.

Two vans will transport walkers periodically from Parking Lot F past the golf course to Crafton Hills Fire Road, where the walks will begin.

Walkers will have a choice of two routes—a long, longer walk along the wide, level dirt fire road with spectacular views of Crafton Hills; and a shorter, steeper walk along a narrow path to a hilltop overlooking slopes covered with blue and lavender wildflowers.

During a two-hour "scouting" expedition April 17, I had the opportunity to join Albert Kelley and Earl Giddings in walking along both routes.

Kelley, a wildlife biologist and teacher who is coordinating the nature walks, finalized plans for making each route's points of interest before preparation of maps and guides for nature walk leaders.

Giddings, a recently retired Yucaipa postal employee, originated the concept of Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy, a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving land in its natural state for education, passive recreation, wildlife habitat and watershed.

Among the more than 25 varieties of plants noted along the nature walk routes, were blue Canterbury bells, yellow violets, and purple chicory, the source of nutritious seeds sold in health food stores.

Birds sighted included a golden eagle, red-tailed hawk and meadowlark.

In addition to Kelley, April 27 nature walk leaders include CHOCSC president Robert Galbraith, Crafton Hills College biology professor; Diane Ramirez-Kelly, U.S. Forest Service biologist in San Jacinto Mountains; John D. Goodman, retired biology professor who has taught at the University of Redlands in Redlands and in Uganda, Africa.

After the walks, participants are invited to quench their thirst with free lemonade, arranged for by conservancy member Barbara Wormer, who also serves on San Bernardino County Regional Parks Advisory Commission and Redlands Parks Commission.

Throughout the morning, Kelley's slides and videos of Crafton Hills braith's biology lab, Room 210, south of Parking Lot F.

43rd visitors' day tea

"Greenspot clubhouse on North Amethyst Street was all decked out in glorious array for the April 5 Greenspot Women's Club 43rd visitors' day tea," reports Norma Saveland, club correspondent.

"Floral decorations included five lovely basket bouquets and Barbara Bristow's gigantic crystal vase arrangements of roses, irises, snapdragons and many other colorful and fragrant flowers from her garden," Saveland said.

"On the main tea table were appealing looking tea and finger sandwiches, two delicious fruit and vegetable Jell-O salads, and homebaked pieces of cookies of all kinds, sizes and taste, along with coffee and punch," Saveland said.

Hostesses Virginia Johnson, Margaret Phye and Betty Wilbur were assisted by Berneice Bushnell and Betty Wilbur.

For this "fun day," the 20 guests and 17 members in attendance were arrayed in a variety of hats.

"I'm sure the Easter parade on Fifth Avenue, New York, did not have hats with any more character or charm," Saveland said.

Winning hat prizes in three categories were: Tanny Eichinger, the most original; Mildred Clark, the prettiest.

Program participants included Helena Mills, devotion; Gen Schmidt, a short reading, "Hugs"; and Candy Dunn of Clown Capers, who personified Bambi, the magician, and "The Amazing Woman of the 90's."

"Her routine was delightful and laughter was in abundance," Saveland said.

Dunn also told about her work as a board member of Make-a-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to terminally ill children.

"She has spent many hours at hospitals cheering up children who otherwise might not have anything to smile or laugh about," Saveland said.

President Gen Schmidt reported that pink, white, blue and yellow washable bunnies, made by club members, were delivered to area nursing home residents for Easter.

Guests present from the Friendly Club of Yucaipa were: Bertha Keaton, Louise McCaskey, Lela Peeters, Bernadine Hansen, Jo Harper, Myrtle Hammond, Jewell Cremer, Betty Hicks, Tanny Eichinger, Rozannel Simmons and Arlie Smith.

Other guests were: Marie Knodel, Betty Ryel, Lovie Mae Wise, Stella Garrett, Ruth Edwards, and Betty Kean from Mentone women's club; Beulah Landfried from the Church of Christian Love; and Mildred Schroder from Menone Congrega-
CRAFTON HILLS DAY
AN
EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

HELP US
SAVE THE CRAFTON HILLS

NATURE WALKS

ENJOY THE WILDLIFE AND SPECTACULAR VIEWS on nature walks led by biologists and Conservancy members. These walks are approximately 45 minutes long with easy to moderate terrain. They start at 8:00 am and depart each hour until noon.

SLIDE SHOW

AFTER YOUR WALK, JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AND SLIDES of the wildlife, seasons and terrain that make up the Crafton Hills, and the educational and recreational opportunities. Albert Kelley, a local wildlife biologist and teacher will narrate. Al has spent years hiking and guiding his students on interpretive walks through the Crafton Hills.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

LET US ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE about the Crafton Hills or the Conservancy. MAYBE YOU HAVE SOME IDEAS you would like to share with us.

DATE: Saturday, April 27

TIME: 8:00 am TIL NOON.

PLACE: Crafton Hills College, Room 210
11711 Sand Canyon Rd.
Yucaipa (see map on back)

Sponsored by the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy, a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving the valuable resources of Open Space land in its natural state for education, passive recreation, wildlife habitat, and watershed.
1. **CRAFTON HILLS** - Formed by compression between Crafton and Chicken Hill faults; decomposed granite erodes easily, thus Crafton consists of steep slopes and canyon.

2. **EROSION** - Shallow Cienega soils are great for digging badgers and ground squirrels, but difficult to build a solid house foundation on.

3. **FIRE ECOLOGY** - Repeated fires have eliminated slope vegetation except this lone elderberry survivor. Across this canyon, native plants have been replaced by weeds. This is due to illegal sheep grazing and too frequent fires.

4. **FAULTS** - This active fault formed a canyon. Plants release auxins from their roots to decompose rock. This allows vegetation to colonize steep slopes and stabilizes them.

5. **CHAPARRAL** - Spaniards nicknamed "little thorn forest". Requires periodic fire to maintain health and vigor. Some plants drop seed, while others sprout from root burls. The blue-blossomed shrub is called ceanothus or mountain lilac.

6. **GOLD RUSH** - Prospectors search for these veins of quartz and schist. Occasionally, faults produce gold in the veins. Most of the time, the gold is mica, also known as "Fool's Gold".

7. **WILDFLOWERS** - Phacelia, wallflower, lupine, fiddleneck; all respond to moisture and decomposed granite soils.

8. **PLANT COMMUNITIES** - Wet "riparian" forests exist in canyons, while chaparral and grasslands dominate hillsides.
WE ST TRAIL

1. **COASTAL SAGE** - Rapidly disappearing ecosystem due to development. 90% of this zone has been destroyed in Southern California. The majority of medicinal plants used by Serrano Indians were located here.

2. **WILDFLOWERS** - Because of recent fires, chaparral has not had time to regenerate, so enjoy this scene while it lasts.

3. **PLANT ADAPTATION** - Sage responds to fire by resprouting, while deerweed drops seed. Small leaves conserve water. Light-colored leaves reflect solar radiation.

4. **METAMORPHIC ROCK** - Formed by heat and pressure. Crafton Hills is unique in being a "foothill" mountain, unlike the San Bernardino peaks behind you which are block.

5. **WEATHERING** - Crumbled granite forms cavities trapping water. This elderberry exploits that resource, and becomes a lone, windswept survivor.

6. **ECOLOGY** - Means "home". Golf course provides rabbits and squirrels with fine dining. This draws predators to the edge of the fairway. Some animals can adapt to man's alteration of the land.

7. **CASA BLANCA BARRIER** - Seemingly barren slopes are home to canyon wren. In contrast to this environment, just immediately west, a geologic barrier captures ground water (and pollution).

8. **CRAFTON HILLS/EAST VALLEY** - What it took millions of years to form, rich agricultural soil, can be destroyed forever by bulldozer blades.
APPENDIX C

Letters to the Editor
Dear Editor:

While picking up litter last weekend, a friend and I happened across a small, well-worn path. We decided to follow it as it was very appealing and definitely led away from "civilization." The path was not more than a foot wide and there was something very strange about it. We finally decided that the complete absence of litter or human evidence was striking us as being so strange.

We followed the trail along for a quarter-mile or so and found it passed through canyon walls that were only 10 to 15 feet across. The silence was almost spooky and we found ourselves whispering and stepping very carefully as though we were afraid we might disturb wildlife.

After 20 minutes or so, the path split and followed two different smaller canyons. We chose the fork to the left and after about 10 minutes, we came across a spring and a large sycamore that obviously only sees the sun for an hour or two each day due to the height of the canyon walls. The dew was still heavy on the grass even though it was 3 p.m.

In the muddy banks of the spring we found dozens of footprints and then we knew why the path was so narrow and so free of human evidence...this was a coyote trail.

The valley residents occasionally see Mr. Coyote and certainly we all have heard him competing with the fire engine sirens at night, but to suddenly be in his territory was a strange and special experience.

A short distance up the trail from the spring, the canyon suddenly widened and we were on the edge of a clearing approximately 30 yards in diameter. The same idea struck us both at the same time, the gathering place for the tribe. The grass in the clearing was short and totally worn off instead of lush and green as in the rest of the canyon.

The number of footprints had to be in the thousands and the dirt in certain spots had signs of digging and burrowing. Sticks of all kinds had been brought into the clearing and a great deal of chewing had taken place.

Small trails through the surrounding brush led off into small, circular "rest areas." We were almost speechless as we took in all the sites of this "coyote arena" and tried to imagine what it would be like to witness the midnight assembly of these family-oriented beasts.

As we left the "gathering spot," we hoped we had not left any uneasiness or to disturb the next gathering of the coyotes; we suddenly felt like trespassers as we started back down the path.

As we left the area and attempted to get our minds back to a typical Sunday afternoon, we hoped that no one else would venture where we had been. It seemed to belong to the coyote even though he has no deed or certificate of ownership. I hope we will be careful as a civilization and will always be able to have the "Songdog" as our hillside neighbor.

Lenore Figueroa, Yucaipa

Contact officials

Dear Editor:

As a new resident of Yucaipa trying to seek a little solitude and breathing space, I thought I had left "progress" down the hill. But now I doubt my security with the multitude of proposed developments for the area. Agricultural zones and foothills may soon be paved over unless citizen action occurs.

I do believe we control our destiny and must leave a legacy of trust and open space for all generations. I can't compete with motorcycles while walking in Crafton Hills Wildlife Area and won't compete with rampant traffic and smog. So we must take a stand and act now.

By contacting elected officials, we can make known that Yucaipa-Calimesa are places where people can live, personally grow, and retire quietly. We mustn't settle for less.

Gratefully,

Albert J. Kelley

Yucaipa
Shortsighted

Editor:

Ken Levy's recent article on Seven Oaks Dam was timely and informative. The only problem that emerged was that the conversation with Maj. General Kelly illustrates that the Army Corps of Engineers still does not grasp the significance of altering the environment.

To date, not one acre of land has been formally purchased for mitigation of loss of 800 acres of riparian habitat on the river bottom. In fact, the M.W.D. is pursuing conservation easements rather than outright acquisition. One could question their sincerity of saving the Wooly Star and others whose habitat requires periodic flooding.

The article mentions creating Least Tern habitat near the dam. The only problem is that this endangered bird is a coastal species, nesting in sand dunes. Its survival is directly dependent on sediment flow from the Santa Ana. Dam construction will prevent sand flow from restoring beach areas, used by tern and swimmer alike.

Communities on the Upper Santa will bear the brunt of proposed development in the flood basin. More scrutiny of the project's impacts is needed for a project that will benefit Orange(less) County greatly and the East Valley little.

Albert J. Kelley
Yucaipa

Another View

Stop zoning change

Editor:

Most of the Via's Turkey Ranch off of Bryant is for sale and I have been told by the owner that he will request a zone change from 1-acre parcels to 1/2-acre parcels. This is not consistent with the surrounding area, except the Stanley Ranch Project.

This is the first major change requested for the northern part of Yucaipa that the city instead of the county will be looking at. If 1/2-acre lots are allowed at the Via's Turkey Ranch, then it would be very difficult to keep the northern part of Yucaipa at 1 acre or more as it is now.

The people in this community who would like the outlying areas of Yucaipa to keep their rural larger lot atmosphere need to be heard. Discussions on the new city general plan are to be started in February. Your opinion is important on this issue as well as on the Via Turkey Ranch.

LINDA HILL
VOICE
OF THE PEOPLE

Yucaipa sets an example

After visiting relatives in Yucaipa, I’m writing about the positive things I saw in this interesting community.

I live in Washington state, where California bashing has become the pastime. Yucaipa, however, is setting some progressive standards of which Washingtonians should take note.

I was happy to learn of the Crafion Hills Open Space Conservancy. It’s good to know there are others who see hillsides and open spaces for their natural qualities rather than for their financial and developmental potential.

My hat is off to Ingrid Lagerlof, the council members and others who are supporting this movement. I’d be hard-pressed to find an elected or appointed official in my hometown who would back this type of environmental stand.

Another impressive program is the Yucaipa Citizens Patrol. What a fantastic way to allow residents (especially senior citizens) the opportunity to be active in their community.

I also commend members of the Yucaipa school board for retaining the Impressions reading series. Reading and education experts view Impressions as a fabulous learning tool. In this age of increasing censorship and book-banning, I applaud the trustees for standing up to a vocal and well-organized (albeit misguided) minority.

Congratulations to Yucaipa residents on their wonderful city. They have people and leadership with an eye on the future.

Profound changes in store for the City of Yucaipa

Editor:

The profound changes that will effect the City of Yucaipa are at hand with the final documentation in the form of an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) released Aug. 28. The public has 45 days to make comments on a variety of issues.

The Chapman Heights project will add approximately 2,400 homes and over 5,000 residents and their vehicles. While the project and its overall accompanying impacts will change the fairly serene atmosphere that we relish in Yucaipa.

After attending and speaking at city council on this and rent control issues, I take confidence in the response of the mobilized seniors to get involved and make their voices heard in the political process. I ask that they do the same and respond to the available Chapman EIR.

Albert J. Kelley
Crafion Hills Open Space Conservancy
Lewis' plan for progress

At command headquarters, Rep. Jerry Lewis paces in his suite, stopping only to watch a moth get zapped by an electronic bug-eater. He squares his jaw and wonders what the night ahead will hold.

Tonight, he will implement the mandate to exterminate all those pesky, endangered creatures who won't submit to progress. He feels comfortable knowing that the Realtors are behind him. He ponders the audacity of the vermin that have prevented homes from being built in this earthquake-riden, smog-hidden whereabouts.

The order is given! The liberation of the coastal chaparral has begun! Horned lizards hurl themselves at developers, trying to puncture their inflated egos. Kangaroo rats lunge with bared incisors, discovering once you tear off one of their red ties, they immediately retreat. A Black-Tailed Gnatcatcher kamikazes itself into a Mercedes hood emblem. The driver loses control and crashes, having lost his status. The infidels are winning. War! The horror!

A last-ditch effort is agreed to by the congressman. The chance to provide homes for humanity to carry on their population-driven assignment is at stake. A SCUD (Species Cessation Upon Delivery) is launched.

Three weeks later, the hums of bulldozer, pit bull and infant fill the thick summer evening. Lewis is given a gold star to add to his thousand points of light. The endangered species are no longer that. All is well in the Inland Empire.

ALBERT J. KELLEY
Yucaipa

Letters welcome

All letters must be signed. Please include your address and a daytime telephone number. Letters may be edited for brevity. Address them to: Voice of the People, The Sun, 399 N. D St., San Bernardino, Calif. 92401. You may FAX letters to (714) 885-8741.
VOICE
OF THE PEOPLE

Preservation is patriotic

With war looming, the concept of patriotism easily gets clouded, but from the undulating hills of China to the golden deserts of the Mojave, patriotism begins on the homefront. “America, the Beautiful” reflects the beauty of our country. But the freedom to see “purple mountains’ majesty” through “spacious skies” begins with protecting those resources.

The patriotic notion of land ethics has been redefined by developers as obstructionist. This folly has turned our fruited plain into swaths of oleander and amber waves — an ocean of monotonous red-tile roofs.

Caring individuals have the ability to alter the fate of the land Empire with San Bernardino County’s proposal to create an open space and park district. By participating in the plan, foothill areas and the Santa Ana River could be preserved for recreational, educational and historical possibilities.

Wildlife corridor and parkland acquisition would eliminate the problem of purchasing habitat for species eventually listed as endangered. The lack of such foresight prevented any development in western Riverside County for two years.

Our lifestyle, dreams and aspirations directly reflect the quality of the environment. Anyone who believes in the principles that have been repeatedly defended by our country also has the right to stroll in our local environs, with only the howl of the coyote and hoot of an owl to accompany them.

The open space district would help guarantee that reality. Please support it now and on the June ballot.

ALBERT J. KELLEY
Yuccaipa

California forests need Prop. 130

Imagine galloping over a coastal, sage-covered ridge, taking in the panorama of the distant Palos Verdes Peninsula, with a waning sun casting cool shadows over the thick canopied black oak flat in Cajon Pass, and catching a glimpse of a grizzly sow with cubs sauntering through fragrant deerbrush.

Then enter a time warp. Where there was once a huge, fresh-water marsh, fringed by willow and alder, there is now a gray concrete monster with hordes of scurrying people, imprisoned by their smoke-belching and ear-piercing activities, the mascots are locked in dismal brown haze.

The only wildlife to be seen walls by the roadside to scavenge the remains of an unfortunate victim, clubbed by one of the faceless machines. The smell of sage is replaced by Fiberglas and sewage.

Even more insane is the excitement generated over a hillside fire. They’re actually trying to put it out. It seems that they have no idea that the same burned area will provide deer and antelope good foraging next winter!

Although we cannot return to the simple scenario of yesteryear, we have the ability, under Proposition 130, Forests Forever, to identify habitat and allow purchase of stands of oaks and conifers that are not currently under Forest Service or park protection. It needs your support.

ALBERT J. KELLEY
Yuccaipa

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How To Write An Effective Letter

Letters from constituents are extremely important to decision makers, since most of them do want to know what the people they represent think about issues. Too often laws are passed and/or policy decisions made with little or no interest shown by constituents. Many letters in support of or in opposition to an issue do have significant impact. A letter is more important than most people realize.

When educational issues are being considered, letters from parents may often be more persuasive to legislators and other decision makers than are those from educators.

The following tips for writing to local, state, or federal government officials have been compiled from many sources, particularly from the work of David Kret, former Senator from Arizona.

1. Identify yourself, position, community, the basis of your interest in gifted/talented, or expertise in the area.
2. State your request in the first paragraph and identify the legislation by bill number if your letter is in regard to specific legislation. (AB and number for an Assembly Bill, SB and number for a Senate Bill—for California bills. Example: AB 1040)
3. Show your appreciation for any previous support in this area.
4. Advance the main arguments in favor of your position in a factual manner, but be as brief as possible. Explain why the issue is important to you.
5. Assume that your letter will be read, considered, filed, and acted upon. Be courteous, constructive, reasonable, and never threaten, or you will lose credibility. Never give exaggerated or misleading information that might embarrass your decision maker in front of his or her colleagues. Facts must be accurate. If you know the source, cite it.
6. Write letters in your own words. Form letters or mimeographed cards do not produce interest or results.
7. Use your own stationery and stamps. Unless you are an authorized spokesperson for your place of employment, never use your work time or materials for advocacy purposes.
8. State your office or area of responsibility and use organization stationery if representing a group.
9. Be neat—type if your handwriting is hard to read. Grammar and punctuation are not as important as your ideas, but do spell names correctly.
10. End with a note of appreciation and use your full name and address. This will let the official know that you are a constituent.

THOUSANDS OF LETTERS ARE NEEDED!
APPENDIX D

Individual Contacts
Dear Larry LoPre

This letter is an urgent plea for assistance in helping to inventory fauna and flora, as well as specific geologic conditions, occurrences, etc., on the Crafton Hills mountain range.

Myself, Jim Poss, and a host of equetrian and hiking groups have been "encouraged" in joining Earl Giddings in an overdue and ambitious plan to secure ALL of the area of Crafton Hills for an Open Space/Recreation Park. We already have been able to 'tentatively' identify an open space corridor that extends from the Yucaipa Regional Park, over the top of Zanja Peak, and then down the north slopes to Rte. 38. The land is owned by the county, B.L.M., and the city of Redlands, and all seem open to the idea. This 'core' is approximately 1000 acres. But, we want it all!!!!!

Since raptors are nesting and flowers are blooming, it is urgent that the inventorying occur quickly. I know of some potential unique nesting sites and seeps. I would like to meet with you at your convenience or give you a map of the specific area and obtain results. We have done homework already of identifying land owners and parcels and have obtained some local environmental data. We need your help!!!!! There are approximately 5 other individuals that we help will join our efforts.

If you can help in any way, call Al Kelley, 797-9545 or Serrano School, 862-0230.

Greg Balmer
5894 Grand Ave.
Riverside, Ca. 92504
686-0554
(Entomology)

Gene Anderson (Anthropology)
3141 Terrace Drive
Riverside
682-7252

Oscar Clark
1012 Spruce
Riverside, Ca. 92507
369-8809
(Botany)

Alan Craig
San Jacinto Wildlife Area
654-2379
(Biologist)

John&Gena Goodman
Mt. Home Village
794-2563
(Biologists)

Valerie Leathers
Holme Peters
24051 Groven Lane
Moreno Valley, Ca. 92387
247-8911

Gertrude Hagum
792-3631

Gene Cardiff
S.B. County Museum
792-1334
(Curator)

Larry LaPre
Audubon Society
664-7081
(Director)

Chino Hills East!!!!!!!!!!!
Here we come.
Hi,

I just now found your note on my windshield of my Toyota truck. How it got there, I've no idea.

Yes, I would be much interested in cooperating on a floral and faunal inventory of the Crafston Hills area. In fact, I have had a similar project in mind for months, to do sometime, so maybe that "sometime" is right now!

My wife is "Jeanne" (pronounced Jean) so I have no idea how her name appears in your note as "Gena"; just another mystery, I guess.

It was my plan to search for land snails, unquestionably present, in that area, especially where there are seeps. In addition, I would be happy to do the reptiles, the birds, especially on the lookout for redtail nests, thrashers, etc., and the plants.

Jeanne won't be available. She is busy on one of our wildlife films. We make travel-adventure type films and show them around the country, now that I'm retired (41 years university teaching).

I will use your note and call you, possibly tonight; however, I often have difficulty finding people at home, and typing this is easy for me, so I sat down and ran this off first.

Sincerely yours,

John D. Goodman
Hello, I was by your place on Thursday, the day I hiked into the Crafton Hills. I found only one place that I could enter the area, behind the property of Crafton Hills College. There, I hiked the wildlife preserve and didn't attempt in the time I had to go any farther.

I am appending a list of what I saw. It is a start anyway. I made a collection of the plants; however, I haven't gotten a collecting permit, so I am probably breaking the law in doing it. I could, of course, get one and I must.

In such a brief time I found nothing remarkable or rare. And there may be little or nothing that is of an endangered etc. status there. I expected to find several things that I didn't, and may have missed seeing them or maybe I was too early.

It is my intention to go into the area several times. I would enjoy a hike in with you some time, if possible. I was on my Yamaha and went entirely around the Crafton Hills looking for an entry but was unable to anyplace but behind the College.

Probably most if not all of the birds except the White-crowned Sparrow are nesting, or will, there.

PS-- Have you succeeded in getting any other volunteers to do inventories?

John Goodman

17 April, 1989
Hello again.

Yesterday, I hiked the north side, going in from a small road near the Mill Creek Ranger Station, directly up onto Zanja Peak. It was a perfect day to hike, sunny and cool until about 5:00. I went in at 9 and got to the car at 5:00. I spent most of the mid-day hiking around "on top" Zanja Peak (north) and Zanja Peak (South) and the other taller hills.

I made notes of 80 kinds of plants, most of those in the former list and a few different ones and a few more than the last list. I did find land snails right up near the top, underneath an old pad of Yucca whipplei. It is a new species, one I'm collecting in Mill Creek Canyon as well, as yet not described.

Of the birds, I found a nest of Red-tailed Hawks atop a windmill. I suppose it is Red-tails, though I got a glimpse of the top of a head, bobbing up to look around and then sinking back out of sight. The nest is huge and it struck me that a slim, slim possibility exists it is the nest of a Golden Eagle, but that is too unlikely to even entertain a hope it is. I will go back, climb a side hill and be able to look down into the nest that way. It is raining today. I may do it tomorrow.

Of the reptiles, I found one adult San Diego Horned Lizard, Phrynosoma coronatum blainvillii. As you may know, it is fully protected in California.

Of birds, other than the nest, I saw 35. I'll append a list.

When could you go in? It would be nice to hike in with you sometime soon. I even thought about advertising a trip somehow, a nature hike perhaps. The way I went in yesterday is great and though steep in one spot (steep enough we'd rest twice) it is largely just an easy stroll to the top of Zanja Peak. I still haven't found any open water.

Best regards,

John

Al and Diane Kelley
12414 Fourth St.
Yucaipa, CA 92399

25 April '89
He's only alone.

I thought it was hearing I'd been deaf.

Pretty well, considering (I am going to see them really look at deer in May). The mention of the vulture 8, a nest of a golden eagle. Was it in Crofton, Maine and was it the black-tailed fox.

Polar bear was noticeable but the snow abundant in the area. The live spring round by late August? I found the B.C. only in the woods, even there the B.C. is usually the more common one.

I was happy to meet Theresa Kruegerberg, I hadn't reported until the other morning. Kathleen Woodman, keep trying the winter tides in an area nineteen feet high. Start of Angelica Oke.

Dear all,

I got a terrier mix named Franny today. I've never seen a terrier before, and I think she's a cute little thing. She's getting along well with the Crested Turtles. Do you think we should get another turtle to keep them company?

I also got a new classroom for myself. It's a big room with a lot of windows. It feels nice and bright.

I've been working on my thesis, and I've made some progress. I'm hoping to finish it soon.

I hope everyone is doing well.

Best,
John D. and Mary K.
1/3 8 July 1990

Dear [Name],

Regarding the endangered - there are - the birds there left with me -

First, I've looked at them and ever enquired, 

my opinion - and I feel -

(1) Nothing there on paint names, bits we do not already know about -

(2) Some few things are not there - e.g., the Superfus Kingsport.

(3) Most of the plants they are not from the Dedman

and instead are from Austin & Texas Company -

What about me to believe -

They are not with the Highmore plant, either in the northern part

of the State nor even downwards either - probably

by UC Berkeley, Stanford, + there to groups like the

Botanical Conservancy, Science Club, etc. - or in the field both.

There in getting many more times. At this time, we come down here -

Which means that we need to find our solution, and the things we have down here that require special listing and

an effort more to keep them - surely all the endangered

species aren't just up there -

There are many things that -

(1) We do not have up there but are more down here -

(2) Judge those species circumstances, do up there that can

here to these but -

— 78 —

67
(3) Things we've not nearly finished in the last three

to discover a document that on the third sheet might

How threatening it is here, they say, isn't it

been before it's telling. You hearing? I alluding.

Several gentlemen should be their part to be fairly

Common done here so I've come to this as

very rarely. (Though farther up in Scott or farther

next nearer the Coast. They may not all be that)

Where on the impetuous

Geographic consciousness, It's practically gone in So.

California, Subtire, says (p. 67) "Move at first throughout

My next letter. Beside certain California"

And our "Yellow egg a foreigner" nearly gone

(1) From "yellow egg" (egg) (egg) crake (crake)

(2) From "yellow egg" (egg) (egg) (egg) (egg)

Needn't be on this list.

I wasn't certainly had many more tracks than they have

on the last / such as the engraving. At the

Aquatic Zone. The Kelham, Terns, etc. Of course all

the various kinds and clouds of these could not

Le 2 9 19 14
All right, I was in Castroville going today and pretty early. It was a little bit of a mild call from the weather. It was sometime in the morning. There was a mother -

so much work (or not much work) that I was thinking, or in some traveling hospitals, or 

and then I was thinking, while there's so much -

Two pairs of red-tailed opossums, hanging in an, to a plane. I mean

They were peering into each other. I watched out of the way from under the tree.

And then the sun was blinding, somewhere to the west, I thought they would

back from the Castroville college.

I discovered the wine letter around Castro, somewhere.

or I guess the one from my dad. I didn't have to seek hard, as I found it in

12 Casey Lane, Module 2 in the wine office which I could see from my

frontage on the road. Under the road I could see a

found but not found, Helianthus indicator. The whole area looked

They are surrounded, the inter-related garden Helianthus, and in the center of the

around beside in to California.

Helianthus indicator. In more like the field

was delighted to get them.

Best bed, all, under a log near the river (the day 3 am strong)

Scupper, Helianthus indicator. Not large, blue step in ground

in box, under large bush, under log, log on ground.

John D. Goodman PhD
Research Associate
Morphology
Zoology
San Bernardino Co.
Orange
202 Orange Tree Lane
Radiance, Ca. 92372
The most distinctive character are its long leaves, dark in color, foot long in length, a small tail, and a long skinny stem or stalk. With a slender, bulbous region, this plant is known for its resilience.

It looks rather awesome, so I imagine we can use it to decorate the front yard of its grounds. It adds to the aesthetic appeal. A relative, *Andropogon*, is one of the flowering grasses, found in Egypt, Algeria, and Algeria, *Andropogon avellanoides*.

They're true ornamental plants, completely. It keeps the roots and the soil healthy, or it helps these anyway. We could try to keep them, or at least grow with these ornamental plants.

Anyway, I thought you would like to know about these.

Let's see in the future, see you're getting into a new house. Keystone Pats, probably, a lot more. The Stephens, Karl, is fine. They are nice. And the Bonnemans or whatever they are doing. May the best things go your way. Good morning on Calij. Much luck, short. I'm trying to write them. Yes, you there.

![Diagram of a map with various locations marked, including Gold Coast, C. H. College, and a route labeled as "Water Control Conveyer." Legend points to "Water Control Conveyer" with an arrow and "River." The text "Water Control Conveyer?" is written along the route.
APPENDIX E

Conservancy Parkland Proposal
We, the undersigned, would like to request an open space park in the Crafton Hills.

With the continued and rapid growth of the East Valley area, there will become a demand and need for both developed parks and open space. Yucaipa Regional Park has been well-planned, and, at present, meets the needs of the existing residents. But as additional residents move in, the park will become overcrowded and will need to be expanded. Also, users of the park (day users, overnight campers, and equestrian groups) will need recreational outlets in the form of trails with surrounding open space.

Because of the projected population growth of this area, the accommodation of these recreational outlets will necessitate creating an open space park not only by using the land already owned by the county but by purchasing adjacent land owned by private individuals.

Crafton Hills is an ideal location for an open space park for the following reasons:

1. The already developed County Regional Park is contiguous with the southeast section of Crafton Hills.

2. The county now holds approximately 680 acres adjacent to the County Regional Park, and to retain ownership of this acreage per the BLM, the county must commit it to either an open space recreational park or a solid waste disposal site. (Solid waste uses are unacceptable because of the proximity to residential areas and the County Regional Park's picnic grounds. Per Calif. State Code) (Info. from Jim Poss.

3. It is centrally located, being surrounded by Mentone on the north, City of Highland & Redlands on the west, Glen Oaks on the east, and Yucaipa on the south.

4. Feeder trails from both the north and south sides connect with the proposed Santa Ana River Trail. (See aerial maps)

5. It is a beautiful area with an all-season mild climate for year-round usage. (Flora and fauna info from Al Kelley)

6. So far, it is untouched by development.

Purchases of privately owned lands to add to the Crafton Hills Open Space Park is necessary for the following reasons.

1. The high population growth rate of the area will require more open space, and possibly room for expansion of the developed County Regional Park.
2. There is a substantial & cost-justifiable high usage by hikers, mountain bicyclists and equestrians on the already constructed fire roads and trails connecting county owned with private owned areas of Crafton Hills.

3. It is a good time to purchase additional private lands before the costs of real estate go so high as to make the purchase costs prohibitive.

4. Developer encroachment will also raise the prices by making the undeveloped land more accessible and valuable.

5. The topography and accessibility of the steeper portions are much more suitable to trails and open space than development.

The following are governmental and private land holders who could contribute to the Crafton Hills Open Space Project without any land purchases by the county.

City of Redlands (Amenable to Open Space Park Idea) 237 acres.
County Regional Park (Already developed) 80 acres.
Yucaipa Valley Acres (Proposed approx 200 acres of open space not counting the golf course) 200 acres.
County & Regional School Districts. (Includes developed areas) 650 acres.
Municipal Water District 250 acres.
County of San Bernardino (Including closed disp. site) 680 acres.

Approximate Total: 2097 acres.
July 13, 1989

Mr. Steven K. Messerli, Director
Regional Parks Department
San Bernardino County EPWA
385 East Third Street
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0833

RE: Proposal for a Regional Nature Park submitted in accordance with paragraph F., 1.; chapter VI of the San Bernardino County Regional Parks Department Strategic Master Plan, 2010: Our Parks Future.

Dear Mr. Messerli:

Open space resources for recreation that are managed passively for persons seeking activities such as birding, hiking, or equestrian uses are not currently available in the East Valley Regional Park System. The Crafton Hills in Yucaipa, adjacent to the Yucaipa Regional Park, has all the necessary qualities for such an open space resource.

Recognizing the need for protection of open space, the California Trails Conservancy submits this proposal under the description of a NATURE PARK. (Master Plan, paragraph F, chapter IV) We request that you evaluate our proposal to create a NATURAL OPEN SPACE Regional Park on Crafton Hills west of the existing Yucaipa Regional Park.

A review of the criteria used to evaluate new parks as listed in paragraph E, chapter IV shows that this park qualifies in the areas of:

1. Projected growth for the East Valley.
2. Preserve natural resources. (Ecological habitat, watershed, open space)
3. Riding and hiking trails.
4. Preserve open space for future use.

As urban pressures increase in San Bernardino County, we are discovering a need for identifying open space resources and developing plans to acquire them. Recent approval of $75,000 by the Board of Supervisors for identification of open space is a positive first step toward this goal.
The Crafton Hills remain a rich coastal sage scrub plant community and represent a critical wildlife corridor to the yellow pine forest across the Santa Ana River in the San Bernardino National Forest. A diversity of plants and trees that provide habitat for many species of birds, mammals, and reptiles exists. Furthermore, habitat quality can be increased with proper management. The hills represent significant watershed resources and a natural buffer from flooding in the Dunlap Acres area of Yucaipa.

Views from the ridges and peaks are breathtaking as one looks either to the San Bernardino mountains or to the mesas and valleys of the communities below. Zanja peak, at over 3500 feet above sea level, towers up to 1500 feet above the Dunlap area where the first settlers of San Bernardino County built the Old Adobe.

County property involved in this proposal is apparently under a land patent with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Part of the language in the BLM agreement with the county requires the county use the land for solid waste disposal or open space recreational use. Solid waste uses for the property are unacceptable because of the proximity to down stream residential areas and the Yucaipa Regional Park's three lakes. Furthermore, urban encroachment of landfill sites is unacceptable according to the State of California Waste Management Board. (Steven K. Ault, R. S., M. Sc.) The BLM no longer authorizes solid waste disposal sites on land patents issued, only recreational uses.

The city of Redlands owns land adjacent to the county parcels and the already developed Yucaipa Regional Park is contiguous with the proposed park. The remainder of Crafton Hills between the proposed park boundaries and Crafton Hills College property are privately owned. The eastern property of Crafton Hills College is currently managed as a wildlife refuge at the bequest of the owners who donated the college land and it represents some of the best examples of the chaparral environment.

The following agencies and private land owners could provide a contiguous open space corridor that would reach from Highway 38 near Mentone past the Yucaipa Regional Park to the Wildlife refuge at Crafton Hills College.

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The combination of these community assets increase the potential for an outstanding open space park in this area to a high degree. Conceptually, the entire undeveloped portions of the Crafton Hills, if preserved, would be an open space resource for hiking, birding, horse back riding, esthetic values and solitude, as well as a living laboratory for biology students at the adjacent Crafton Hills College, Yucaipa High and grade schools.
By prohibiting motorized vehicle use in the park and through passive management, the park could be a sorely needed limited use recreation area. The esthetic resource Crafton Hills represents for the Community of Yucaipa is taken for granted by too many of it's citizens, yet the hills are a critical and common resource to every citizen.

Sources of funding can be sought through the proposed open space study approved by the Board of Supervisors. Mechanisms that could be explored include a county wide open space bond initiative, development fees levied for open space acquisition, and by adding a tenth of a cent to a road bond measure. State legislation that is pending (AB 145) may also be examined as a potential source of revenue.

All revenue raised would go toward acquisition of private lands, not identified in this proposal, with the initial purchase being used to link up with the areas designated as open space within the "Barrington Bluffs" Planned Unit Development and land in the north east section of Crafton Hills.

To insure that undeveloped land is available for purchase, it will be necessary to make a temporary change in the zoning for Crafton Hills. Lot sizes would need to be increased to a minimum of 20 acres. This will allow time to establish mechanisms for funding the land purchases.

There is a substantial and cost-justifiable high usage by hikers, mountain bicyclists and equestrians on the already constructed fire roads and trails connecting county owned with private owned areas of Crafton Hills.

The topography and accessibility of the steeper portions of Crafton Hills are much more suitable for trails and open space than development.

In general, the Crafton Hills area within the Yucaipa Community must be preserved and this open space park proposal is consistent with and compliments future plans for the community.

TYPES OF USE:

Hiking, horseback riding, interpretive nature trails, birding, picnicking, sightseeing, walking, nature photography, and a living biological laboratory.

LOCATION:

The county owned parcels, numbers 0302 201 03, 0303 021 04, 0303 031 01, 0303 031 02, 0303 031 06, and 0303 121 04, just west of the Yucaipa Regional Park could be used to make a park of approximately 680 acres. The City of Redlands owns 237 acres of land that connect to the north west corner and has indicated an interest in open space parks. Combining the land owned by the county and city of Redlands would result in a park(s) of about 920 acres.
FACILITIES:

Facilities should be held to a minimum, only those necessary to operate the park, with an occasional bench and hitching rack along the trails. The only roads (dirt) in the park would be those required for fire safety. The park should be maintained in a natural state with little evidence of man's work in the park.

FUNDING:

Funding sources are listed in 2010 Our Parks Future paragraph A.; chapter VI. They include county general fund, grants, county park bond, developer fees, special assessment district and joint powers agreements.

PARK EXPANSION:

To insure that the park stays viable as the population continues to explode in our area it will be necessary to obtain additional lands. As development surrounds the park cutting off access routes for the mammals, and human use increases, more land will be required to provide an island community that can sustain itself. This can be accomplished through proper planning by far sighted leaders.

The alternative to establishing a Regional Park is for the county to approach the State of California by providing a kernel (through owned land) for a state park where real property could be acquired and managed by the State Park System. Also the possibility of a land trust, established using the model of the Nature Conservancy, should be explored if no other agency chooses to adopt the land for use as a park.

In summary, Crafton Hills is an ideal location for a Regional Nature Park, it is centrally located, being surrounded by Mentone on the north, cities of Highlands and Redlands on the west, Oak Glen on the east, and Yucaipa on the south. It embodies a rich plant community, has a diversity of plants and trees with an abundance of birds, mammals, and reptiles. It will provide a source of solitude, relaxing recreation, and a living laboratory for students in a region that is projected to have a population of 182,848 by 2010. Equestrian and hiking feeder trails from both the north and south connect with the proposed Santa Ana River Trail. It is easily accessible to residents of the region and beyond. It will compliment the Yucaipa Regional Park and be a source of pride for the entire county.
June 15, 1989

Mr. Earl Giddings
California Trails Conservancy
35240 San Carlos
Yucaipa, California

Dear Mr. Giddings:

This letter is in support of a proposal to set aside a portion of the Crafton Hills as an open space area.

Crafton Hills College has a large portion of the campus set aside as a wildlife sanctuary and if it were connected to an open space, the area would be enriched with an increased number of different habitats and a greater variety of plants and animals.

On our campus we have had a nature study program for elementary age children which includes nature walks on trails combined with a laboratory program. Children have an opportunity to see plants and animals from the local environment.

The Redlands-Yucaipa area will soon be completely urbanized however part of the rural, open environment which people seek as they move from the congestion of Los Angeles and Orange Counties can be saved for the enjoyment of the residents of this area.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Galbraith
Professor of Biology

RG/sb
RESOLUTION OF THE
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
CRAFTON HILLS OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY

WHEREAS, Section 5506.8 of the California Public Resources Code, as added by Chapter 1017 of the Statutes of 1990, effective January 1, 1991, authorizes the formation of a Regional Park and Open Space District ("District") in San Bernardino County; and

WHEREAS, such proposed District would be formed for the general purpose of acquiring, preserving, protecting, operating and maintaining open space, parks, recreation facilities, habitat conservation areas, as well as hiking, bicycle and equestrian trails; and

WHEREAS, the proposed District would greatly assist with the implementation of the Regional Parks Department Strategic Master Plan, including establishment of new regional park and trail facilities, the improvement and refurbishment of existing facilities and the protection of significant wildlife habitat, historic archeological and other open space resources; and

WHEREAS, the proposed District would also help meet park and recreation needs in participating cities and recreation and park districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy endorses the establishment of a Regional Park and Open Space District and encourages the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors to place measures on the ballot to establish the District and to authorize the Board to levy an annual benefit assessment for the purpose of allowing the District to carry out its responsibilities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy this 2nd day of November, 1990.
Dear Mr. New,

I'm writing to you just to ask why you are building golf courses instead of something more interesting. Why not build a park? We don't have much of them anymore since people build stupid things like country clubs and condos and apartment buildings over them. Besides, don't you want to build something that everyone will visit? Usually just when we're there and golf. None of them bring their wives or children, what do they bring and children do by themselves? They just sit around. Trust me, I know all about it.

Another thing is that wives feel that their husbands don't care for them anymore because they go out golfing so much. Didn't you know it may cause divorces?

Now, picture this, a whole green lawn with lots of trees and maybe a few picnic benches. At one of the picnic benches is a family. A WHOLE family eating and sharing family news with one another. Not far from them is a children's playground for all the children to have fun on. Wouldn't this be a lot better than a group of guys ignoring their family and hitting balls all day? I'd like you to think about this because if you make a golf course, I know a lot of people who aren't going to be there. Please respond.

Sincerely,
Sarah Fairchild
2223 N. Besada St.
Highland, CA 92346
APPENDIX F

Organizational Meeting (Scoping)
### Representatives Attending

**MARCH 15, 1989 TRAILS MEETING**

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(Unable to attend)
February 17, 1989

Al Kelley,
12414 4th St. Sp. 72
Yucaipa, CA. 92399

Dear Al,

Enclosed is a list of the people who attended our meeting, (I also included those who were invited, but unable to attend). Thank you for your participation and input.

I hope everyone learned something and met some other people with the same concerns. Although we didn't accomplish much in the way of organizing a trails and Open Space Task Force, I think it was the general consensus that we should meet again with the appointed Santa Ana River Trails Task Force Advisory Committee, and determine the subcommittees and their responsibilities at that time. We already have some specific projects to work on, both for open space and trails.

I will stay in touch with Marvin Hutchinson, and when this Advisory Committee is officially appointed, and they have their staff organized, I will set up a date for us to meet with the appropriate members of their staff so we can get something organized in the way of a "Trails and Open Space Task Force" (We need a name, any suggestions?).

Also, Gerry Newcombe of the Parks Department would like to set up a meeting with us to discuss improvements, needs, and fees for the Regional Park Equestrian Staging area.

Please call me if you have any suggestions or questions. I will keep in touch with you, and thank you again for attending the meeting.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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March 11, 1989

Al Kelly,
12414 4th St. Sp. 72,
Yucaipa, CA 92399

Dear Al,

As we discussed on the telephone, this meeting on Wednesday is going to be a joint effort to prepare for and plan another, hopefully much larger meeting at which we would like to demonstrate to Supervisor Barbara Riordan, and Director of Regional Parks Steve Messerli, the large number of equestrians, hikers, and open space advocates interested in seeing some of the projects they have proposed to us initiated, and followed through to completion.

At this Wednesday's meeting, we must make some decisions which should be geared toward getting the largest number of people to attend our "big" meeting. The following is a brief outline of what we will be discussing.

I. Selection of a Project. The following are projects suggested so far.

A. Crafton Hills Open Space and Trails System. A project continuously referred to by various branches of the county government as "worthwhile, significant, and important environmentally.

B. The Regional Parks Equestrian Staging and Camping Area. This one was recommended over a year ago, and has not been designated.

C. A Network of Trails Systems. Linking various portions of communities in San Bernardino County with the Santa Ana River Trail, a project which was started in 1975, temporarily abandoned, then recently revived and brought up at the Tri-County Trails meeting in January.

(We can combine any or all of these projects—they are all interrelated)

II. Selection of Speakers.
On this one, it's a who, what, how many & how long.

III. Estimated size of meeting.
Try to get a ball-park estimate of the number of people in your group or others that might be interested in attending this meeting.
IV. Location of meeting.
Should we hold this at a meeting hall? Giant trail ride?
What are your ideas?

V. Time and Date of meeting.
Again keeping in mind that we want as many to attend as possible.

VI. Media Representatives.
We would like to be covered by the media (It keeps the record straight) Think about a press release format to invite them, possibly a pre meeting article.

VII. Advertising Methods
I will bring a draft flyer and classified ads we can improve on. If you have any talent with this type of thing, please bring it with you!

Please bring your ideas and input to the meeting. This is where we get to use all that class participation stuff we learned in school!

Call me if you have any questions—797-8550. AND THANKS!

This Wednesday, 7:15pm 10288 Country Lane Rd. Yucaipa 797-0487
November 21, 1989

Dear Friends of Crafton Hills:

I would like to invite you to attend a meeting at Crafton Hills College to consider an open space proposal for the Crafton Hills. The meeting will be held on Friday, December 8, at 1:15 p.m., in the Biology laboratory (LA-211). Parking Lot F provides the most convenient parking.

An agenda is enclosed for your consideration. If you have any questions please call me at the college. I hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

Bob Galbraith
Professor of Biology

Enclosures:
- Campus Map
- Agenda
CRAFTON HILLS OPEN SPACE MEETING
December 8, 1989
AGENDA

1:15-1:30 p.m. Refreshments

1:30-1:35 p.m. Welcome and Introduction of Participants
Dr. Don Singer, President, CUC

1:35-1:45 p.m. Overview of the Crafton Hills Open Space Project
Jim Poss, Member, California Trails Commission

1:45-2:15 p.m. 1. Land Planning and Development Issues
Ina Petrokas and Dick Bobertz, Planning Departments, County of San Bernardino and City of Redlands

2. Group Presentations
2:15-2:25 p.m. Barbara Riordan, Supervisor, San Bernardino County

2:25-2:35 p.m. Kay Mason, Open Space Executive Committee, City of Redlands

2:35-2:45 p.m. Earl Giddings, California Trails Commission

2:45-2:55 p.m. Bob Galbraith, Professor of Biology, Crafton Hills College

3. Implementation Mechanisms
2:55-3:10 p.m. Don Rodriguez, Community Services Director, City of Redlands

3:10-3:25 p.m. Steve Masserli and Gerry Newcomb, Regional Parks, County of San Bernardino

Questions and Answers
Moderator: Barbara Riordan

3:25-4:00 p.m. Panel of Participants
Where do we go from here?
Resolution

4:00 p.m. Adjournment
MINUTES of the Crafton Hills Open Space Meeting held on December 8, 1989 at 1:15 p.m. at Crafton Hills College are as follows:

Present:

Bob Galbraith, Prof. of Biology, Crafton Hills College
Dr. Donald Singer, President, Crafton Hills College
Gertrude Hagen, President, Conservation League
Orville Wallace, Retired Public Employee Association
Lee Ross, Yucaipa Park District
Linda Morris, Reporter, Yucaipa News Mirror
Steve Ruddick, Planner, County of S.B.
Asher Hartel, Planner, County of S.B.
Gery Pitts, Mayor of Yucaipa
Russell Metcalf, Yucaipa City Council Member
Gerry Newcomb, Chief of Admin., Co. Reg. Parks Dept.
Barbara Riordan, County Supervisor
Linda Hill, California Trails Commission
Marvin Hutchison, California Trails, Santa Ana Trails Task Force
Ingrid Lagerloff, Secretary to California Trails Conservancy
Al Kelly, YES - Yucaipa for Environment Sanity
Jim Poss, California Trails Commission
George Barich, Recreation Commission, City of Redlands
Dr. Harold Hill, Chairman, Parks Commission, City of Redlands
Kay Mason, Chairman, Open Space Committee, Parks Commissioner, City of Redlands
Charles Baker, Recreation Commission, City of Redlands
Richard Bobertz, Planner, City of Redlands
Dan Rodriguez, Community Services Director, City of Redlands
Felicia Beasley, Admin. Assistant, City of Redlands
Tarry Smith, Director, CSA-63
Lee R. Rios, CSA-63
Susan Sferra, Mill Creek Ranger Station
Carole Wessom, Open Space Committee
John Harry, Santa Ana Trails Committee
Ed and Mildred Rea, Citizens
Pamela Williams, Pulte
Beck Eaton
Julie Hemphill, Planner, County of San Bernardino
Lillian Eaton, Yucaipa City Council

Dr. Bob Singer, President of Crafton Hills College, welcomed participants to Crafton Hills College on behalf of the college and the San Bernardino Community College district.

Jim Poss, California Trails Commission, presented a slide presentation, "Overview of an Open Space Project." Mr. Poss cited the needs for an open space park as the following:

1) Extensive wildlife habitat
2) Recreational resource
3) Topography
4) Biological resources
5) Watershed resources
6) Development encroachment
7) Erosion/flood control
Kay Mason, Open Space Committee Chairperson, presented the urgent need to preserve open space. She presented the Open Space Committee's commitments and objectives to acquire, create and to develop incentives for others to become involved in the preservation. Open Space Committee recommended that the City of Redlands take the leadership to work with the County and appropriate entities to develop a joint powers agreement to preserve the Crafton Hills as a wilderness area. This commitment was further emphasized with the dedicated 237 acres and its designation as open space in the Crafton Hills area by the Open Space Committee. The Open Space Committee has provided opportunities for representatives from interested groups to present their intentions and participate in preservation of Crafton Hills.

Mrs. Mason cited the Open Space Committee role as the catalyst in an effort to realize the preservation of Crafton Hills, and the commitment of the City of Redlands to accomplish this goal.

Mr. Earl Giddings, prepared and presented a slide presentation which illustrated the extensive trail system and its linkage to the Santa Ana River Trail. A slide example of an equestrian trail in the City of Norco was included. The presentation highlighted the scenic wonders in Crafton Hills. Mr. Giddings reported on a preliminary study commissioned by the National Parks Service on Trails, performed by the American Hiking Society which cited the single factor contributing to the success of trails is the existence/mobilization of volunteers. The study cited land development owners as a hinderance and integrated land use as an asset. The report hopes to aid in the establishment of uniform trail standards, difficulty, maintenance, construction and signage. Final report is due next year.

Bob Galbraith, Professor of Biology, reported briefly on the educational aspect of Crafton Hills and its opportunity to develop into a community educational resource, including Crafton Hills College, county museums, and school districts. Educator John Goodman will be conducting a spring tour of the Crafton Hills area; Mr. Galbraith suggested that it might be of interest to the committee to participate.

Dan Rodriguez, Community Services Director, introduced a generalized list of funding implementation mechanisms as they pertain to the preservation of Crafton Hills. They included:

1) General Funds
2) Grants
3) Zoning
4) Life Estate
5) Fees; developer's fee
6) Land dedications
7) J.P.A. - Joint Powers Agreement
8) Special Districts
9) TOT - Transit Occupancy Tax
10) TDR - Transfer Development Rights

Gerry Newcomb, Chief of Administration, County Regional Parks Department, presented a summary of current activities of County involvement in Regional Parks.
Mr. Newcomb informed Committee on development impact fees which were set in 1988 Strategic Master Plan adopted by Board of Supervisors. The implementation of fees is against all new residential development and supports additional park facilities and improvements required by increased demands. The Open Space and Trail fee allotment would provide funds for Open Space acquisition; it has not yet been approved.

Regional Park fee is to supplement City Park fees to maintain and improve Regional Park facilities that service a wide region rather than a small community. Regional funding would be applicable for Crafton Hills.

Mr. Newcomb reported on a survey that revealed that a County-wide bond issue is not advisable at this time. He states that a special assessment district could help support the open space.

Mr. Newcomb commented that currently a county-wide study is being developed by Randy Hlubik & Associates which could provide useful information for the direction of the preservation of Crafton Hills. The study will include:

1. Evaluation of existing and future open space needs
2. Recommendations for ongoing administration and management of open space
3. Recommendations for a prioritized acquisition program
4. Specific analysis

The county will request that the consultant specifically address the Crafton Hills Open space in the evaluation. The joint committee will receive an opportunity to gain valuable, researched insights into the preservation of Crafton Hills.
Panel Discussion

Panel Participants: Bob Galbraith, Barbara Cram-Riordan, Jim Poss, Robert Schuller, and Gerry Newcomb.

Question: Where do we go from here?

Mr. Poss commented that public should be educated in regards to open space. This should be done prior to any funding efforts. Mr. Newcomb reiterated the necessity of public awareness before a bond campaign. He offered to make available the Open Space survey results which demonstrates the definition and reference of the Open Space Plan/Program to the public.

Mr. Newcomb commented that when the county evaluation is complete, approximately in August or September 1990, the City of Redlands, City of Yucaipa, and the County of San Bernardino should meet together to review guidelines. Consensus guidelines would be presented to elected board and be shared with interest groups.

Mrs. Riordan suggested that should anyone have input to the guidelines, to contact Dan Rodriguez at the City of Redlands.

Mr. Rodriguez introduced the draft resolution. He stated that it is a general but should include recognition of an appointment of a department person. Membership would occur when an organization/agency passes the resolution. A consortium of 20 members would meet on a regular basis and act as a liaison to their agencies.

Mr. Bill Cunningham added that the County museum would be interested in participating in the concept development to include an outreach educational resource. In meeting the needs of many, this effort would justify a special assessment district.

John Harry, suggested the Park Commissioners from Redlands make a presentation to Yucaipa City Council of what they are doing and how they would like to interact and work together with various agencies in a joint committee.

Mr. Newcomb stated the need to identify people who should participate in the development of concepts and ideas for the Open Space Park.

Ms. Lageloff asked if she could be informed of projects in the Crafton Hills to comment on development. Mr. Hartel offered to send a list of current development to her.

The next Crafton Hills Open Space meeting was scheduled for Friday, January 12, 1989 at 3:00 p.m. at Crafton Hills College. Various agencies not present will be invited to represent and attend this meeting. Topics to include, but not limited to how much private land is needed to acquire "Nature Park", and who will administer park, possibly through a joint powers agreement.
Mr. Rodriguez will contact Mr. Ruddick to report next meeting on application of acquisition mechanism in the Crafton Hills.

Aerial Photo

Mr. Rodriguez identified the usefulness of an aerial photo to this committee. Mr. Newcombe will be contacting a County agency which will be hiring an aerial photographer and propose an additional photo. Mr. Newcombe will report on additional photo opportunity in the Crafton Hills at the next meeting.

Organization Structure

Mr. Newcombe, subcommittee chairman, reported the possibilities for the organization of the preservation of Crafton Hills through a

1) JPA (Joint Powers Agreement with Cities and County)
2) Special District for county-wide regional park and open space.
3) Private, non-profit organization established.

Mr. Newcombe has scheduled meeting with Elizabeth Beyers, Trust for Public Lands, to discuss an interim trust to accept land dedications. She will be invited to the Crafton Hills Open Space Steering Committee meeting.

A meeting was schedule on March 12, 1990 at 10 a.m. with a representative from the Nature Conservancy. It is a possible that a tour will be provided in a helicopter for an overall view of the area. It was suggested by the committee that John Goodman, Diane Ramirez and Bob Galbraith be invited to attend the meeting.

Mr. Giddings reported on the creation of a private non-profit agency. It was suggested that each organization/agency participating in the preservation effort donate $100 to finance filing costs.

Mr. Giddings introduced a manual for non-profit organizations and suggested those interested in obtaining a copy contact:

The State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

It was the concern of the committee to have a short term mechanism in place to accept land dedications until the long term mechanism can be activated.

Earl Giddings and Ingrid Lagerloff will review private non-profit status for short term until a special district could possibly accept dedications.

Gerry Newcombe, Dan Rodriguez, Russ Metcalfe will discuss a joint powers authority which could accept dedications for a short term.
Mr. Poss presented a slide comparing the public land and private land ownings. He noted the preservation of Crafton Hills could be achieved by designation as a wildlife corridor. Mr. Poss suggested that the landfill not be reopened because of its proximity to urban areas and possible contamination by solutes. He highlighted a few potential funding mechanisms. In closing, Mr. Poss presented the preservation of Crafton Hills as an opportunity for an open space park and the necessity of joint participation in this project.

Mr. Robert Bobertz, City Planner, identified with an aerial photo of the Crafton Hills and surrounding area; he indicated public and private lands. Mr. Bobertz identified the 2400’ elevation line and cited the determination of that elevation was because of the steep topography. City of Redlands currently owns 250+ acres in the Crafton Hills area. He illustrated the boundary lines which demonstrated the need for a cooperative effort to progress in preserving the Crafton Hills. Mr. Bobertz emphasized the good start in the preservation effort, and in acquiring land which is valuable in preserving the Crafton Hills open space.

Mr. Hartel, San Bernardino County Planner, cited three current private developments in the Crafton Hills area and their status in process. He also cited acreage to be dedicated upon approval which will contribute to the Crafton Hills Open Space. Mr. Hartel made tract maps available for viewing.

Dr. Hill asked what the developer would receive in exchange for land dedication. Mr. Bobertz referred to the City of Redlands Hillside Development Ordinance which governs how many units can be developed on a piece of property with a slope. The option of the developer is to spread development gradually over hills or to density flat ground and dedicate sloped areas. Mr. Bobertz distributed maps with marked elevation lines.

Mr. Earl Gidding inquired about the trails in the Crafton Hills. He suggested trails in the Crafton Hills would require mapping in detail to finalize any trail system. Mr. Bobertz added that the trails in existence are those seen in the aerial photo.

GROUP PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Barbara Riordan, San Bernardino County Supervisor, acknowledged the preservation of Crafton Hills Open Space as a worthy goal. Mrs. Riordan emphasized the realistic approach necessary to preserve land. San Bernardino County has made a commitment of support, including Regional Parks, Planning, and the Board of Supervisors. She has pledged to work with the City of Redlands, as well as City of Yucaipa to achieve a joint effort in the preservation of the Crafton Hills. The Board of Supervisors established the Trails Task Force which will develop the trails and its linkage to Crafton Hills.

Mrs. Riordan made reference to the County landfill and its opportunities. She presented information, such as extensive design requirements for the landfill, a transfer station not a dump site, and a host fee. She also suggested that the Nature Conservancy could facilitate the effort of preservation which would create a positive response in regards to the joint participation from county, cities, and non-profit agencies.
AGENDA
CRAFTON HILLS OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY

November 3, 1990
Crafton Hills College
1:00 p.m. Biology Lab (LA 211)

I. Introductions and Opening Remarks - Bob Galbraith

2. The Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy - Bob Galbraith
   Introduction of the concepts of a Conservancy and Goals and Objectives of the Crafton Hills Conservancy; subject matter may also include non-profit status, membership and organization.

   A slide presentation of the Crafton Hills depicting the historical, environmental and opportunities that the hills present today; topics may include interlinking trails, parks and preservation of land.

4. A Management Plan - Jerry Newcombe and Dan Rodriguez
   Identification of a Master Plan and presentation regarding the advantages to such a plan as well as examples of cooperative efforts between developers and agencies.

5. What is the Vision for Crafton Hills - Bob Galbraith
   As facilitator, Bob Galbraith will guide those present with comments as to how they perceive the future of Crafton Hills to be and what they expect for the present.

6. Adjournment
'Griffith Park East' one step closer

By GERTRUDE HAGUM
Staff Columnist

After Redlands Open Space Commission recently concurred with Redlands Parks Commission in recommending that the city of Redlands take over the adjacent Crafton Hills and preserve Crafton Hills as an open space park, Parks Commission Chairman Harold M. Hill said, "I'm thrilled to see this going ahead. In saving the natural hillside and wilderness canyons, we have a real opportunity to create a 'Griffith Park East.'"

That vision moved a step closer to reality during the Redlands City Council afternoon session July 31, following Community Services Director Dan Rodriguez's presentation of the proposal.

In accordance with the "Emerald Necklace" concept of Redlands Open Space Plan, the Crafton Hills "should be permanently preserved in a natural preserve/regional park," the City Council voted to accept in concept the Parks Commission and Open Space Committee recommendations that the city's 237 acres near the Tule Water Treatment Plant be designated open space in the Crafton Hills area.

The council also agreed to take the lead in working with the county, which owns 680 acres in the Crafton Hills, to develop a joint powers agreement to preserve the hills as a natural open space park for hiking, birding, horseback riding, aesthetic values and solitude, as well as a living laboratory for biology students at the adjacent Crafton Hills College and other schools.

Rodriguez was assisted in his presentation by Yucaipa resident Earl Giddings, who heads California Nature Conservancy and Trust for Public Lands concerning the proposal Crafton Hills Open Space Plan at the request of Redlands Open Space Committee. He announced that a representative of the Trust for Public Lands will be present at the next Open Space Committee meeting.

It is hoped that additional acreage can be obtained through a variety of grant programs.

Crafton Hills housing

Of special interest to Mentone neighbors and the proponents of Crafton Hills Open Space Park is Paul G. Marshall's proposed 15-lot hillside subdivision on 45 acres along the eastern boundary of the city of Redlands Tule Treated Plant. A hearing on the proposal is to be conducted by San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Monday, Aug. 7, at 1:30 p.m. at San Bernardino County Government Center, 383 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino.

At a previous hearing July 17, the Board of Supervisors heard from concerned citizens and from Paul Welsh, who represented the applicant.

Welsh, representing the civil engineering firm of Mauari and Welsh, San Bernardino, who prepared the application, stated: "This is a high standard project. The average parcel size will be 3 acres. There will be a fire access road. All houses will have a sprinkler system. A fire hydrant on Highway 38 will help to give fire protection to all area residents. Water from city of Redlands wells will be stored in a 125,000-gallon water tank on the adjoining city of Redlands property, connected to the project by a paved asphalt road.

"The main canyons will be kept open for the deer," Welsh said.

Shawn Hightower presented the staff report which recommends a zone change from R-1.5 to R-1.25 on 39 acres and a major deviation on the 15-lot subdivision 200 feet south of state Highway 38 and approximately 1/8 mile west of Bryant Street.

Among the citizens testifying were Albert Kelley, John D. Goodman and Grig Lagaroiu, who expressed concern about the effects of increased density in the area.

Goodman, a former biology professor at the University of Redlands, who identified more than 100 species of birds and more than 200 species of plants in the Crafton Hills during May 1989, observed 35 species of plants and animals during a two-hour nature walk which he conducted June 4 along a dirt road about 3/4 mile east of the proposed project.

He questioned the planning staff determination that the project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and their recommendation of a Negative Declaration, instead of an Environmental Impact Report.

Welsh, who listed only "rabbits, ground squirrels and skunks" among the species seen, said he had observed them, while hiking in the area during the hours he lived in a home just north of the Mill Creek bridge on Garnet Street.

Jackson Crumtinger, of the county planning staff, said that he had not seen any animals in the area during his half-hour midday inspection of the area prior to writing the planning staff report.

Because the project is within the city of Redlands sphere of influence, Community Development Director Jeffrey L. Shaw and planner Richard Bobertz have been involved in study and comments.

In a letter of April 24, 1989, Shaw wrote: "The city of Redlands considers the growth inducing impact of this proposed development to be very significant because it represents the first subdivision in an undeveloped area with high aesthetic value, high creative potential and limited traffic capacity."

Shaw's letter of July 28, 1989, states: "The Redlands Open Space Committee is pursuing methods to promote preservation of the Crafton Hills as regional open space and to identify and preserve trail systems throughout the area. The Open Space Committee requests consideration for: a) design of all proposed projects in the Crafton Hills as Planned Residential Development utilizing clustered housing techniques to locate allowable density on flatter portions of sites to provide the greatest amount of preserved open space and least site disturbance by road systems, and b) consideration of trail systems for equestrians, hikers and wildlife."

At the July 12 meeting of the Open Space Committee, Harold Hill said: "New houses on the hillside would destroy the ambiance of the area."

Letters expressing concern about traffic, water, natural vegetation, wildlife, grading and earth-moving; and access in case of fire have been received from adjacent property owners Stephen Napoli, Victor T. Bell, Bob Read and his wife and Russell T. Kaufman.

Claire W. Sample, writing for the Yucaipa MAC Planning Committee, which was asked to comment, writes: "This is a high fire hazard, steep terrain and should remain with the present zoning or even larger. What do the home owners do when it rains again and this hill starts sloughing off, or Mill Creek jumps dikes and undercuts the hillside? It has happened in the past."

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Crafton Open Space Group to meet

Mentone-Greenspot-Crafton news

By GERTRUDE HAUMAN
Staff Writer

Recognizing Crafton Hills as a valuable natural resource which needs to be preserved through cooperative efforts, a Crafton Hills Open Space Group, composed of agencies, organizations, and concerned citizens, will hold its second meeting, Friday, Jan. 12, at 3 p.m. in the Biology Laboratory (LA 211) of Crafton Hills College, with Third District Supervisor Barbara Cram Riordan as moderator.

Formation of a Joint Powers Authority Committee to establish Crafton Hills Open Space and a presentation by Long Beach Equity, a Crafton Hills area developer, are among the agency items.

During the group's initial meeting Dec. 8 at the same location, 37 people heard brief presentations by: Jim Poss, California Trails Conservancy; Ashley Hartel, county planner; Dick Bobertz, city of Redlands planner; Riordan; Kay Mason, who chairs the city of Redlands Open Space Committee; Earl Giddings, president of California Trails Conservancy; Robert Galbraith, professor of biology, Crafton Hills College, who called the Dec. 8 meeting; Dan Rodriguez, Community Services Director, city of Redlands; and Gerry Newcombe, Parks.

"Where do we go from here?" was the title of a presentation by Robert Schuster, member of Redlands Parks Commission and Open Space committee, composed of Poss and Galbraith. Riordan served as moderator.

At the opening of the meeting, Galbraith introduced Dr. Donald Singer, president of Crafton Hills College, who welcomed the group on behalf of the college and the San Bernardino Community College District.

In his slide show, "Overview of the Crafton Hills Open Space Project," Jim Poss cited multiple benefits of the proposed open space park.

Chaparral and oak woodland ecosystems in Crafton Hills provide wildlife habitat for many species, including deer from nearby hills and mountains," said Poss. "Therefore, it is essential to retain wildlife corridors between Crafton Hills and San Bernardino National Forest.

"As a recreational resource, Crafton Hills Open Space could provide opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, birding, aesthetic enjoyment of scenic vistas and spring wildflowers, and a wilderness type solitude," he said.

"Topography of steep slopes is better suited to recreation than development," said Poss.

"Removal of native vegetation would protect biological resources and preserve the hills as a watershed resource by allowing rainfall to replenish the local groundwater." Extensive development could result in severe erosion and flooding potential," Poss explained.

In opposing a proposed reopening of the local dump, Poss said, "We need a park—not a pit. We should recycle and think of other alternatives. A landfill too close to urban areas could contaminate groundwater."

According to city of Redlands planner, Dick Bobertz, "Development is rapidly moving toward Crafton Hills. We should try to preserve what can be a great open space park."

Since the hills on the Redlands side start getting very steep at the 2,400-foot contour line, Bobertz suggests that land above the 2,400-foot level be designated as preservation as open space.

County Planner Ashley Hartel summarized the status of three development projects in the Crafton Hills area.

In S.F.G. project, approved Oct. 30, 1989, lots are to be developed on 167 acres with 20 acres in the upper portion dedicated as permanent open space. This project at the eastern end of Citrus Avenue is in the Redlands sphere of influence.

Hartel said that Chapman Heights, a housing project of 2,349 homes on 1,012 acres, is dedicating 240 acres above the 2,400-foot contour level as permanent open space. This project, now in a preliminary approval status with concurrent applications in process, has to go before the Yucaipa City Council. An application from Long Beach Equities involves a 62-lot subdivision on 240 acres with 120 acres of the steeper slopes to be designated as open space. Two-thirds of the project is located in the new city of Yucaipa near Bryant Street and one-third in county land near Highway 38.

After endorsing preservation of Crafton Hills as a "very worthy goal which the county has made a commitment to support," Riordan said, "It's a beautiful marriage. Uniting Yucaipa Regional Park with the natural hills in the background would enhance both areas."

Riordan also emphasized the strategic location of Crafton Hills as a direct link between the Santa Ana River Trails system and loop trails to San Timoteo, Live Oak and Reche canyons.

In discussing the Yucaipa landfill, Riordan said, "We should keep open minds if the landfill is reopened. It is a very important asset. We need to be cautious."

"There is a tremendous potential for children here and, more importantly, for those to come. We need to assure new people that we'll save it for them," said Galbraith.

"Our college students study plants and wildlife of the Crafton Hills chaparral and coastal sage scrub communities," said Galbraith.

"It is also a community educational resource for elementary school children who are taken on nature walks along the trails," said Galbraith. "In the future, we hope to connect with the county museum and Yucaipa and Redlands unified school districts to develop natural science programs for elementary and high school students."

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Dan Rodriguez presented a draft "Interagency Resolution for Protection of Crafton Hills" to be signed by groups planning to unite.

He listed numerous types of funding sources for land acquisition, maintenance and operation.
APPENDIX G

Group Contacts
June, 1990 -- exactly 100 years after completion of the Tench business block building on Mentone Blvd. in 1890 -- seems a fitting time to commemorate the legacy of William John Tench, station agent of Mentone's Santa Fe depot, who achieved lasting fame by digging the Tench well, which saved Mentone from becoming a drought-stricken ghost town in 1900 and has continued to supply water to local residents for the past 90 years.

Shortly after arriving in San Bernardino as purchasing agent for Santa Fe railroad company in 1888, two days before his son, Bernard, was born, William John Tench began buying land in Mentone.

The Tench block business building on Mentone Blvd. between Opal and Turquoise Avenues, completed in June, 1890, now houses Jimbo's Barber Shop and a craft shop. Tench and Tench opened Mentone's first mercantile store later that year.

Although he started serving as station agent of Mentone's Santa Fe depot in the early 1890's, Tench was listed as "farmer" in the San Bernardino County directory of 1893 because of the 8 acre navel orange grove on his 10 acre Home Place at the corner of Mentone Blvd. and Agate Avenue. Tench was also associated with irrigating land in real estate in 1893 in Mentone.

Following a period of prolonged drought, which dried up the source of irrigation water through tunnels under Mill Creek, "Mentone was blistering under months of dehydration and young orange groves were shriveling from thirst." (2)

In September, 1898, at the end of a scorching summer, William J. Tench began digging his well at the southwest corner of his Home Place.

"It seemed an impossible feat for two men and a boy -- W.J. Tench, Ah Yee, his Chinese man-of-all-work, and Tench's 10 year-old son, Bernard, -- to drudge their way to water 16 stories below the stony soil of Mentone." (2)

Their only assistance came from the horse which "trudged in endless circle around the windlass day after day, powering the barrel that brought up the bucket of dirt and stones, also hauling the tools and personnel." (2)
Crafton Hills will be group’s topic

Boress installs officers

Monteone Women’s Club officers for 1990-91 were installed at a General Meeting May 22 at Bit-o-Country restaurant in Yucaipa. Elmer Boress, past president of the San Bernardino District 21 Federation of Women’s Clubs, served as installing officer.

Boress, installed as president, stated: “Federation” as her theme, Boress started with a large, lighted candle, a symbol of the foundation of the club. At each officer was called, she was given a small candle to light from the large one while a summary of her duties was read aloud.

After all had lighted candles, Boress declared the following officers installed: Marilyn Knodel, president; Hilda Parsons, vice president; Lela Smith, recording secretary; Betty Kean, corresponding secretary; Dai Ramney, treasurer; and Mary Lou Krause, parliamentarian.

Outgoing president Blessie Roberts gave each of her officers a little bear. She thanked them all for "bear-ing" with her for the year.

Roberts then presented a decorated pin and the club gavel to Knodel, wishing her a successful year. After thanking Roberts for her service as president, Knodel presented her with a money tree from the club members.

Guests attending were: Helen and Vic Benso, Irwin Knodel, Forrest Wise and Elmer Boress.

Mary Friderich honored

During a May 8 luncheon meeting in the social hall of Monteone Baptist Church, Mary Friderich was honored as a 50-year member of Monteone Women’s Club.

In recognition of 50 years of federation membership, Friderich was the recipient of a plaque from General Federation of Women’s Clubs, Washington, D.C.

Lovie Mae Wise, a 38-year Monteone club member, made and presented to Friderich a money tree from Monteone Women’s Club members. She recalled many memories of activities from past years.

Chairman, used a Mexican theme for table decorations in harmony with the Mexican food brought by members.

Magic at Monteone

“Paul R. Shartie’s May 16 ‘Magic of Magic’ program for Monteone Seniors was really funny. Everyone enjoyed it very much,” reports Gen. Schmidt.

Asst. Shortie in the Star-Tello Magic Productions presentation were audience members Cliff and Kathryn McIntire, Ed F. Rea and Iola Hailaway.

Clowning, hypnotism and juggling were among the topics covered by Shartie.

During the post-luncheon proceedings at the meeting at Monteone Community Congregational Church (UCC), May birthday celebrant Isabella McArthur was serenaded with the "Happy Birthday" song. Cakes brought by Mildred Schroeder and Gen Schmidt provided dessert for everyone.

Guests included Gwen Sowers of Monteone and Dick Huber, Jeanne Pearson of Redlands.

'Bubble Gum Hike'

During a Brownie Troop 908 campout at Yucaipa Regional Park May 11 and 12, the group broke into two patrols for a "bubble gum hike." The winner was to be the patrol collecting the most trash.

After each girl was given a paper plate and two pieces of bubble gum to chew, they hiked around the park picking up litter.

Each Brownie put a piece of gum on the plate along with any litter found on the ground.

"It was unbelievable how much trash they came back with, so each patrol was awarded special stickers at the next meeting," reports Leader Mary Jane Lawler.

For the evening, the girls cooked hamburgers and hot dogs on their campfire, then enjoyed singing around the fire before going to bed. In the morning, they prepared a "fast of bacon, eggs and cereal."

After returning from their "bubble gum hike," the nies began working oninglee bees made from a pompon portion of an egg carton.

Family volunteers helping were Friday evening roles in League of Women Voters, San Bernardino, the Friends of San Bernardino County Library, and other groups at "no of her death."
Mr. Thomas Adams  
Planning Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 2711  
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3 July 1990

Dear Mr. Adams,

San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society (SBVAS) has completed a quick review of the San Timoteo Creek Special Report and Technical Appendices (STCSRTA). SBVAS feels that because of the short notification (one week prior to the Public Meeting and the short two-week extension) that a thorough review was impossible. However, our assessment of the STCSRTA indicates that the report lacks critical detail on project alternatives, cumulative impacts on quality of life along San Timoteo Creek, maintaining a quality riparian ecosystem, proper consideration to fish and wildlife issues, importance of San Timoteo Creek as a wildlife corridor, and the cost benefit ratios of this project. Along with these shortcomings, no non-structural alternatives are discussed, while compounding this even more is the fact that the STCSRTA seems to renew the "Pork-Barrel" attitude of Army Corps of Engineers. SBVAS is concerned that the trapezoidal channel (grouted stone or concrete) design proposed by Army Corps of Engineers is archaic based on current environmental and economic considerations.

We found it most disturbing that STCSRTA dismisses the value of the natural habitat to be permanently destroyed by the grouted stone or concrete channelization of San Timoteo Creek. There was no mention or discussion about the dynamics of soft-bottom ecosystems in relation to invertebrate and vertebrate fauna and how rare these environments are presently in southern San Bernardino County and Western Riverside County. This lack of cumulative impact assessment by the Army Corps indicates improper planning with regard to such an important ecosystem.
Honorable Glenn M. Anderson  
Chairman, Committee on Public Works and Transportation  
and  
Honorable Henry J. Nowak  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Water Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Sirs:  
I am writing to you on behalf of my organization, the Tri-County Conservation League, and other local groups opposed to a flood control project included in the present water projects bill, HR5314. We strongly object to the design, proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers, for flood control along the lower 5.2 miles of San Timoteo Creek in San Bernardino County, California. The design includes a sterile concrete or grouted stone channel, which would eliminate approximately 70 acres of soft-bottom riparian habitat and exclude all surface access. Because this project is in a rapidly urbanizing area, it would destroy the last remaining direct link between wildlife populations in and around the 119 square-mile upstream drainage area and those downstream in the Santa Ana River corridor. It is this type of ongoing habitat fragmentation which is most responsible for local extinctions and the increasing designation of Endangered Species. Also, because this project includes no recreational element, it would eliminate the most desirable (and most feasible) multi-purpose recreational trail corridor linking the Santa Ana River National Trail corridor, spanning three counties from the pine forests of the San Bernardino Mountains to the Pacific Ocean, with the communities of Yucaipa, Calimesa, Cherry Valley, and Beaumont. This trail corridor is also an integral component of a regional trails network extending further east into the desert areas of Riverside and San Bernardino counties.  
The negative aspects of this project far outweigh the benefits, which consist largely of permitting further conversion of prime agricultural land in the creek’s 876-acre floodway to commercial development. Even on a strictly economic basis, the Corps’ own analysis indicates an unfavorable benefit-cost ratio.  
We urge you to support delaying approval of this project until it can be redesigned to include necessary environmental and recreational elements.  

Sincerely,  

Greg Ballmer, President, Tri-County Conservation League
Planting for the future
Friends of Live Oak Canyon president Dave Matuszak is joined by Al Kelley and Ben Radditz in the planting of a named. About 40 members of the organization will plant the trees throughout the canyon to replace those lost to disease or drought.
MINUTES
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAND TRUST COUNCIL
January 12, 1991

The meeting was opened by Bill Allor, President of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, host for the meeting. He welcomed the participants and thanked Marymount College and Dr. Alan Franz for providing a location for the conference.

Neil Gaston, from the Trust for Public Land, sponsor of the Conference, also welcomed everyone and introduced the speakers.

Paul Freeman

Paul Freeman, from Nelson, Ralston, Robb Communications (714-957-1010), spoke on the successful effort to pass the Laguna Canyon bond measure. He was retained as a consultant by the assorted contentious groups involved in the determination of Lunada Canyon's future -- The Irvine Company, Orange County, the City of Laguna Beach, the Laguna Greenbelt Organization, Village Laguna, and the Laguna Conservancy, among others.

He began by making each group contribute money, so that they would have an investment in the process. There was no consensus, except to "avoid litigation." He said that "the key is to nurture popular support, and polling is the first and most important task."

Freeman discussed the composition, scope, and goals of the polling in some detail, and offered to provide copies to interested organizations. The survey was not sent out until each member of the coordinating group agreed that it was acceptable.

The deal that was worked out for the canyon was for $100 million, including a bond issue for $20 million. Various government bodies and others committed to raise the balance.

Many people worked to build community support. Thousands of people walked through the canyon on an organized march. Realtors, the education community, the Chamber of Commerce, and other groups were convinced to support the measure. Based on the polls, the vote was limited to the City of Laguna Beach, which gave it almost 80% of the vote. The cost was $125,000, much of which was contributed by the Irvine Company, and the campaign lasted only five weeks.

Freeman concluded by saying, "Here's an example of something that worked. People in Laguna Beach paid to avoid development."

Joe Edmiston, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Joe Edmiston, Director of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, spoke on the unsuccessful effort to pass Proposition B, a $516 million bond measure in L.A. County to preserve open space and improve parks and other facilities.

The measure received more than 50% of the vote, but it required two-thirds to pass. The first polls that were done concentrated on conservative voters. They indicated that there was more than 70% support, and that there was no difference in support for a $500 million and a $900 million dollar measure. Almost every City Council and every Mayor supported the measure, and there was virtually no opposition. The supporters raised and spent $500,000, mostly...
The Crafton Hills: Public or Private?

by Jim Fuss

Today the hills that look over the young city of Yucaipa are dark and quiet at night, except, of course, for the nocturnal critters roaming about. Still protected from the development that continues in the flat lands of Dunlap Acres and the gradual upward slopes of the Yucaipa Valley, the Crafton Hills remain a relatively untouched natural area.

Will they remain a refuge of quality chaparral over three square miles in area for many birds, mammals, and reptiles? Will the beautiful canyons laced with Camusus spp. and Quercus spp. be preserved for hikers and equine trail riders of today and tomorrow? Or will the ridges be flattened and the canyons filled, degrading the Hills to a selling point for Early Orange County architecture that will meet the housing needs of the East Valley area of San Bernardino County?

The question is: will the future of the land we call Crafton Hills lie in public ownership as an Open Space Park or will it remain primarily private property with a doubtful future?

The Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy is forming to hopefully influence the answer to this very important question. To insure against daily light overgrowth, the hills' vegetation. that has dripped in the summer heat and drought, yet still manages to cool and respire in the dark of the night.

The situation is complicated by the large number of agencies and parties involved. The boundary of the Cities of Yucaipa and Redlands intersects the proposed park, and the County of San Bernardino leases 640 acres from BLM for use as either a recreation area or a landfill. The school district has property on the southern boundary, as does Pulte Home Corporation's Chaparral Heights, the largest proposed development in Yucaipa (2500 units on 1012 acres).

Despite these obstacles, substantial progress toward forming the park is being made. The City of Redlands Open Space Committee has contributed its members' expertise and a dedication of over 200 acres of City property to the proposed, though forming, Crafton Hills Open Space Park. Redlands has also designated land above the 2500 foot elevation level as potential natural open space and agreed to accept land in perpetuity as part of the park, if offered by an owner.

The San Bernardino County Regional Parks department has, through the Growth Management Task Force, established strategies for funding and implementation, including recommendations for a prioritized acquisition program. A county-wide bond act for open space has been identified as a viable option for raising money, yet it has not quite reached the ballot box.

The City of Yucaipa has recently agreed with Long Beach Equities, Inc. to donate 75% of a project (nearly 200 acres) on the northwest slopes as open space. The developer has also agreed to build a trail. Pulte has agreed consistently over the past five years to place 230 acres of steep-slopes in the Open Space Park and provide their share of trails. Other negotiations will continue with the park in mind.

The Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy can act as a temporary trustee. How temporary, and how many acres of the Crafton Hills can be bought and saved will depend on our effectiveness. We have momentum, let's keep it going.

What You Can Do
Subcommittees are being formed to deal with acquisition mechanisms, organizational structure, boundary delineation and land use, recreational planning, and natural resources inventory and education. Would you like to help? Call me at 795-6327 for more information.

DEADLINE for OCTOBER iss.
APPENDIX H

Organizational Meeting (Associates)
January 25, 1990

MEMO TO:  Crafton Hills Open Space Committee

FROM:  Bob Galbraith

During our last meeting of January 12, 1990, the Crafton Hills Open Space Committee identified the need for a Steering Committee and those agencies which should participate in this committee.

A letter has been sent to those agencies asking for their participation in the Steering Committee. The first meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for Friday, February 2, 1990 at 3:00 p.m. Enclosed is a list of the tentative Steering Committee participants and a tentative agenda.

If you have any comments or information regarding the agenda or committee, please feel free to contact me at 784-2161, Ext. 250.

Thank you for your participation in this matter.
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Minutes of the Crafton Hills Open Space Steering Committee meeting held Friday, May 4, 1990 at 3:00pm at the Crafton Hills College Biology lab are as follows:

Present: Bob Galbraith, Chairman
Gerry Newcombe, San Bernardino Regional Parks
Earl Giddings, California Trails Conservancy
Ingrid Lagerlof, Yucaipa Parks & Recreation Commission
Gertrude Hagum, Tri County Conservation League
Steve Ruddick, San Bernardino County Planning Dept.
Ed Rea, Mentone citizen
Diane Ramirez-Kelley, Audubon Society
Robert Schuler, City of Redlands

Bob Odle, representing Pulte Homes for the Chapman Heights project has contacted Bob Galbraith with an offer of dedication of over 200 acres of land for the Crafton Hills Open Space Park.

It was decided that this dedication should be accepted publicly at our next meeting, that this meeting should be a meeting of all the members of the Open Space Committee, interested public, and the press.

The mechanism for accepting this donation was discussed. Since the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy is not yet incorporated, Gerry Newcombe suggested that possibly the County Parks and Recreation Foundation could accept the donation until the Conservancy gets established. Gerry Newcombe will contact Bob Galbraith with a decision on this possibility.

The committee deferred the items on the agenda until a future date so we could go over and correct the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the Conservancy.

It was decided that the Board of Directors should have 15 members, and that they should be selected from the existing steering committee. Bob Galbraith will write letters asking the members of the steering committee to accept a position on the Board of Directors. Since some of the members are staff or public officials, letters will also be sent to their appropriate supervisors requesting their appointment to the Board of Directors.

Attached are the names of the Open Space Committee Members to whom these letters were sent.

Copies of the amended Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws were sent to Russ Metcalf, City of Yucaipa; Mikki Meith, Asst. City Mgr-
Dear All:

The Crafton Hills Open Space Steering Committee is in the process of incorporating to form the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy.

At our meeting on May 4, 1990, it was decided to ask the present members of the committee to become the members of the Board of Directors of the Conservancy. A list of committee members is enclosed.

The articles of incorporation will be mailed to you after they have undergone final revision. They will also be going to the cities of Redlands and Yucaipa and the County of San Bernardino for study and approval by their legal counsels.

I am asking you to accept a position on the Board of Directors of the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy. If you will serve on this board please indicate this acceptance on the bottom of this letter and return it to me. If you were appointed to the committee by a government official, a letter will be sent to that official asking that you be appointed to the board of directors.

Our next meeting will be Friday, June 1 at 3:00 p.m. at Crafton Hills College in the Biology Lab (LA211). This meeting will include all of those who participated in the large group meetings in the fall of 1989. We will introduce the Board of Directors, give a report on the accomplishments of the committee, accept a land donation from a developer and hear a report on the Open Space Corridor in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Sincerely,

Bob Galbraith
Steering Committee Chairperson
Crafton Hills College
11711 Sand Canyon Road
Yucaipa, California 92399

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CALL TO ORDER: 3:10 by Chairman Bob Galbraith

Meeting attended by:
Bob Galbraith, Crafton Hills College
Ingrid Lagerlof, Yucaipa Parks & Recreation
Bob Schuler, City of Redlands Parks & Recreation
Dan Rodriguez, City of Redlands
Phil Krause, County of San Bernardino Parks & Rec.
Earl Giddings, California Trails Conservancy
Gertrude Hagum, Redlands Daily Facts Reporter
Jim Poss, Sierra Club
Russ Metcalf, Yucaipa City Council Member
Al Kelley, Y.E.S.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Unavailable

SECRETARY FOR THIS MEETING: Ingrid Lagerlof

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS: At the last meeting in June, the Articles of Incorporation were discussed and approved by the steering committee. Ingrid Lagerlof mailed copies to all parties recommended by the steering committee for comment. Only comment returned was from Yucaipa Councilman Ed Henderson. He questioned how initial Board of Directors would be selected. The steering committee decided that representatives would be appointed, 2 each from the City of Redlands, City of Yucaipa, and County of San Bernardino. One of these representatives from each entity would be from the Parks & Recreation Department/Commission. These representatives will be appointed by the appropriate member(s) of these entities. There would also be 1 representative appointed from each of the following groups: Crafton Hills College, Sierra Club, California Trails Conservancy, Audubon Society, Tri-County Conservation League, and Friends of Crafton. The remaining seats (not to exceed 15) shall be appointed by the above board members from the communities at large.

TRUST FOR PUBLIC LANDS: Phil Krause presented information sent by TPL regarding consultation fees: $1400 Filing Fees, $2500 Phase I, $2500 Training Workshop. Acquiring seed money was discussed, and it was decided that a letter would be sent asking for $3000 each from the City of Yucaipa, City of Redlands, and County of San Bernardino, and that this money would be used for PUBLIC INFORMATION, CONSULTATION, AND FILING FEES. Bob Galbraith was appointed to draft this letter, and Ingrid Lagerlof would edit, type, and prepare letter for Bob Galbraith's signature.

Russ Metcalf recommended that the Conservancy start preparation of a budget and prioritizing expenditures. It was also decided that
alternatives should be looked at before hiring Trust for Public Lands as a consultant.

CHAPMAN HEIGHTS: Deferred to future meeting.

OTHER LAND DONATIONS: Long Beach Equities was discussed. There was concern as to whether the Conservancy would be in place in time to accept this donation of nearly 200 acres. Russ Metcalf felt that the City of Yucaipa would probably be ready to accept the land when it becomes available. Also, Phil Krause will look into the mechanisms available to the County of San Bernardino.

The Marlborough Project (Crafton Hills PUD) was also discussed. The Conservancy is concerned about the massive grading proposed on Crafton Hills, and the plans for the section Northeast of San Canyon Road. The Conservancy decided to get more information by inviting the developers to our next meeting to make a presentation and answer questions. Al Kelley was appointed to contact the developers of this project for this purpose. This project is scheduled for public hearing before the County Planning Commission on September 20. It would be wise for those of us who can to attend this meeting.

OPEN SPACE CORRIDOR: At our last meeting in June, representatives from the County of Riverside made a presentation of the Wildlife Corridor Study proposal. The Conservancy indicated support of the project, and wanted to be kept informed. Al Kelley presented a map he had been working on showing a contiguous "emerald necklace" wildlife corridor that loops through the East Valley area via Pisgah Peak and connects to the main "study corridor". Dan Rodriguez said that the Wildlife Corridor study will proceed in the fall, and suggested that Al Kelley share this information with their group. The Conservancy agreed to become involved, and Al Kelley was appointed to attend some of their meetings as a representative of the Conservancy.

Phil Krause shared a letter from Barbara Riordan supporting the Wildlife Corridor project, and named the other cities involved in the project. (All public entities in the Conservancy-County of San Bernardino, City of Yucaipa, and City of Redlands-are involved).

OPEN SPACE PLAN: Phil Krause discussed the countywide Open Space District which will be on the ballot in June of 1991. He said that polls showed favorably for the measure, and that cities have the option of participating. The funds received from this measure, if it passes, will help fund projects such as the Crafton Hills Open Space Park.

REPLACEMENT FOR STEVE RUDDICK: Bob Galbraith will contact the County Planning Dept. to see about a replacement.

COMMITTEES: Earl Giddings suggested that we defer discussion on committees until we decide on a Board of Directors.

OTHER BUSINESS: Bob Galbraith was appointed to send letters to the groups to be represented on the Board of Directors requesting
CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 By Chairman Bob Galbraith

Meeting attended by:

Bob Galbraith, Crafton Hills College
Ingrid Lagerlof, Yucaipa Parks and Recreation
Bob Schuler, City of Redlands Parks and Recreation
Gerry Newcombe, County of San Bernardino
Gertrude Hagum, Redlands Daily Facts
Jim Poss, Sierra Club
Al Kelley, Y.E.S.
Diane Ramirez-Kelley, Audubon Society
Marvin Hutchinson, Santa Anna River Trails Task Force
Barbara Wormser, County Park Advisory Commission
Dan Rodriguez, City of Redlands
Bill Cunningham, Redlands City Council
Russ Metcalf, Yucaipa City Council
Teresa Kwappenberg, Friends of Crafton
Mark Sorenson and representatives of ESRI
Representatives of Marlborough Development

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

SECRETARY FOR THIS MEETING: Russ Metcalf

COUNTYWIDE OPEN SPACE INITIATIVE: GERRY NEWCOMBE gave an in-depth discussion of the proposed Countywide Open Space and Parks CFD initiative proposed for the June 1991 ballot. He explained that if a city elects to be in the district, approximately 60% of the funds raised in the city will be spent on local projects. He also indicated that one of the key projects for the East Valley area under the CFD was the Crafton Hills Open Space program. County estimates are that land acquisition costs would be around $25.0M. Each member of the committee was encouraged to support the initiative in their respective organizations.

PRESENTATION BY ESRI: Mark Sorenson from ESRI, an Environmental Design Firm out of Redlands made a presentation regarding their capabilities in the area land use. ESRI has contacted many of the Crafton Hills land owners with regard to their preparing an “environmentally sensitive” development plan that would allow maximum usage of the land in the Hills with minimum disruption of the current status. They presented several examples of their use of computer aided design that they had done in Japan. After their presentation they fielded questions regarding their relationship with the Crafton Hills landowners and what that arrangement entailed.

MARLBOROUGH DEVELOPMENT: Representatives from the Marlborough project gave us an update on the status and current design of their site. Of major concern to the committee was the expansion of the project to the land adjacent to the College. Al Kelly pointed out the steepness of the terrain in that area and the vast amount of regrading required to prepare the site for building. Following the presentation, the group took a short break to review the maps in more detail and ask additional questions. After the break the group discussed what our approach should be to
Marlborough as far as what would be acceptable in the Hills. Terry Kwappenberg advised that the original plan for this project showing development on the north side of Sand Canyon Road was rejected by the County because of the major cuts in the land. Bill reiterated that unless we protest the development formally Marlborough might construe our action as acceptance. It was agreed that the area north of Sand Canyon Road was totally unacceptable for development. A letter will be prepared for review at our next meeting or prior to the next DRC.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ESRI INTEREST - During the break, Bob discussed further with ESRI their interest in the Hills as well as our expectations for the size and scope of the Open Hills Project. Bob took the position that we want all of the area in the conservancy. ESRI volunteered to return to us at our next meeting with a more detailed discussion of the owner’s interests, the size of the holdings they represent and their objectives as well as what ESRI’s involvement might be. Bob agreed to ask for a map of the area ESRI represents, who the property owners are and the size of the holdings. Al Kelley suggested that some time ago several owners expressed interest in donating land to the conservancy. It was decided that the more information we provide to ESRI the higher the potential for owner’s to inflate the price. Ingrid suggested that we perhaps contact with ESRI to keep him in a confidential relationship.

TOWN MEETING WITH PROPERTY OWNERS - It was agreed that we need to take the initiative to contact the property owners on our own to determine their intent and encourage their participation. Gerry indicated that the presentation of our goals and objectives via a slide show in an informal town meeting for the property owners might be a way of getting them involved in the project. Ingrid proposed that we must make a positive identification of the boundaries so that we do not leave anyone out of the meeting. Gerry volunteered to get his planning staff to prepare a map of the proposed conservancy area that could be presented to the owners. It was agreed that after the map and addresses of the owners were put together a letter would be sent to the owners inviting them to a meeting to discuss the Open Space Conservancy and the benefits to the owners that could accrue from land donation, possibilities of density transfer, etc. Al Kelley proposed that the meeting take place next month. Concern was expressed about involvement of ESRI with the local owners in a meeting and therefore ESRI’s next presentation would be deferred until December. It was decided a Saturday meeting would be more suitable for the Owners Meeting. It was agreed that the meeting would be held Nov.3 from 1:00-3:00PM in the Biology Lab. It was also decided that we would still meet on Friday, November 2 for our regular meeting and review of the program.

Gerry promised to bring the map to the 11/2 meeting for our review and to have the owner list available as soon as possible.

Gerry, Jim Poss and Dan Rodriguez agreed to put together an invitation letter and program for the meeting. Informality of the meeting was considered to be a requirement. The program was preliminarily set with Jim Poss presenting his slide show on the Crafton Hills, Bob Galbraith presenting the concepts and objectives for the Conservancy, and Jerry and Dan presenting a Management Plan discussing the mechanisms for property acquisition and the cooperative approach we would like to take. Refreshments will be served. It was agreed that an agenda should be sent with the invitation to encourage owner participation.

PLANNING WITH THE COUNTY CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE CRAFTON HILLS- Bill Cunningham recommended that the committee should begin to put pressure on the County to allow the two cities to include this area as a whole in their planning process. Without the County deferring control of the development of their area of the Hills, we may have difficulty in succeeding with our plan for the
Open Space conservancy. Gerry expressed skepticism with regard to County response to that proposal as it could have Countywide implications. Bill expected that if we presented our concerns to Supervisor Riordan that we be allowed to influence all development in the Hills it would be appropriate. He volunteered to develop a letter that would support this approach along with Barbara Wormser and present it at the next meeting.

REPLACEMENT OF STEVE RUDDICK - Steve will be replaced by Charles Fahie.

INCORPORATION ACTIVITY - Ingrid asked that we finalize our incorporation papers so that they may be processed. Teresa expressed concern that the state of California could levy the Corporation $600-800 per year if we have not filed our 501(3)(c) prior to incorporation. She offered to provide us with a copy of the Friends of Crafton filing for our review and assistance. Bill offered to have Redlands share the input of their City Attorney in reviewing the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws as well as assist in the boilerplate for the 501(3)(c) filing. Members representing government entities were reminded to assure that formal action has been taken to authorize their membership on the board of directors. Members present signed the Articles.

CHAPMAN HEIGHTS PROJECT: Jim Poss advised the group that the Environmental Impact Report on the project was out and recommended that we propose language that will support continued reservation of land dedicated as open space. Jim agreed to prepare a letter for the record in response to the EIR. He also announced that Pulte had pulled out of the project.

BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE: Ingrid proposed that Ed Ray of Mentone be accepted as a member at large.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 by Chairman Galbraith.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 2, 1990, 3:00PM Crafton Hills College Biology Lab.
AGENDA
CRAFTON HILLS OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY

November 3, 1990
Crafton Hills College
1:00 p.m. Biology Lab (LA 211)

I. Introductions and Opening Remarks - Bob Galbraith

2. The Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy - Bob Galbraith
   Introduction of the concepts of a Conservancy and Goals and
   Objectives of the Crafton Hills Conservancy; subject matter
   may also include non-profit status, membership and
   organization.

   A slide presentation of the Crafton Hills depicting the
   historical, environmental and opportunities that the hills
   present today; topics may include interlinking trails, parks
   and preservation of land.

4. A Management Plan - Jerry Newcombe and Dan Rodriguez
   Identification of a Master Plan and presentation regarding the
   advantages to such a plan as well as examples of cooperative
   efforts between developers and agencies.

5. What is the Vision for Crafton Hills - Bob Galbraith
   As facilitator, Bob Galbraith will guide those present with
   comments as to how they perceive the future of Crafton Hills
   to be and what they expect for the present.

6. Adjournment
CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 By Chairman Bob Galbraith

Meeting attended by:

Bob Galbraith, Crafton Hills College
Ingrid Lagerlof, Yucaipa Parks & Recreation
Gerry Newcombe, County of San Bernardino
Gertrude Hagum, Redlands Daily Facts
Jim Poss, Sierra Club
Al Kelley, Y.E.S.
Diane Ramirez-Kelley, Audubon Society
Charles D. Fahie, San Bernardino County Planner
Barbara Wormser, County Park Advisory Committee
Dan Rodriguez, City of Redlands
Ed Rea, Mentone Greenspot
Lucille Gibson, Friends of Crafton
Theresa Kwappenberg, Friends of Crafton
Eugene Holder, Friends of Crafton
Russ Metcalf, Yucaipa City Council
Bill Cunningham, Redlands City Council

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: None were available, tape recorder not working.

STATUS OF INCORPORATION ACTIVITY: Russ Metcalf reported we have sent a letter to Barbara Riorden requesting her signature on the incorporation documents and are waiting for her reply. We have assistance from a local CPA on the filing of the 501 (3)(c) income tax documents required for incorporation.

DISCUSSION OF OPEN SPACE MAP: Gerry Newcombe brought in the map and wants to set boundaries, parcel numbers and owner names during the meeting. Gertrude Hagum suggested while doing this we also color code the land that has been dedicated so it is easily visible. She also ask Bob Galbraith if he could look into having the Crafton Hills College Board of Trustees dedicate the 200 acres as open space as promised, to finalize that portion. Bob said he will follow up on this.

REQUESTING FUNDING FROM SANBAG GRANT: In November 1990, Gerry Newcombe sent a proposal to Sanbag requesting a grant of $125,000. He feels it has a moderate chance of getting a favorable response. He has also sent a letter to Dan Rodriguez, City of Redlands and Leslie Stratton, City of Yucaipa requesting a letter of support as a follow up to the grant request and expects a reply from both.
NEWS LETTER: Development of a newsletter was discussed with a general consensus that it would serve as an excellent vehicle in educating a wide group of people. Al Kelley and Bob Galbraith will work on it together and present it next month, and have plans of having it sent out on a quarterly basis.

MARLBOROUGH DEVELOPMENT: Theresa Kwappenberg had drafted a letter to the county concerning the Marlborough project and handed it around for review by the committee. With the changes made she will retype it and have Bob Galbraith sign and send to the Developmental Review Committee, Environmental Public Works.

RECOGNITION OF OPEN SPACE: Al Kelley is urging a major impetus for the next 6 months for recognition of Open Space. Walks for Open Space done on weekends were discussed as a way of exposing as many people as possible prior to the election. Possibility of using different groups to lead the walks and what liabilities there might be were also discussed.

MOTION: Motion by Bill Cunningham, second by Bob Galbraith, carried unanimously to have a draft of the County Open Space Plan sent to the cities of Yucaipa and Redlands.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Topics perceived as necessary for the Crafton Hills Open Space Plan included but were not limited to:

1. Nature Trails - access
2. Wild Life Habitat
3. Nature Center
4. Wilderness Area
5. Interpretive Programming
6. Equestrian Trails
7. Educational Programming
8. Acquisition Plan
9. Fire Management
10. Handicap Trails
11. Motorized Vehicle Use (None)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 by Chairman Bob Galbraith. The membership stayed to set the tentative boundaries for the Crafton Hills Open Space Map.
MINUTES
MARCH 22, 1991

1. CALL TO ORDER
At 3:00 p.m. Chairman Galbraith called the meeting to order at Crafton Hills College, 11711 Sand Canyon Rd., Yucaipa.

Board Members Present:
Bob Galbraith, Jim Poss, Gerry Newcombe, Edward Rea, Al Kelley, Robert Schuler, Barbara Wormser, Anne Dennis and Ingrid Lagerlof

Others Present
Harold M. Hill, Gertrude Hagum, Dan Rodriguez and Sandra Parsons

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
On motion of Ingrid Lagerlof, seconded by Al Kelley, and carried unanimously, the minutes of 03/08/91 were approved as amended.

3. POST OFFICE BOX
The Conservancy's new address is P.O. Box 1475, Yucaipa, CA 92399. Al is to keep the box key, contact correspondents if necessary, and bring all correspondence to meetings.

Ingrid stated the return address stamp is ready, and will bring to next meeting.

4. NEW LOGO
Jim distributed copies of the Conservancy's interim letterhead that he has prepared, for approval.
On motion of Ingrid Lagerlof, seconded by Gerry Newcombe, and carried unanimously, the interim letterhead was approved with no changes.

Discussion ensued on designing the new logo. Gerry shared that he had professional artists who could do the final drawing, once the design was decided upon. Al distributed examples of other Conservancy’s logo’s.

The general consensus was that a sub-committee should be formed to work on designing the logo. Upon discussion it was decided the committee would consist of the creativity of Gerry Newcombe, Ingrid Lagerlof, Al Kelley and Jim Poss.

On motion of Al Kelley, seconded by Barbara Wormser, and carried unanimously, the formation of the Logo Committee was approved.

Bob asked the committee to bring a draft to next meeting if possible, and to attempt to have the logo completed in four weeks.

5. CRAFTON HILLS DAY

Jim distributed copies of his draft flyer in support of Measure E, brief discussion ensued regarding editing suggestions. The new version should be ready for next meeting, and will be available to many interest groups besides the Conservancy.

Gerry has the slide show script prepared.

Discussion on $36.00 per year assessment, and the rebate of $18.00 worth of discount entry tickets for district regional parks.

Bob and Al to compose schedule and give to Ingrid.

Ingrid to bring copy of press release to next meeting.

Bob to take care of the hazardous golf ball situation.

Jim Sullivan was not present, so there was no information on the CB Club providing radio back-up.

Early bird walk to begin at 7:30 a.m. Event to consist of three, one-hour walks, and will end at 12:00 noon.

Bob and Al to make a trail map and stake points of interest.

Bob requested members to bring their volunteers to either the next meeting, or a 9:00 a.m. meeting, same place, on Saturday morning, April 6th.
MINUTES
MARCH 8, 1991
OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY

1. CALL TO ORDER
At 3:00 p.m. Co-Chairman Jim Poss called the meeting to order at Crafton Hills College, 11711 Sand Canyon Rd., Yucaipa.


2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
On motion of Al Kelley, seconded by Barbara Wormser, and carried unanimously, the minutes of 02/22/91 were approved, and the minutes of 02/01/91 were approved as amended.

3. TREASURERS REPORT
Russ Metcalf was absent, however he did submit a written report, stating that the required incorporation documents were filed with the Secretary of State and the IRS on 01/22/91, and he has not yet received a reply. The report also said that the Conservancy's financial status is in the red, and of this date, we have not received any funding from Redlands, Yucaipa or the County.

4. APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER
Ingrid introduced Jim Sullivan, of the San Bernardino County Fish & Game Commission, and explained that Barbara Riordan and Gerry Newcombe thought it would be a good idea to have him fill the vacancy on our Board.

Mr. Sullivan holds a Masters degree in Environmental Science, is Chairman of S.B. Co. Fish & Game Commission, State Secretary for Quail Unlimited, and serves on the S.B. Co. Museum Board of Directors. Mr. Sullivan, who resides in Redlands, is interested in conservation of both open space and habitat, and will also be bringing some insight of the development side, to the group.

On motion of Ingrid Lagerlof, seconded by Barbara Wormser, and carried unanimously, the appointment of Jim Sullivan to the Board
of Directors of the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy, was approved.

WELCOME JIM!!

5. PLANNING COMMISSION RESULTS
Deferred until May 6, 1991 by the County.

6. POST OFFICE BOX AND ADDRESS STAMP
Upon discussion, it was decided that Earl would obtain the Post Office Box and Ingrid would order the return address stamp.

Jim asked everyone to bring ideas and artwork for a logo to the next meeting.

On motion of Jim Poss, seconded by Barbara Wormser, and carried unanimously, spending up to $100.00 on a Post Office Box and return address stamp, was approved.

7. CRAFTON HILLS DAY
General discussion ensued in which it was decided that this event would not be appropriate for riders on horseback, as this will be a Nature Walk.

It was decided that the only refreshments to be served would be punch and cookies. Barbara to contact Carl's Jr. regarding donation.

No shuttle will be needed, as all walks will begin and end at the college.

Portable restrooms will be placed at the trail head only.

Will need volunteers to halt golf play while groups pass through danger area. Al to discuss with Bob.

The video and slide show to be showed at various times throughout the day, perhaps in the auditorium.

Someone to contact Bob regarding having some wild animals available for display.

Will have three start times, including a early bird walk.
Half-way through walk, leader to give presentation on behalf of the Conservancy. At end, pass out pamphlets.

Ham club may provide communications for event. Jim to ask them.

Need 12 volunteers, six naturalists to be leaders, and six to walk drag. Everyone to bring names to next meeting.

Al will prepare trails by flagging certain areas of interest.

It was also decided the Conservancy will need to take a trial run of the nature walk, prior to the event.

8. ADJOURN

At 5:30 p.m., on motion of Ingrid Lagerlof, seconded by Jim Poss, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is Friday, March 22, 1991, 3:00 p.m., at Crafton Hills College.

SANDRA PARSONS
Public Works Senior Office Specialist
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APPENDIX I

Forming a Legal Conservancy
Note: This serves as a guideline to the land trust services that the Trust for Public Land (TPL) offers and the role that the land trust or land trust proponents play. Please call us to discuss the particular needs and capacities of your community.

PHASE I: FORMING A LAND TRUST

A. Service: Initial Visit/Assessment of Land Trust Feasibility

What TPL Delivers:

1) Outlines over the phone the process and likely timeline for organizing a land trust.
2) Sends introductory material on land trusts and TPL for proponents to distribute locally.
3) Advises land trust proponents on how to arrange TPL’s initial visit and meeting(s) -- which people to invite, where to hold the meetings, how to publicize, etc.
4) Visits the community. Presentations by TPL staff range from informal meetings with potential land trust board members to a formal speech in front of a large group. This visit also may include a tour of properties of particular interest to the community.
5) Assesses land trust feasibility.

What (Potential) Land Trust Prepares:

1) Invites appropriate audience for TPL presentation(s).
2) Makes arrangements necessary for meetings (rooms, food, etc.).
3) Leads tour of properties that the land trust might want to protect (optional).
B. Service: Board Selection and Land Trust Establishment

**What TPL Delivers:**

1) Consults over the phone with land trust proponents on how to enlist a strong board of directors and advisory council.

2) Makes additional presentations to potential board members, as requested.

3) Guides group in preparing incorporation/tax-exemption paperwork. TPL provides sample documents and reviews documents drafted by the land trust.

4) Provides ongoing advice to land trust on organizational and acquisition issues.

**What (Potential) Land Trust Prepares:**

1) Recruits land trust board and advisory council members, in consultation with TPL.

2) Arranges any additional presentations by TPL to potential board members.

3) Writes draft incorporation and tax exemption documents and submits them to TPL for review. Incorporates TPL’s suggestions. Submits documents to appropriate agencies (with necessary processing fees).

C. Service: Training Workshop for Land Trust Board and Advisors

**What TPL Delivers:**

1) Prepares agenda for day-long (or as desired) workshop, in consultation with land trust.

2) Prepares for each workshop attendee a 100+ page workbook on land trust management, acquisition strategy, fundraising, publicity, etc. Mails all workbooks to one board member two weeks before workshop.

3) Conducts workshop. TPL staff lead land trust board members in developing land acquisition and fundraising strategy.

4) (Optional -- the evening before the workshop.) TPL project managers meet informally with land trust board members over dinner.

5) (Optional -- the evening before the workshop.) TPL project managers make presentations to a larger gathering of the community, as featured speakers in a land trust “birth announcement” public event.

**What Land Trust Prepares:**

1) Develops agenda, in consultation with TPL.

2) Arranges site for workshop, and provides for breakfast/lunch during workshop.
3) Invites each board member and/or advisor, and ensures the participation of all.
4) Distributes workbooks to all board members in advance of workshop.
5) Brings to workshop specific questions and cases to discuss at workshop.
6) (Optional) Arranges dinner for board members and TPL the evening before the workshop.
7) (Optional) Arranges “birth announcement” event.

D. Service: Initial Investigation of Potential Projects

**What TPL Delivers:**

1) Helps land trust develop criteria for project selection.
2) Recommends type of project which land trust is best prepared to initially undertake, taking into consideration land trust’s stage of development and other factors.

**What (Potential) Land Trust Prepares:**

1) Proposes appropriate project opportunities and provides detailed background information.

**PHASE II: ACQUIRING LAND**

A. Service: Land Transactions — Doing a Project Together

**What TPL Provides:**

1) Helps land trust to assess feasibility of project(s).
2) Advises land trust on how to structure the project and helps define land trust’s ultimate role (hold fee title? hold easement? convey fee to public agency? etc.).
3) Preares tax benefit analysis, if appropriate.
4) Meets with landowner and negotiates terms of transaction. Land trust representative is involved in negotiations as desired.
5) Drafts letter of agreement defining respective roles of land trust and TPL (i.e. who provides financing, attorneys and other appropriate professionals).
6) Preacquires property or conservation easement on behalf of land trust or acquires land jointly with land trust.
7) Conveys appropriate ownership interest to land trust and/or public agency.

**What Land Trust Prepares:**

1) Selects potential projects.
2) Compiles all relevant project information (maps, values, etc.).
3) Works with TPL to develop funding source and determines land trust’s specific role in transaction.
4) Introduces TPL staff to landowners, buyer(s), appropriate public agencies and other relevant parties.
5) Publicizes successful transaction in conjunction with TPL.
6) Develops and follows long-term management plan (if land trust retains ownership).
AGENDA

"CRAFTON HILLS OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY"

STEERING COMMITTEE

Crafton Hills
Biology Lab
LA 211

Friday, May 4, 1990
3:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of minutes of March 2, 1990 and March 23, 1990.

III. Committee's discussion on:
   a) Joint Powers Authority Funding
   b) Activation of Funding Mechanisms
   c) Acquisition of Seed Money
   d) Operation of land trusts
   e) Meeting of larger committee—late May, June 1, 3 p.m.

IV. Committee Reports
   a) Acquisition Mechanisms Subcommittee
      1) Nature Conservancy — Gerry Newcombe
         2) Trust for Public Lands — Gerry Newcombe
   b) Private, Non-Profit Subcommittee — Earl Giddings
   c) Natural Resources Subcommittee — Al Kelly

V. Report on Amphitheatre — All Kelly

VI. Report on sheet grazing in Crafton Hills — Theresa Kwappenberg

VII. Report on Aerial Photo — Gerry Newcombe, incomplete photo

VIII. Agenda items for next meeting

IX. Adjournment
Future of Crafton Hills discussed

By GERTRUDE HAGUM
Staff Columnist

Crafton Hills private landowner representatives met Saturday afternoon, Nov. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Crafton Hills College for an informational get-acquainted meeting with board members of the newly organized Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy.

Landowner attendees from Beverly Hills, Altadena, Rolling Hills, Corona del Mar and other areas came in response to an Oct. 19 letter of invitation from Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy Chairman Bob Galbraith, who stated, "The conservancy would like your input into how we can mutually define the future of Crafton Hills."

Following welcoming remarks by Jim Poss, one of the charter conservancy organizers, and introductions, Albert Kelley narrated a slide show featuring the variety of plants, wildlife and recreational-educational opportunities to be found in the 4,000 acres of coastal sage scrub and chaparral covering the Crafton Hills slopes between Yucaipa, Redlands and Mentone.

Active deer trails and habitat suitable for fawning grounds; beautiful wildflowers, shrubs and trees; endangered coast horned lizards and gnatcatchers (who eat thousands of gnats and mosquitoes); and natural springs used by a variety of wildlife were highlighted in Kelley's presentation.

Kelley, who is completing a master's thesis on the values of Crafton Hills preservation, called attention to a May 1989 survey by John D. Goodman, longtime biology professor at the University of Redlands.

Goodman lists 264 plants, 189 birds, 52 mammals and 28 reptiles and amphibians which may be found in the Crafton Hills, refusing the contention of one casual observer that it is a "hot, barren area full of dead weeds."

More than 2,000 acres of the upper slopes of Crafton Hills are already protected in federal, county or city ownership, according to Gerry Newcombe, San Bernardino Regional Parks interim director.

"San Bernardino County, Redlands and Yucaipa have a strong interest in long-range planning for the Crafton Hills," Newcombe said. "Our goal is to preserve as much of the natural area of the hills as possible," he said.

Crafton Hills is included in the county's Open Space/Trails Element and in the proposed Parks Open Space District, which could provide funding and management.

Newcombe stressed recognition of property owner interests. "If someone owns land, he deserves to get fair market value," Newcombe said.

Other county representatives participating in the meeting were county planner Charles Fahie and Regional Parks Advisory Commission member Barbara Wormser of Redlands.

It was mentioned that 3rd District Supervisor Barbara Cram Rioridan strongly supports the Crafton Hills Open Space efforts. Rioridan, who chaired the first organizational meeting of Crafton Hills Open Space Committee, recently received a national presidential conservation award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Community Services Director Dan Rodriguez of Redlands discussed ways in which cooperation between landowners and those seeking to preserve the Crafton Hills can result in a "win-win" situation.

"Because of problems involving steep slopes, drainage, expense of infrastructure, water, and environmental sensitivity, some land might be undevelopable," Rodriguez said.

"However, land which might be a liability to present landowners might be of benefit to others," he said.

Proponents of Crafton Hills preservation regard the area as an open space resource for hiking, birding, horseback riding, artistic values, wildlife habitat and corridor, watershed protection and solitude, as well as a living laboratory for biology students from the nearby Paul Marshall and Chapman Heights projects.

"On the positive side, undevelopable land which is now a liability to the owner could be sold for fair market value or donated as a wonder-ful tax write-off," Rodriguez said.

Current developers who are involved in donation of many acres for Crafton Hills Open Space and trails include Long Beach Equities, the Paul Marshall and Chapman Heights projects, among others.

Chancellor Bob Galbraith, professor of biology at Crafton Hills College, who had been giving an exam in another part of the campus during the first hour, arrived toward the end of the discussion period.

During the Oct. 19-21 statewide civic development conference, "Futurecape: A Plan to Improve Our Environment" at California Polytechnic University, Pomona, I heard Galbraith's Oct. 19 address, "Preserving a Natural Setting," one of three talks on "Designs for Open Space," in which he said, "From a biologist's point of view, Crafton Hills — an oasis of native plants and animals — rises like a majestic island out of the surrounding sea of urbanization."

Also participating in the Nov. 3 Crafton Hills meeting was Russ Metcalf, Yucaipa City Council member, who serves as secretary-treasurer for the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy. Metcalf cited a San Francisco Bay area group which had acquired more than 3,000 acres for open space through a combination of methods.

Following the oral presentation and group discussion period, refreshments of cookies, tea and coffee provided by Redlands attendees Rodriguez, Wormser and Robert and Hoberly Schuler were enjoyed as board members and landowner board members carried on one-on-one discussions during the next hour.

Other board member participants included Ingrid Lagerlof, who chairs Yucaipa Parks and Recreation Commission; Anne Dennis, conservation coordinator; San Gorgonio Chapter of Sierra Club; Diane Ramirez-Kelley, San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society representative; and Edward Rea, Mentone area representative, who discovered that one of the landowner representatives was someone who had worked for him long years ago during student days.
Saving the wide open spaces

Members of the Craflon Hills Open Space Committee walk through the grasslands of Spoor Creek Canyon, just off of Highway 38. Committee members hope to incorporate the canyon, which biologists say contains a near-undisturbed ecosystem, into an open space park. Land is currently slated for development into residential units. From left is Ingrid Lagerlof, Dr. John Goodm Linda Hill, Earl Giddings and Al Kelley.

Photo by R. Huard
Minutes of the Crafton Hills Open Space Steering Committee meeting held Friday, March 23, 1990 at 3:00 p.m. at the Crafton Hills College Biology lab are as follows:

Present: Bob Galbraith, Chairman
        Gerry Newcombe, San Bernardino Regional Parks
        Earl Giddings, California Trails Conservancy
        Ingrid Lagerloff, California Trails Conservancy
        Gertrude Hagum, Tri-County Conservation League
        Steve Ruddick, San Bernardino County Planning Dept.
        Russell Metcalf, Yucaipa City Council
        Ed Rea, Mentone
        Ann Dennis, Sierra Club
        Paul Hewert, Yucaipa Mirror
        Felicia Beasley, City of Redlands

Visitors: Elizabeth Beyers, Trust for Public Lands

TRUST FOR PUBLIC LANDS

Gerry Newcombe introduced Elizabeth Beyers and suggested that due to time constraints agenda be deferred and allow for her presentation.

Ms. Beyers described the Trust for Public Lands as a national non-profit conservation organization based in San Francisco. The Trust for Public Lands does not require an identified endangered species as a criterion for involvement. The Trust for Public Lands will facilitate land transactions that prohibit public agencies from negotiating with landowners. Ms. Beyers did state that revolving funds are available for land acquisition. The Trust for Public Lands uses option considerations which are basically an interim landowner with the goal to place land into protection ownership within an agency or private nonprofit groups.

The Trust for Public Lands will work with community groups to assist them in becoming land trusts. The Trust for Public Land can provide assistance in organization, public meetings, establishing Board of Directors, refine by-laws, and training/workshops.

Committee asked for comparison of advantages of Trust for Public Lands function and Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

Ms. Beyers generalized JPA's as serving as a public entity which would allow for state grant funding and might provide for more opportunities. Liability concerns would be written into agreement and liability insurance would belong to JPA.

The Trust for Public Lands does carry umbrella insurance should they become an interim land holder. There is also available to non-profit, public entities insurance for land trusts, through the Land Trust alliance or jointly with the coastal conservancy.
Ms. Beyers stated that the Trust for Public Lands can function as land owners; however, it is the advantage of the preservation organization that they hold/own land whenever possible. The Trust for Public Land would charge for its administrative costs involved with holding.

Ingrid Lagerloff suggested an alternate holding as is used in City of Redlands. The developers, in City of Redlands, who would like to dedicate land are required to make dedication in perpetuity and the developer holds the land until such time the City can accept dedication. The developer files condition of approval parcel map with county.

The committee identified three stages of Crafton Hills land holding:

- **Short Term Holding** - would utilize the developer hold mechanism
- **Trust for Public Lands** - can hold for those not wishing to dedicate
- **Long Term Holding** - would use the Special District for Regional Open Space.

The Crafton Hills Preservation Group will need seed money to further develop the mechanisms identified. Committee expressed interest soliciting seed money from participating agencies.

Gerry Newcombe made a motion that the Steering Committee select developing a land trust as its primary objective for organizational structure for the Crafton Hills Open Space project. Ingrid Lagerloff seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Beyers stated that a typical committee (depending on project scope, time and distance traveled by consultant) would cost about 25% - 50% of total cost. She will prepare an estimate of costs including start up cost. She targeted $2,500.00 as a minimum, actual cost would depend on what committee can pay.

Ms. Beyers distributed information and methods of Trust for Public Lands.

Gerry Newcombe made a motion that committee would encourage and support the City of Yucaipa and County of San Bernardino to adopt a kind of policy (dedicate and hold, as in City of Redlands) where it would affect Crafton Hills at a minimum. It would be up to Russ Metcalf and I to take the lead in the two jurisdictions (Yucaipa and County). Earl Giddings seconded. Motion carried.

Russ Metcalf suggested representatives from Crafton Hills Open Space Committee speak at the Yucaipa City Council meeting for education in the preservation of Crafton Hills, as a joint project, with City of Redlands and County of San Bernardino and a citizen's group. Next meeting which presentation could be on the agenda is April 9, 1990.
OPEN SPACE TRAILS ELEMENT

Steve Ruddick updated and informed committee on Open Space and Trails Element open forum meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m. for presentation of Open Space Master Plan and comments.

DEFERRED

Aerial photo issue.

NATURE CONSERVANCY

Gerry Newcombe is awaiting response from Nature Conservancy. They did recognize the opportunity for visibility should they participate in the Crafton Hills preservation. They are looking to specifically address endangered species.

PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Earl Giddings distributed draft articles of incorporation to form a non-profit land holding organization. Reference from State Costal Conservancy Non-profit Primer.

Russ Metcalf will have Yucaipa City attorney review.

Mr. Giddings identified clarification on some issues such as membership and board of directors. He suggested a subcommittee to review by-laws, articles of declaration, and declaration. Volunteers in this reviewing subcommittee are Ingrid Lagerloff, Anne Dennis, Al Kelly, and appointed chairman Mr. Giddings. Subcommittee will report on revision at the next meeting.

Chairperson deferred all items to next regular meeting of Crafton Hills Open Space Steering Committee on May 4, 1990 at 3:00 P.M.

New items for next meeting agenda:

1) Nature Conservancy - Gerry
2) Land Trust Report - Gerry
3) Discussion on operation of Land Trusts
4) Acquiring Seed Money
5) Discussion for meeting of larger committee in late May
6) Discussion of JPA funding source
7) Possible activation of funding mechanisms

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy

I

The name of this corporation is Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy.

II

A. This organization is a nonprofit public benefit corporation, and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes.

B. The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized include, but are not limited to: Promoting the protection of natural resources, preventing degradation of the natural environment, and to preserving and managing land for scientific, historic, educational, ecological, non-motorized recreation compatible and consistent with open space management, scenic or open space opportunities.

III

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is: Professor Robert T. Galbraith, Chairperson, Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy, Crafton Hills College, 11711 Sand Canyon Road, Yucaipa, CA. 92399.

IV

A. The corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Code or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of said code, or the corresponding provisions of any future statute of the United States.

C. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to
VI

A. The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any incorporator, director, trustee, member, or officer of this corporation, or to any private person.

B. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, any assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to a governmental entity described in Section 170 (b) (1) (A) (v) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of
influence legislation; nor shall the corporation participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

The names and addresses of the persons designated to act as the initial Board of Directors of this corporation are:

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BYLAWS
OF
CRAFTON HILLS OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY

ARTICLE I
NAME, PURPOSE AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Section 1.1 Name. The name of this corporation is Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy.

Section 1.2 Purposes. The corporation is organized under the Nonprofit Public Corporation Law of California exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

The specific purposes of this corporation include, but are not limited to, the preservation and management of land for scientific, historic, educational, ecological, non-motorized recreation compatible and consistent with open space management, scenic or open space purposes. Preservation of land shall be accomplished by acquiring real property or partial interests therein, including conservation easements as defined in California Civil Code Section 518.2, and recording appropriate instruments necessary to protect in perpetuity the physical environment of the area for wildlife, ecological and aesthetic purposes beneficial to the public interest.

Section 1.3 Principal Office. The principal office of this corporation shall be: Professor Robert T. Galbraith, Chairperson, Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy, Crafton Hills College, 11711 Sand Canyon Road, Yucaipa, CA. 92399.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

This corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE III
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3.1 Powers. This corporation shall have powers to the full extent allowed by law. All powers and activities of this corporation shall be exercised and managed directly by the board or, if delegated, under the ultimate direction of the board.

Section 3.2 Number of Directors. The authorized number of directors shall be fifteen (15).
Section 3.3 Election of Directors. Initial Board of Directors shall consist of one (2) representatives each from the City of Redlands, City of Yucaipa, and County of San Bernardino. One of the appointees from each of the above entities must be from the Parks & Recreation Commission or Department of that entity. In addition, one (1) representative shall be appointed a Director from each of the following groups:

- Crafton Hills College
- Sierra Club
- California Trails Conservancy
- Audobon Society
- Tri-County Conservation League
- Friends of Crafton

The Board of Directors may appoint additional Directors from the communities at large to fill the additional three (3) seats.

Section 3.4 Term of Office of Directors. For the first fiscal year of the corporation five (5) directors shall serve for a term of one (1) year, five (5) directors shall serve for terms of two (2) years, and five (5) directors shall serve for terms of three (3) years. Each director shall hold office until the expiration of his/her initial term, and until a successor has been elected/designated and qualified.

No elected/designated director may serve more than two consecutive terms.

With the exception of the initial directors of the corporation, subsequent directors shall be elected for terms of three (3) years at the annual meeting of the board of directors to fill the vacancies then occurring.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, at all times six (6) of the directors shall be designated, two (2) each, by the City of Yucaipa, City of Redlands and County of San Bernardino.

Section 3.5 Vacancies. A vacancy shall be deemed to exist in the event that the actual number of directors is less than the authorized number for any reason. Resignation shall be effective upon receipt of written notice by the board, the chairman, the vice chairman or the secretary. The board may remove any director, except a designee of City of Yucaipa, City of Redlands, or County of San Bernardino designee with or without cause. Absence of a director from three (3) or more consecutive regular board meetings shall constitute cause for removal. Vacancies may be filled by the board for the unexpired portion of the term; provided, however, that any vacancy of a board member designated by the City of Yucaipa, City of Redlands, or County of San Bernardino shall be filled by said agency.
Section 3.6 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held on the first Friday of February of each year.

Section 3.7 Regular Meetings. The board of directors by resolution, may establish a schedule of regular meetings of the board of directors. Written notice of regular meetings will be mailed by first class mail at least five (5) days or more prior to a scheduled meeting. The notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and will include an agenda.

Section 3.8 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the chairman, or any three (3) directors, by written notice delivered personally or by telephone to each of the directors, or mailed by first class mail at least five (5) days or more prior to any such special meeting. The notice shall state the time and place of such special meeting.

Section 3.9 Quorum. Seven (7) of the directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except to adjourn as provided in Section 3.10 of this Article III. Every act or decision by a majority of the directors present shall be regarded as the act of the board of directors, subject to the provisions of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law, especially those provisions relating to (i) approval of contracts or transactions in which a director has a direct or indirect material financial interest, (ii) appointment of committees, and (iii) indemnification of directors. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting.

Section 3.10 Waiver of Notice. The transactions of any meeting of the board, however called and noticed or wherever held, are as valid as though the meeting had been duly held after regular call and notice, provided (a) a quorum is present, and (b) either before or after the meeting, each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to hold the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. All waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made part of the minutes of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protest before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.

Section 3.11 Adjournment. A majority of the directors present, whether or not constituting a quorum, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given, unless the meeting is
adjourned for more than 24 hours, in which case personal notice of
the time and place shall be given before the time of the adjourned
meeting to the directors who were not present at the time of the
adjournment.

Section 3.12 Standard of Care.

A. General. A director shall perform the duties of a director,
including duties as a member of any committee of the board on which
the director may serve, in good faith, in a manner such director
believes to be in the best interest of this corporation, and with
such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent
person in a like situation would use under similar circumstances.
In performing the duties of a director, a director shall be
entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports or statements
including financial statements and other financial data, in each
case prepared or presented by:

(1) One or more officers or employees of the corporation whom the
director believes to be reliable and competent in the matters
presented;

(2) Counsel, independent accountants or other persons as to
matters which the director believes to be within such person's
professional or expert competence; or

(3) A committee of the board upon which the director does not
serve, as to matters within its designated authority, which
committee the director believes to merit confidence, so long as in
any such case, the director acts in good faith, after reasonable
inquiry when the need therefor is indicated by the circumstances,
and without knowledge that would cause such reliance to be
unwarranted.

A person who performs the duties of a director in accordance with
the foregoing shall have no liability based upon any failure or
alleged failure to discharge that person's obligations as a
director, including, without limiting the generality of the
foregoing, any actions or omissions which exceed or defeat the
public and charitable purposes to which the corporation, and assets
held by it, are dedicated.

B. Non-liability of Directors. The Directors shall not be
personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations
of the corporation.

C. Indemnification by Corporation of Directors, Officers,
Employees and Other Agents. To the extent that a person who is,
or was, a director, officer, employee or other agent of this
corporation has been successful on the merits in defense of any
civil, criminal, administrative or investigative proceeding brought
to procure a judgement against such person by reason of fact that
he or she is, or was, an agent of the corporation, or has been successful in defense of any claim, issue or matter, therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such proceeding.

If such person either settles any such claim or sustains a judgment against him or her, then indemnification against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts reasonably incurred in connection with such proceedings shall be provided by this corporation but only to the extent allowed by, and in accordance with the requirements of, Section 5238 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

D. Insurance for Corporate Agents. The board of directors may adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase and maintenance of insurance on behalf of any agent of the corporation (including a director, officer, employee or other agent of the corporation) against any liability other than for violating provisions of law relating to self-dealing (Section 523 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law) asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify the agent against such liability under the provisions of Section 5238 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

E. Investments. Except with the respect to assets held for use or used directly in carrying out this corporation's charitable activities, in investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling and managing this corporation's investments, the board shall avoid speculation, looking instead to the permanent disposition of the funds, considering the probable income, as well as the probable safety of this corporation's capital. The provisions of Subsection A, above, shall apply to this Subsection.

Section 3.13 Prohibited Transactions.

A. Loans. This corporation shall not make any loan of money or property to or guarantee the obligation of any director or officer; provided, however, that this corporation may advance money to a director or officer of this corporation or any subsidiary for expenses reasonably anticipated to be incurred in performance of the duties of such officer or director so long as such individual would be entitled to be reimbursed for such expenses absent that advance.

B. Self-Dealing Transactions. Except as provided in subsection C below, the board shall not approve a self-dealing transaction. A self-dealing transaction is one in which the corporation is party and in which one or more of the directors has a material financial interest.
C. **Approval.** The board of directors may approve a self-dealing transaction if the board determines that the transaction is undertaken for the corporation's own benefit, and is fair and reasonable to this corporation; and the board, after reasonable investigation, determines that this corporation could not have obtained a more advantageous arrangement with reasonable effort under the circumstances. Such determinations must be made by the board, in good faith, with knowledge of the material facts concerning the transaction and the director's interest in the transaction, and a vote of a majority of the directors then in office, without counting the vote of the interested director(s).

Section 3.14 **Compensation.** At all times, fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the directors shall be persons who have not been compensated, within the previous twelve (12) months, by this corporation for services performed for this corporation. In this Section, the term "persons" includes individuals related by blood or marriage.

**ARTICLE IV**

**COMMITTEES**

Section 4.1 **Executive Committee.** The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the corporation as described in Article V, 5.1.

Section 4.2 **Subcommittees.** Appointments to all subcommittees shall be approved by the board of directors. Each subcommittee shall be chaired by a member of the board of directors. Any committee, to the extent provided in the resolution, shall make recommendations to the board, and no committee shall have the authority of the board.

**ARTICLE V**

**OFFICERS**

Section 5.1 **Officers.** The officers of this corporation shall be chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer.

All officers of the corporation shall be elected from the membership of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.2 **Election.** The officers of this corporation shall be chosen annually by the directors, and each shall serve at the pleasure of the board, subject to the rights, if any, of an officer under any contract of employment.

No officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.
Section 5.3 Removal. Subject to the rights, if any, of an officer under any contract of employment, any officer may be removed, with or without cause, by the board of directors at any meeting of the board.

Section 5.4 Resignation. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to this corporation. Any resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of that notice or at any later time specified by that notice, and unless otherwise specified in that notice, the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Any resignation is without prejudice to the rights, if any, of this corporation under any contract to which the officer is party.

Section 5.5 Vacancies. A vacancy in any office for any reason shall be filled in the manner described in these Bylaws for regular appointments to that office.

Section 5.6 Chairman. The chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation, shall preside at all meetings of the board, generally supervise, direct and control the business and the officers of the corporation. The chairman shall be a member of all committees and shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of president of a corporation, and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the board or by the Bylaws.

Section 5.7 Vice-Chairman. In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors, and shall, subject to the control of the board, have the powers and duties of the chairman.

Section 5.8 Secretary. The secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the directors, shall keep the seal of the corporation and affix the same to such papers and instruments as may be required in the regular course of business, shall make service or such notices as may be proper or necessary, shall supervise the keeping of the books of the corporation, and shall discharge such other duties as pertain to the office or as prescribed by the directors.

Section 5.9 Treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge and custody of all funds of the corporation, shall deposit such funds in the manner required by the board, shall keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the corporation's properties and business transactions, shall render reports and accountings as required, and shall discharge such other duties as pertain to the office or as prescribed by the directors.
ARTICLE VI
REPORTS TO DIRECTORS

The Chairman shall furnish a written report annually to all directors of this corporation containing the following information:

A. The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of this corporation as of the end of the fiscal year;

B. The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during the fiscal year;

C. The revenue or receipts of this corporation, both unrestricted and restricted for particular purposes, for the fiscal year;

D. The expenses or disbursements of this corporation, for both general and restricted purposes during the fiscal year.

E. Any transaction during the previous fiscal year involving ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,000.00) or more between this corporation and in which any director or officer of the corporation was a party must be reported. The report must disclose the names of the interested persons involved in such transaction, stating such person's relationship to the corporation, the nature of such person's interest in the transaction, and where practicable, the amount of such interest; and

F. The amount and circumstances of any indemnification or advances aggregating more than FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00) paid during the fiscal year to any officer or director of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS

Section 7.1 Amendments of Articles of Incorporation. Proposed amendments to this corporation's articles of incorporation must be submitted in writing to the directors at least one (1) month in advance of the board meeting at which they will be considered for adoption. The vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the directors present at any one meeting shall be required to adopt an amendment to the articles of incorporation.

Section 7.2 Amendments to Bylaws. Proposed amendments to this corporation's Bylaws must be submitted in writing to the board of directors at least one (1) month in advance of the board meeting at which they will be considered for adoption. The vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the directors present at any meeting shall be required to adopt an amendment to the Bylaws of this corporation.
ARTICLE VIII
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of this corporation shall end each year on December 31st.

Section 8.2 Corporate Seal. This corporation shall have a seal which shall be specified by resolution of the board of directors. This seal shall be affixed to all corporate instruments, but failure to affix it shall not affect the validity of the instrument.

Section 8.3 Contracts. All Contracts entered into on behalf of this corporation must be authorized by the Board of Directors, by the executive committee or by the chairman.

Section 8.4 Execution of Checks. Except as otherwise provide by law, every check, draft, promissory not, money order, or other evidence of indebtedness of the corporation shall be signed by individuals as are authorized by the Board of Directors.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the presently elected and acting Secretary of Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, and the above Bylaws, consisting of pages 1-9 are the Bylaws of this corporation as adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on ____________, 1990.

Russell Metcalf, Secretary
Open Space Conservancy
a reality for Crafton Hills

By KEN LEVY
The News-Mirror

The California Trails Conservancy was founded in October 1987 by Earl Giddings. The group, comprised of naturalists, hikers and equestrians from the Yucaipa area, set saving the Crafton Hills as the group’s priority project. More than 264 species of plants, 189 species of birds, 52 of mammals and 28 of reptiles and amphibians were found in the Crafton Hills through biological and botanical studies conducted in 1989 by Dr. John Goodman, research associate for the San Bernardino County Museum and biology professor at the University of Redlands.

Giddings, as chair of the CTC, submitted a proposal in July, 1989, to the County Regional Parks Department for a regional natural park in the Crafton Hills. He cited ecological habitat based on Goodman’s research. In addition, he focused on the need to protect and provide watershed, open space in relation to projected growth, educational and recreational opportunities.

The City of Redlands’ Open Space Committee, working with the CTC during the same time frame for the preservation of the Crafton Hills, earned the city parks commission and city council’s approval of a planning concept to designate city-owned land as open space. Approximately 237 acres in the Crafton Hills were so designated, and the Redlands City Council sent a letter to Regional Parks supporting the concept of an open space park in the Crafton Hills.

Steven Messerli, then-Director of Regional Parks, called the proposal a “regionally significant project” and recommended implementation by coordinating with Redlands, County Planning and County Regional Parks.

The Crafton Hills Open Space Steering Committee was formed in January, 1990, with representatives from Yucaipa, Redlands, the County of San Bernardino, Crafton Hills College, the CTC and several citizens’ groups.

Representatives from Long Beach Equities, a firm planning to develop near the Crafton Hills, offered nearly 200 acres for the open space park. In addition, possible land dedications include 680 acres from the county, 230 from Redlands, 20 acres from the Stanley Ranch project, 20 acres from the Chapman Heights project and 250 acres from Crafton Hills College. Other smaller projects added about 50 acres to the total.

The steering committee decided in May, 1990, to incorporate as a non-profit conservancy and became known as the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy.

Through the next six months, a board of directors for the conservancy was appointed, including representatives from the cities of Yucaipa and Redlands, the county, the Tri-County Conservation League, the Sierra Club, Audubon Society, Friends of Crafton Hills and citizens’ groups.

Incorporation papers were drafted and subsequently signed by the two cities and the county.
APPENDIX J

Land Acquisition Steps to Preservation
October 19, 1990

Dear Crafton Hills Landowner:

The Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy believes that you, as a landowner, and the Conservancy, clearly have a vested interest in the approximate 4,000 acres of rolling hills and chaparral of the Crafton Hills that define the rural character of Yucaipa.

Having recently incorporated as a private, non-profit land trust, we are now in a position to invite you, as a landowner, to attend our monthly meeting. The Conservancy would like your input into how we can mutually define the future of the Crafton Hills. Funding mechanisms, the County of San Bernardino's Open Space/Trails Plan, and future developments on the Crafton Hills could be points for discussion. Your participation in these initial discussions is important and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

DATE: Saturday, November 3, 1990
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Crafton Hills College
Biology Lab (LA211)
11711 Sand Canyon Road
Yucaipa, CA 92399

Please take a moment to let us know if you will be able to attend the meeting, or if you would like to remain on our mailing list for future information. For questions concerning the meeting, please contact the undersigned at (714) 794-2161, ext. 250.

Cordially,

BOB GALBRAITH, Chair
10260 Hope Lane
Yucaipa, CA 92399

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CRAFTON HILLS OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY

NAME: ___________________________ I will attend ______
ADDRESS: _________________________ I will not be able to attend ______
_________________________ I will not be able to attend, but would like information regarding future business ______

Please return in enclosed envelope.
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS DEPARTMENT
CRAFTON HILLS OPEN SPACE PROJECT

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS

I. Current County Activities Related to Open Space
   A. Growth Management Task Force
   B. Development Impact Fees
   C. Open Space/Parks/Libraries/Museum Technical Committee
      a. County-wide open space bond
      b. Special Assessment District
   D. Open Space Element/Trail System Master Plan
      1. Evaluation of existing and future open space needs
      2. Recommendations for a prioritized acquisition program
      3. Specific analysis of funding mechanisms appropriate for particular sites
      4. Recommendations for ongoing administration and management of open space

II. Specific Activities Related to Crafton Hill Open Space Project
   A. Yucca Peak Regional Park and adjacent 560 acres
   B. Focus Open Space Master Plan consultation lists relevant to Crafton Hill
State of CA Public Land Acquisition Funding Sources

1) Special Account for Capital Outlay
   - Funds come from tideland oil revenues.
   - Funds are under authority of the Dept. of Finance.
   - Funds are often channeled into the General Fund.
   - Fund contains approx. $50 million per year.
   - Capital outlay projects are most often prisons, highways, dams, etc.

2) Public Resources Account
   - Fund takes 5% of CA cigarette tax revenues.
   - Fund administered by Secretary for Resources.
   - Fund is split between parks & recreation and habitat acquisition.
   - Fund contains $33 million for FY90-91.

3) Unallocated Account
   - Funds also come from cigarette tax.
   - Prop. 117 applies 10% of this fund toward habitat acquisition.
   - Remainder of fund is spent elsewhere, primarily on Health Services.

4) OHV Account
   - Funds come from OHV licensing fees.
   - Fund administered by State Parks & Rec.
   - Fund generated $10 million for FY90-91.
   - Fund is used solely for OHV-related acquisitions.

5) Environmental License Plate Fund
   - Fund provides roughly $20 million a year.
   - Fund is used many purposes aside from land acquisition.
   - Fund administered by Secretary for Resources.
   - Acquisition funds for natural areas and ecological preserves.
   - Lands are purchased for state, regional, & local parks.

6) Federal Trust Fund
   - Funds come from offshore oil revenues.
   - Funds spent by various state agencies.

7) F & W Habitat Enhancement Fund - 1984
   - Fund for WCB & CCC habitat protection.
   - How much for acquisition annually?
   - CCC funds can be used for local grants.
8) Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act - 1986
   - Fund is supported by state’s share of off-shore oil royalties.
   - Fund is managed by state controller.

9) Prop. 70 - Wildlife, Coastal, & Park Land Conservation Fund - 1988
   - Fund contained $726 million.
   - $311.7 million has already been allocated.
   - Funds distributed to various state agencies and localities.

10) Prop. 99 - Cigarette Tax
    - Bill allocates $ to PRA and Unallocated Account.

11) Prop. 111 - Gas Tax
    - Environmental enhancement and mitigation grants.
    - Program to provide $10 million for 10 years.
    - Caltrans will monitor this fund.
    - Urban forestry grants are eligible.

12) Proposition 117, Mountain Lion Initiative - 1990
    - Fund provides $30 million for 30 years for land acquisition.
    - Portion of fund is for deer and mtn. lion habitat.
    - Portion of fund is for endangered species habitat.
    - Is all money to be spent by WCB for DFG acquisition?
    - Has this fund been allocated or is it still changing?

    - Fund to provide $182 million for local assistance grants and acquisitions?
    - Fund to provide $25 million for state park acquisition.
    - Sno-park program, $1 million
    - WCB, $27 million
    - CA Tahoe Conservancy, $11 million
    - CCC, $15m
    - SMMC, $10m
    - Urban stream restoration, $2m for local govt. & non-profits
    - Dept. of Forestry, $31m for Demo forests & capital outlay
    - Unallocated account, $20m

14) Forests Forever Initiative - 1990
    - Fund will provide $710 million for WCB "ancient forest" acquisition.

15) Big Green Initiative - 1990
    - Fund will provide $200 million for WCB redwood forest acquisition.
    - Fund will vanish if Forests Forever also passes.
Developers impacted, will pay for growth

By KEN LEVY
The News-Mirror

New fee program: Developers must pay for needed additional city services their projects generate

Developers will bear the brunt of the costs of the infrastructure needed to support their developments under the provisions of a developer's impact fee program adopted Nov. 14 by the Yucaipa City Council (see related story on A-1).

The budget estimates for the capital improvement plan, includes more than $88 million for drainage facilities, more that $52 million for traffic circulation, more than $15 million for public building and recreation facilities, and more than $6 million for fire protection.

The firm of Kadie-Jensen, Johnson and Bodnar (KJB) prepared an impact fee analysis to equip the city with general information for its adoption of interim improvement fees.

Planning staff, consultants and the public shared their concerns at recent meetings to iron out some of the specifics of the proposal. From these meetings it was determined the study assumed all future development would occur only on vacant parcels, according to John McMains, director of planning services.

"This assumption fails to take into account that existing parcels with improvements can be subdivided," he said.

A rough estimate indicates the possibility of more than 23,000 additional residential units in the city at build out, representing a 44 percent increase over the figure used to calculate the fees. If the estimate is used to calculate costs, the fees could be reduced by 30 percent, McMains said.

"The city would be justified in adopting a program of interim development impact fees. The mandatory annual review of the CIP will provide for the necessary refinements in the scope and...costs of specific projects," he said.

Developers already pay more than $8,500 in road, water, sewer and school fees, according to Richard Nielsen, who plans to develop 24 lots in Yucaipa.

The addition of the fees will virtually stop the building of apartments and will drive smaller developers out of your community," he said.

"A great majority of the cities in California have established development impact fee programs, as this is the most equitable method of passing the costs...to those...directly responsible for causing those impacts," McMains said.

Any developer who wants to provide affordable housing in accordance with the city's housing incentive program will not be hindered by these fees, said McMains.

"State law requires the city to waive up to 25 percent of the fees or provide a density bonus of up to 25 percent for any project that chooses to provide affordable housing," he said.

The circulation aspect of the CIP is designed only to maintain current levels of service.

The drainage system has been designed to allow for future growth, and no costs would be assigned to existing development.

The fire protection element is designed only to maintain current levels as established by San Bernardino County.
HOW ORGANIZATIONS CAN ASSIST
IN ESTABLISHING A
PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS
• Use personal contacts or letters to let city councils know of your organization’s and your personal support for that city's adopting a resolution to join the District.

• Adopt a Resolution supporting the establishment of the District to present to the Board of Supervisors and to appropriate city councils.

• Attend the Board of Supervisors hearing (tentatively February 4, 1991) to speak in favor of placing the measure to create the District on the June ballot.

• Provide the Regional Parks Department with names (and contact persons) of other organizations which ought to be informed of the District proposal.

• Run an article in the organization’s newsletter regarding the potential for a District to be created and urging members to write a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors.

FURTHER ACTIONS
(It is assumed that organizations such as yours will join with other support groups, such as various business and civic groups, to establish a campaign committee to begin work as soon as the measures are placed on the ballot by the Board in early February. The following actions are the kinds of things a Campaign Committee would likely be looking for.)

• Serve on the campaign committee, either on the Executive Committee or the “letterhead committee” or both.

• Provide mailing lists to or do mailings on behalf of the Committee.

• Participate in a Speakers Bureau.

• Provide slides of any of the areas to be acquired or projects to be funded by the District.

• Raise funds for the campaign.

• Provide volunteers for a strong grass roots campaign in your geographic area.
November 13, 1990

Bob Galbraith, Crafton Hills College
Crafton Hills Conservancy
11711 Sand Canyon Rd
Yucaipa, CA 92399

Dear Mr. Galbraith:

I would like to invite you to a very important meeting about the proposed Park and Open Space District. The meeting is scheduled for November 28, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. at the Regional Parks Department Office, First Floor Hearing Room, 825 E. Third Street, San Bernardino, CA. Enclosed for your review is an information packet about the District proposal. Some of the most important points about the District concept include:

- It would provide a means for the County to acquire and maintain open space for wildlife habitat, scenic and archaeological and historic resource values; develop new and improve existing regional parks, and develop a county-wide network of equestrian and hiking and biking trails. A few sample projects which could be funded by the District include the Santa Ana River Trail System, Day Creek Natural Area, acquisition of open space in the Crafton Hills, improvements to Cucamonga-Guasti Regional park, and habitat acquisition in the Crestline/Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear Lake areas of the San Bernardino mountains.

- Cities and local recreation and park districts may voluntarily join the District. Those which do would receive funds for local park and recreation needs.

- Our public opinion polling indicates that San Bernardino County voters would also support a District and a benefit assessment of up to $37 a year.

- We are now anticipating being on the June, 1991 ballot to create a San Bernardino County Park and Open Space District and approve a benefit assessment to provide a funding source.

In order for those issues to be successful in San Bernardino County, strong grassroots support and a broad coalition of participation for the ballot measure will be necessary. That is where your help becomes very important. The first important action is making sure the measures actually get on the ballot. There are two critical steps approaching to make that happen. First, in the next two months, individual cities and recreation and park districts will be deciding whether or not to join the District.
How many of them join will determine how successful the District concept can be. Second, the Board of Supervisors will have to adopt a resolution in early February to place the measures on the June ballot. The more that city councils, recreation and park district governing boards and the Board of Supervisors hear from organizations like yours in support of the District, the more likely it is that the measures will actually appear on the ballot.

I hope you will be able to attend the November 28, 1990 meeting to learn more about the District, provide input, ask questions, and help plan a strategy to ensure that the measures are placed on the June ballot. I think your organization and the people of the County, whom you represent, certainly have a lot to gain from the establishment of the District, both in terms of environmental protection and enhancement of our quality of life.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting. If you have any questions between now and then, please don’t hesitate to call me at (714) 387-2594.

Sincerely,

GERRY NEWCOMBE
Interim Director

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Julie Hemphill
(Cdl. Rep.)

South Coast Resource Management Area

Mike Berman (Palm Springs)
Future of Crafton Hills discussed

By GERTRUDE HAGUM
Staff Columnist

Crafton Hills private landowner representatives met Saturday afternoon, Nov. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Crafton Hills College for an informal get-acquainted meeting with board members of the newly organized Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy.

Landowner attendees from Beverly Hills, Altadena, Rolling Hills, Corona del Mar and other areas came in response to an Oct. 19 letter of invitation from Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy Chairman Bob Galbraith, who stated, "The conservancv would like your input into how we can mutually define the future of Crafton Hills."

Following welcoming remarks by Jim Fox, one of the charter conservancy organizers, and introductions, Alben Kelley narrated a slide show featuring the variety of plants, wildlife and recreational opportunities to be found in the 4,000 acres of coastal sage scrub and chaparral covering the Crafton Hills slopes between Yucaipa, Redlands and Mentone.

Active deer trails and habitat suitable for fawning grounds, beautiful wildflowers, shrubs and trees; endangered coastal horned lizards and great-caichers (who eat thousands of gnats and mosquitoes); and natural springs used by a variety of wildlife were highlighted in Kelley's presentation.

Kelley, who is completing a master's thesis on the values of Crafton Hills preservation, called attention to a May 1989 survey by John D. Goodman, longtime biology professor at the University of Redlands.

Goodman lists 264 plants, 189 birds, 52 mammals and 28 reptiles and amphibians which may be found in the Crafton Hills, refuting the contention of one casual observer that it is a "hot, barren area full of dead weeds."

More than 2,000 acres of the upper slopes of Crafton Hills are already protected in federal, county or city ownership, according to Getty Newcombe, San Bernardino Regional Parks interim director.

"San Bernardino County, Redlands and Yucaipa have a strong interest in long-range planning for the Crafton Hills," Newcombe said. "Our goal is to preserve as much of the natural area of the hills as possible," he said.

Crafton Hills is included in the county's Open Space/Trails Element in the proposed Parks Open Space District, which could provide funding and management.

Newcombe stressed recognition of property owner interests. "If someone owns land, he deserves to get fair market value," Newcombe said.

Other county representatives participating in the meeting were county planner Charles Fahie and Regional Parks Advisory Commission member Barbara Wonnser of Redlands.

It was mentioned that 3rd District Supervisor Barbara Cram Riordan strongly supports the Crafton Hills Open Space efforts. Riordan, who chaired the first organizational meeting of Crafton Hills Open Space Committee, recently received a national presidential conservation award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Community Services Director Dan Rodriguez of Redlands discussed ways in which cooperation between landowners and those seeking to preserve the Crafton Hills can result in a "win-win" situation.

"Because of problems involving steep slopes, drainage, expense of infrastructure, water, and environmental sensitivity, some land might be undevelopable," Rodriguez said. "However, land which might be a liability to present landowners might be of benefit to others," he said.

Proponents of Crafton Hills preservation regard the area as an open space resource for hiking, biking, horseback riding, aesthetic values, wildlife habitat and corridor, watershed protection and solitude, as well as a living laboratory for biology students at the adjacent Crafton Hills College, Yucaipa High School and grade schools.

"On the positive side, undevelopable land which is now liable to the owner could be sold for fair market value or donated as a wonderful tax write-off," Rodriguez said. "Current developers who are involved in donation of many acres for Crafton Hills Open Space and trails include Long Beach Equities, the Paul Marshall and Chapman Heights projects, among others."

Chairman Bob Galbraith, professor of biology at Crafton Hills College, who had been giving an exam in another part of the campus during the first hour, arrived toward the end of the discussion period.

During the Oct. 19-21 statewide civic development conference, "Futurecape: A Plan to Improve Our Environment" at California Polytechnic University, Pomona, I heard Galbraith's Oct. 19 address, "Preserving a Natural Setting," one of three talks on "Designs for Open Space," in which he said, "From a biologist's point of view, Crafton Hills -- an oasis of native plants and animals -- rises like a majestic island out of the surrounding sea of urbanization."

Also participating in the Nov. 3 Crafton Hills meeting was Russ Metcalf, Yucaipa City Council member, who serves as secretary-treasurer for the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy. Metcalf cited a San Francisco Bay area group which had acquired more than 3,000 acres for open space through a combination of methods.

Following the oral presentation and group discussion period, refreshments of cookies, tea and coffee provided by Redlands attendees Rodriguez, Wonnser and Robert and Hoberly Schuler were enjoyed as landowners and board members carried on one-on-one discussions during the next hour.

Other board member participants included Ingrid Lagerlof, who chairs Yucaipa Parks and Recreation Commission; Anne Dennis, conservation coordinator, San Gorgonio Chapter of Sierra Club; Diane Ramirez-Kelley, San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society representative; and Edward Rea, Mentone area representative, who discovered that one of the landowner representatives was someone who had worked for him long years ago during student days.
October 25, 1990

Dear Dr. Galbraith:

I hope by now you received the materials I sent regarding our work with the Crafton Hills landowners and the previous Cal Poly study which actually has a lot of good suggestions for alternative approaches to development and conservation planning and funding. Unfortunately, the focus of the report is mostly on agricultural preservation which is not the primary issue in the hills.

Over 100 acres of landowners have committed to the basic approach outlined in our proposal and we expect about 800-1000 acres to be involved by the end of next week.

I would like to offer the Conservancy our total support in promoting the formation of the open space district proposed by the County or any other activity to further your objectives. We have a separate open mezzanine office at our location in downtown Redlands which we are not using presently and which we would be happy to temporarily make available for the Conservancy's use. The location is exposed to a high level of pedestrian traffic and would be a very useful place to get the word out to the public.

Please let me know how we can work together. I look forward to attending your December meeting.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mark Sorensen

MJS/kas
Preserving open spaces

Conservancy seeks ways to save what's left of hills

By KEN LEVY

At first glance, the Crafton Hills appear to be nothing more than brown, dusty, steep hills brushed with chaparral and coastal sage shrub. Closer examination, however, reveals patches of wildflowers, ride with deer and the endearing mosaic of broken lizard habitats, and blue-gray gnats. Considered one of man's closest friends against grizzles and mosquitos.

Hundreds of species of plants, animals and birds frequent the hills. At least, two species are considered sensitive; one is the San Diego black-tailed gnatcatcher, and the California Black-tailed gnatcatcher.

The hill is considered a declining species by the California Department of Fish and Game. It frequents bristlecone and lowland areas, and sandy washes. The drooping grass of the lower Crafton Hill may meet the needs, according to the Crafton Community Planning Study.

The California Black-tailed gnatcatcher is a small songbird whose population is also declining, and is considered a rare and threatened species.

As the sea are golden eagles known to forage along the ridges of the Crafton Hills, and rare Swainson's hawk and black-shouldered kites.

It is for these reasons, and the need to preserve some of the last available open spaces in the region, that the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy was created. Watershed and open space protection, pollution abatement, recreation and natural resources are also included in the conservancy's goals.

Toward this end the conservancy seeks to acquire as much land as possible through land donations from area developers and land purchases.

The conservancy also seeks to provide trails for hiking, mountain biking and equestrian uses. It will implement the rolling terrain of the Crafton Hills, while maintaining large and visible areas for the diversity of wild things found there, according to Albert Kelley, who belongs to the conservancy board and the Tri-County Conservation League.

The hills are owned by private landowners, the cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Redlands, San Bernardino County, the Bureau of Land Management and Crafton Hills College.

If anywhere in the potential district's boundaries there exist (preservation) projects that can really palavese public support and the conservation of land, the Crafton Hills would be one of these, and the Santa Ana River another.

"Probably some of the better future projects of the district would be involved with are rights back in the east valley, especially the Crafton Hills," said Gene Newcomb, interim director of San Bernardino County Parks and Recreation and a member of the board of the fledgling conservancy.

The conservancy needed private landowners of the hills to get a project underway. So Newcomb introduced the conservancy's concept.

"A lot of people have the misconception when they think of preserving land that people are bunch of nuts and greenies who believe that's not the truth," Kelley said. "In fact, by forming a conservancy, we actually become a badger's best friends. The amount of people would support an annual fee on the hill was $35,000 to $40,000.

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"Undevelopable land which is now a healthy to the owner could be sold for fair market value or donated as a wonderland to the owner," he said.

If the conservancy was in the purchase land, the open space district and assessment fees are the most direct funding approach, Kelley said.

"Our goal is to get the area, to develop the funds to purchase and manage it," Kelley said.

"Exit polls from the 1989 election showed that more than 80 percent of the voters endorsed such a concept, and would support an annual fee of $35 to $40,000 to cover the operations of the conservancy.

"There is a small deer herd calling this area home, and occasional mountain lions frequent the spot."

Above 3,500 feet, scattered groves of trees are joined by panoramic views of the valley. Mountain bays are present in the area, which is a "green box for mountain bikes, hikers and dogs," according to Kelley.

The conservancy is also seeking funds through Proposition 117 and to acquire deer habitat, as well.

In 1989, more than 1,600 acres of the western section of the Crafton Hills were acquired by the conservancy.

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Photo by Art Kelley
The hills are alive

Al Kelley points to the Crafton Hills, as seen from Yucaipa Regional Park, to his eighth-grade science class. Kelley has led more than 2,000 students on educational tours of the Crafton Hills.

The real challenge to Yucaipa, Redlands and the valley areas in general is the attempt of growth out here and how to balance that with the need to preserve some of the open areas that are still left," said Nunez.

Development may have impact on open spaces

Six major projects are proposed for the periphery of the Crafton Hills area, many of which can have direct impacts on the proposed open space district, according to conservancy board member Albert Kelley, of the Tri-County Conservancy League. All have some land dedicated for open space. These include:

- The Citron project, to the west of the Crafton Hills, 30 homes on 160 acres. About 20 acres are dedicated to open space, including some orange groves. This project can impact foraging area for the northern harrier hawk and exceed laws.

- The Marlborough project, on the north and south of Sand Canyon Road adjacent to Crafton Hills College, 23 homes on 465 acres. About 500 acres dedicated to open space, and a 250 to a golf course which, if properly planted, may include ponds to provide water for birds and waterfowl. An additional buffer zone is needed here to close potential impact on forest and small mammals, and proposed concrete channelization would destroy main habitat for the endangered coast horned lizard.

- Stanley Ranch, on the east side, 32 homes on 150 acres, will be set back from earthquake faults and a perimeter trail.

- Long Beach Equities, on the southeast side, 60 homes on 250 acres, with 195 dedicated to open space. The developer has also agreed to pull its project back 30 feet beyond Spoor Canyon, one of two migration deer routes into the National Forest.

- The Marshal project, 23 homes on 46 acres. 23 dedicated to open space. The concern here is "scoping" development in a major canyon. Kelley said, "Potential impact of deer-farming groundhogs, mynahs, raptor nests, and high-density west horned lizard habitat, as well as mountain lion habitat and badger dens.

- In addition, more than 660 acres have been donated to the conservancy from the county, Raymond, Pines and Indian Wells, and the National Forest. About 367 acres are to be preserved, but for how long, the Bureau of Land Management and San Bernardino County.
February 22, 1991

Dear Crafton Hills Landowner:

We recently held a very successful Saturday information meeting for landowners. During the meeting we introduced the members of the conservancy and discussed our plans for the development of an open space park in the Crafton Hills.

The Crafton Hills Conservancy has developed a newsletter which will describe the activities of the organization. It will be sent to all Crafton Hills landowners and other persons interested in the Crafton Hills Open Space.

In the future, we anticipate receiving land from developers who are building next to the hills and we will also receive designated property from the City of Redlands, City of Yucaipa, County of San Bernardino and the Bureau of Land Management.

Most of the property in the Crafton Hills is privately owned and we would like to acquire as much of that property as possible. The possibilities for acquiring private property include direct purchase, land exchange, or donation by the owner to the conservancy.

We would appreciate any information or ideas you have regarding the activities of the conservancy.

Sincerely,

Bob Galbraith, Chairperson
Crafton Hills Conservancy
10260 Hope Lane
Yucaipa, CA 92399
On January 9, 1991, the SBVAS Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution supporting the placement of a measure on the ballot to establish a park and open space district for San Bernardino County. For more details about this ballot proposal, read on.

If you want to protect wildlife habitat, enjoy open space, like to hike, ride, camp, fish, picnic in your local park, or play organized sports, you have good reason to be interested in a proposed County Park and Open Space District. In fact, you may have a chance to vote for the establishment of such a District as soon as next June.

If approved by the voters, the District would acquire such natural open space areas as Crafton Hills, Soquel Canyon in the Chino Hills, habitat along Day Creek, land for the Valley of Enchantment Nature Park, and habitat in the Bear Valley area. The District would also construct and maintain hiking, biking, and equestrian trail systems, including the Santa Ana River Trail, a San Timoteo/Live Oak Canyon trail system, and connector trails in the central and west valley areas connecting to the Santa Ana River Trail and existing trail systems in Chino Hills State Park and the San Bernardino National Forest. In addition, the District would expand and improve several existing regional parks, as well as construct at least one park.

A unique feature of the District is that cities and local recreation and park districts can also join the District. Those that choose to do so (and this is strictly a voluntary choice for city councils and recreation and park district governing boards to make) would receive revenues from the District for local park and recreation projects, including local parks, athletic fields and recreation, community and senior citizen centers.

Formation of a new San Bernardino County Park and Open Space District was authorized by legislation signed by the governor this past September. The enabling legislation requires a majority vote of the electorate within the proposed District boundaries. It is up to the Board of Supervisors to place the measure on the ballot.

As a result of many months worth of meetings among Regional Parks Department staff, city managers, park city and local recreation and park district directors and conservation and business community representatives, it appears likely that the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing in early February, 1991 (tentatively February 4, 1991) to decide whether or not to place a measure on the June ballot.

The measure would ask voters if they wanted to form the new District with an annual parcel assessment of up to $36 to fund the District so it would have the ability to acquire and protect open space and to build and maintain trails and parks. In cities and local recreation and park districts which choose to participate, half of the revenue would go to the city or local district for local park and recreation projects. A parcel assessment is a flat amount assessed on every residential, commercial, and industrial parcel within the District. The amount, once established, could be lowered by the Board of Supervisors at its discretion but could only be increased by another vote.

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Proposed District... Continued from page 1 of the detergent.

Cities and local recreation and park districts will be deciding in January whether or not they wish to participate in the District formation process. Participation means that the voters in cities which adopt resolutions to participate would take part in the election called by the Board of Supervisors. If a city takes affirmative action to join, the measure would not be on the ballot in that city.

Formation of a District is being considered because existing funding sources are inadequate to provide for the parks and recreation needs of a rapidly growing population, not to mention the protection of sensitive open-space areas which provide wildlife habitat, scenic resources, recreational opportunities, and buffers to urban development. The new District, in addition to providing a new funding source, would incorporate the mission of the existing Regional Parks Department and expand its mission to include protection of open space and development of a regional trail system.

The District formation process now in progress was set in motion more than a year ago by the County’s Growth Management Task Force’s making a strong recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that the County develop an Open Space and Trails Plan (now in draft form) and explore new funding sources for parks, trails and open space.

More detailed information packets about the District proposal are available from the Regional Parks Department. Please call (714) 387-2594 to request a packet.

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**February 20 PROGRAM**

"Butterfly Associations with Local Plant Communities"

Greg Balmer, a staff research associate in the entomology department at the University of California at Riverside, will be the featured speaker for the SBVAS February program.

He will be speaking on typical butterfly species found locally and how they relate to their habitats. He will focus especially on the butterflies of chaparral and desert plant communities.

The program is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the San Bernardino County Museum. Everyone is welcome, so come join us!

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**FIELD TRIP**

San Jacinto Wildlife Area
Saturday, March 9, 7:30 a.m.
Leader: David Felix, 654-0580 daytime

If you are anything resembling a California native, you know winter is the time to really appreciate the beauty of Southern California. The air is clean, and as the annual greening of the landscape progresses, wintering birds at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area are reaching their peak. Reclaimed water is more available, and formerly dry ponds and marshes are being refilled. Come and join us for a day in the field amongst the coastal sage scrub and wetlands.

As armies of crows march over levee tops, we’ll observe large numbers of waterfowl on the ponds. The newly planted agricultural plots may hold such treasures as longspurs or mountain plovers, but keep an eye out overhead for a bald eagle or peregrine falcon. On the alluvial areas we’ll look for Rufous-crowned and sage sparrows. With any luck, we could see long-eared owls or Lawrence’s goldfinch. At any rate, the comical roadrunner should be readily available for our viewing pleasure.

The use of reclaimed water has improved conditions for several species of wildlife during 1990. Northern harriers are almost always visible and large numbers of Lincoln and white-crowned sparrows have been banded in the Sunflower forest of the borrow area. More down to earth, an immense hatch of western toads appreciated the moistened soil. We were very happy to see breeding pairs of ciated grebes, redheads, burrowing owls, and grasshopper sparrows.

If you would like to join us on March 9th, bring a lunch, water, and wear sturdy walking shoes. For those not in possession of a valid hunting or fishing license, there will be a daily use fee of $2.25, or you can invest in an annual pass or membership for $11.00. There is no fee for visitors under the age of 18.

We’ll meet at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters along Davis Road, 2.3 miles north from the Ramona Expressway. Or, if you enjoy a more jarring driving experience, take the Theodore Road exit off Highway 60, east of Moreno Valley. Turn south and continue for five miles to the headquarters office. Theodore Road becomes a dirt road after the first mile. Do not try this route if it has been raining.

If visiting the reclaimed water area on your own, please do not drive on top of the levees, but rather park and walk. Besides, it is so much easier to hear the white-crowned when on foot. Be careful after rains. Things get slippery real quick and it may be quite a walk back to the office. For more information, or if you just want a bird list, call Dave at 654-0580. Pray for rain and we hope to see you on March 9th!

—Dave Felix
Yucaipans want room
Council approves park district

By KEN LEVY
The Now-Mirror

Save some earth: Yucaipa will be part of a district that will preserve open space, provide multipurpose trails and protect wildlife habitats if voters approve.

Yucaipa will be included in a San Bernardino County Regional Parks and Open Space District if voters approve a ballot measure in June.

The city council Jan. 28 approved Yucaipa's inclusion in the district, which will purchase land to preserve as open space, develop parks and trails, and protect wildlife habitats.

The cities of Yucaipa and Redlands stand to benefit more than any local communities from the formation of a district because of the geographic location of the Crafton Hills and the Santa Ana Trail system, according to Bill Thomas, acting community services director.

"Yucaipa benefits greatly because the county has defined plans in our own area," he said. The county board of supervisors adopted a resolution Feb. 4 initiating proceedings to form the district.

"It's important to allow the citizens of Yucaipa to make that choice," said council member Ed Henderson.

Yucaipa is in the East Valley zone along with the cities of Highland, Loma Linda and Redlands. The governing bodies of the cities of Highland and Redlands have approved resolutions requesting intent to participate, but the City of Loma Linda declined. It is considering a general bond obligation for its park facilities.

Unlike a bond measure which provides for a one-time, fixed amount of revenue, a district would provide an ongoing source of revenue which would increase with growth from the creation of new parcels.

A $36 per parcel assessment fee, equal to about $3 per month, was approved by an ad hoc committee comprised of city managers, parks and recreation directors, community service directors, special district departments and representatives of the Regional Parks Department.

The money is split between the city and the County Regional Parks system, Thomas said. The city's share is returned to the parcel owners in the form of free use of parks, according to Steven Messerli, director of the County Department of Infrastructure.

The per-parcel fee applies no matter how many units are located on that parcel, he said.

"The proposed $36 per parcel assessment is a very small investment that will produce major returns for the City of Yucaipa," said Ingrid Lagerlof, chairman of the city's Park and Recreation Commission.

Based on an estimated 10,000 parcels within the city boundaries, the formation of a district would generate approximately $180,000 to the city annually in additional revenue for local open space projects and $180,000 to the county for regional projects in the east valley zone.

Lagerlof said the commission compiled a list of local projects to be funded by the measure.

"This list includes opportunities and activities for all ages and abilities," she said.

The following projects were recommended and approved by the Park and Recreation Commission, to be pursued should voters approve the formation of the district:

- Complete development of Bryant Glen Park.
- Develop three walking tracks for senior citizens on currently developed park sites.
- Expand present community center to accommodate additional senior citizens' programs.
- Develop, landscape and maintain a wildlife and trail system corridor in coordination with the flood control channel as it routes itself through the city limits, via Wilson and Wildwood Creeks.
- Develop a soccer and football complex on city-owned property at California and G Streets.
- Construct a 9,000 square-foot youth/adult recreation center.
- Subsidize funding for an aquatic complex.
- Develop handicap exercise and play areas on currently developed park sites.
- Develop multipurpose non-motorized bike, equestrian, walking and hiking trails.
- Develop an environmental education center.
- Purchase and develop a five-acre park site in the Dunlap area.
- Acquire land for future park and open space development.
District benefits people, wildlife

By KEN LEVY
The News-Mirror

For less than a nickel a day per parcel, San Bernardino County could be home to increased open space and wildlife habitat, more parks and trails, and other recreational facilities both regionally and locally if Measure E passes in June.

The ballot measure calls for the creation of the San Bernardino County Regional Parks and Open Space District which would serve both individual communities and regional zones with neighborhood park development, protection of wildlife habitat, construction of youth and senior centers, multipurpose play field development, open space land acquisition and multipurpose trail development.

The district is funded by a $36 per parcel levy that is split evenly between the participating local communities and the regional district. Parcel owners within the district realize an immediate return on half that cost in the form of a coupon entitling them to $18 worth of free use at any of the district's regional parks, according to Gerry Newcombe, interim director of the County Regional Parks Department. Every parcel is entitled to the $18 discount, even if one individual owns two or more parcels, he said.

Thus, parcel owners are assessed the equivalent of $18 per year, or about $1.50 per month.

Mobilehome residents will pay much less, he said. Because a mobilehome park is considered one parcel, the entire park is assessed as one unit for $36. If passed on to residents of a 100-space park, each resident would pay 36 cents a year.

Land in agricultural use or restricted as open space is exempt from the assessment.

Over the past 10 years, San Bernardino County's population has increased more than 60 percent," said Newcombe. This translates into more demand for housing, parks, community centers and open space, and results in more impact on wildlife habitat areas, he said.

"Recent public opinion surveys demonstrate that residents demand a high quality of life that can be provided in part by open space, wildlife preservation, clean air and recreational facilities.

"While the cost of developing and maintaining additional facilities is rising, funding sources are diminishing. New revenue sources must be developed to provide recreational facilities for everyone's enjoyment," Newcombe said.

The district will fund improved and newly-developed facilities for seniors and handicapped persons and a habitat conservation and management plan to address development impacts on wildlife habitat and threatened or endangered species.

In addition, local district projects include Crafton Hills Open Space land acquisition, a wildlife corridor study, improvements to Yucaipa Regional Park and trail construction in Live Oak and San Timoteo canyons and Wilson Creek.

Projects from the community side of the district include expansion of the community center for additional senior citizens' programs, handicap exercise and play areas on existing park sites, an environmental education center, purchase and development of a five-acre park in the Dunlap area, and development of a soccer and football complex on city-owned property at California and G streets.

"There is a very strong commitment that the district will spend its funds back into the communities that generate (the revenues)," Newcombe said. Community projects will be developed in cooperation between the Regional Parks Department and local government agencies, such as the Yucaipa Park and Recreation Commission.

The money stays where it is generated for projects that benefit those areas," he said.

The district is expected to generate about $11 million annually, and the individual communities and the district itself will be required to perform an annual audit to ensure the funds are used for the intended purposes.

The fee cannot be changed except by a vote of the people, and will terminate after 25 years except as extended by a vote of the people.

The county Board of Supervisors will oversee the benefit district, said Newcombe.
SAVE CRAFTON HILLS

VOTE YES ON MEASURE E

"Quality living for the future."

REASONS TO SUPPORT MEASURE E

SUMMER YOUTH programs, new ball fields and playgrounds, and greater opportunities for families to enjoy the outdoors without traveling long distances.

SENIORS will benefit from construction of more senior centers as well as park lighting, access, and recreational improvements geared for our senior citizens.

WILDLIFE will be protected through purchase of sensitive wildlife habitat that is threatened by new development. We have unique habitats and wildlife species worth saving.

BUSINESS leaders and homeowner groups support measure E because it will raise our quality of life and increase property values.

REFUNDABLE coupons worth half the fee as free entry into Regional Parks within the district will be granted to parcel owners.

WHO ? - All registered voters in the District's proposed boundaries: unincorporated areas in the west central, and east portions of the San Bernardino Valley, and the cities of Big Bear Lake, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, Redlands, San Bernardino, and Yucaipa. Also residents within the unincorporated areas of Pielan, Wrightwood, and Big Bear Valley.

WHAT ? - The Park and Open Space District will be a special benefit assessment district that will establish funding and organizational mechanisms to increase public park development, open space protection, and preservation of wildlife habitat. Residents in the District will be assessed $36 per parcel annually, half of which is refundable as free entry into Regional Parks within the District.

WHEN ? - VOTE YES TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1991

WHERE ? - Look on the INSIDE of this brochure for a map of the proposed projects

WHY ? - Most of our local open spaces are under private ownership. We need undisturbed open spaces in our landscape in public ownership to be managed as watershed, wildlife habitat, parks of all kinds, and primitive trails linking our communities together. If not preserved in a natural state, these lands will continue to be developed, forever eliminating these potential uses.

HOW ? - The District will be governed by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County and be administered through the San Bernardino County Regional Parks Department. The money will be accounted for by performing annual audits, available to the public, to assure that the money is used for its intended purposes. REMEMBER, THE DISTRICT WILL BE FORMED ONLY IF YOU VOTE YES ON MEASURE E ON T. BALLOT TUESDAY JUNE 4, 1991.
Friends of Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy Newsletter

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OUR PURPOSE: The Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy (CHOSC) was organized to preserve and maintain the chaparral ecosystem of the Crafton Hills. By doing this, watershed, wildlife habitat, scenic vistas, and a rural greenbelt will remain intact. Public interest stresses the need for additional educational, recreational, and historical settings, and these purposes complement the overall goal of preservation. The cities of Redlands and Yucaipa, as well as the County of San Bernardino, are currently engaged in consolidating and appropriating land for the Conservancy.

OUR FUNCTION: The Conservancy, existing as a land trust, can accept donations of land and conservation easements and, with potential funding provided from bonds and initiatives, will be able to interact with private landowners for future land purchase. As a non-profit, non-political, public benefit corporation, the Conservancy can also apply for grant money. Our goal is to create construct for constructive interaction between government, land owners, developers, and the public. Ours is the only organization in San Bernardino Valley providing this type of format for negotiations.

OUR CONCERNS: The Conservancy recognizes that the Crafton Hills area diverse, functioning ecosystem. The threat of rampant urbanization makes timing of the Conservancy's goals imperative. Dr. Michael Soule (University of California, Santa Cruz) has stressed the need for international recognition of coastal chaparral ecosystems, and the Crafton Hills illustrate a web of life within deep canyons and along its undulating ridges. There are varied predator (coyote, bobcat, badger, raptors) and prey (kangaroo rat, jackrabbit, quail) species. A small deer herd moves north across Mill Creek to the San Bernardino National Forest. It is in the Zanja that tracks of a mountain lion unveil the stalk of this nocturnal hunter. Coast horned lizards burrow under loose sand in Gateway Wash, while the Black-tailed Gnatcatcher plucks minute insects among patches of Brittlebush and California sagebrush. The adventurous hiker may come upon a black bear feeding on Hollyleaf cherry and acorns in one of the cooler north-facing canyons.

LAND ISSUES: Of the approximately 4000 acres that comprise Crafton Hills, 2000 acres remain under private ownership. The County of San Bernardino, City of Redlands, Community College District, and Bureau of Land Management manage 680, 240, 400, and 200 acres, respectively. Private developers have already donated nearly 500 acres plus trail easements. By working with the community and government via the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy, developers can show the strength of their commitment toward environmental concerns.
GEOGRAPHY: From Zanja Peak, at 3547 feet, the highest point in the Crafton Hills, the panoramic view stretches from the Cleveland National Forest to the San Gabriels, San Bernardinos, and San Jacinto Peak. The golden brown grasslands and summit meadows contrast with steel-grey granite peaks that form a watercolor backdrop to the Crafton Hills. Steep north-facing canyons provide 'de facto' wilderness areas where wildlife moves undisturbed. Where the Chicken Hill fault rises to the surface, a series of seeps provides precious water and home for riparian habitats. Highly erodible Cieneha soils provide burrowing residents with readily accessible homes. Oak stands dot the ridges, while sycamores color the canyon bottoms. An ecological 'island', it is necessary for the Crafton Hills to remain undisturbed to prevent further fragmentation and loss of its unique character.

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APPENDIX K

Development Proposals and Your Conservancy
Proposed homes may alter hills

By KEN LEVY
The Now-Mirror

A developer planning to build hundreds of homes in the Crafton Hills area has appealed a decision by San Bernardino County to revise its environmental impact report after the developer changed the configuration of the project.

The Marlborough Development Co. wants to build 610 residential units on 614 acres on the north and south sides of Sand Canyon Road west of Crafton Hills College to the freeway. The project will include its own water and sewage treatment plant, according to John McMains, director of planning for the City of Yucaipa.

The original lot configuration, and the environmental impact report on it, were approved by the county board of supervisors in January, according to Matthew Slowik, project planner for the county's planning department.

The project included a significant portion of larger lots north of Sand Canyon road, with a split of 10,000 square-foot lots on the south.

The developer now proposes to shift eight additional units to the hills on the north side of Sand Canyon Road, McMains said.

The new plan pushes 10,000 square-foot lots north and adds more lots, with some of the larger lots removed and the remainder made larger, Slowik said.

The change amounts to a shift from relatively low-impact grading, which would have maintained some of the natural surroundings, to massive grading creating terraced pads, said McMains.

"This amounts to a giant facade of houses marching uphill," he said.

Slowik said the county determined that the changes required a subsequent EIR, which would amount to more than just revisions on the approved report.

Other environmental concerns include water quality, quantity and availability. The City of Redlands expressed concerns regarding direct effects on its groundwater sources, which are downstream from the proposed project.

McMains said Yucaipa's main concerns over the project are potential impacts on traffic congestion, drainage and aesthetics. In addition, the project would pay its taxes to Redlands because it is in that city's sphere of influence, but Yucaipa schools and infrastructure would be used by the residents there.

Both cities and Caltrans expressed concerns over potential traffic problems created by a lack of road improvements, Slowik said.

The eight homes would be built above the 2,400 foot level, which would place them in close proximity to the proposed Crafton Hills open space park, according to Ingrid Lagerlof, chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission and a board member of the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy.

"The consensus among the CHOSC board of directors is that a revised EIR should be required. The project would involve the changing of the contour of the hills, greatly disturbing the natural surroundings, and can have a tremendous impact on the habitat and ecosystem of the area," she said.

Slowik agreed the project could have significant effects on the proposed open space park.

Instead of allowing for more open space in the Crafton Hills, the proposed project "seems to be working against that," he said.

The California Environmental Quality Act states that when a project, or the environmental circumstances arising from its construction, are altered, a supplemental environmental impact report must be filed.
Supervisors deny subdivision plan

By GERTRUDE HAGUM
Staff Columnist

Expecting the Board of Supervisors to approve planning staff and commission recommendations for a proposed zone change and variance, proponents and opponents of the Paul G. Marshall 15-unit subdivision in the Mentone area of Crafton Hills lined up in stunned surprise at the Aug. 14 hearing as 3rd District Supervisor and board Chairman Barbara Cram Riordan cited her reasons for recommending denial.

"There are exciting things happening relating to the preservation of the Crafton Hills," Riordan said.

"Five-acre zoning seems to be more in keeping with the surrounding area," she said.

"There is a tremendous fire hazard," she added. "Residents would not be able to exit rapidly."

Following Riordan's recommendation, 4th District Supervisor Larry Walker's motion of denial received the unanimous vote of supervisors present, including 1st District Supervisor Martha Turner and 2nd District Supervisor Jon Mikels. Fifth District Supervisor Robert Hamsock was absent.

In testifying for the city of Redlands, Dick Robertz, senior planner, stated that the project's water tank and access road would have to be relocated on site from a proposed location on city property.

Community Development Director Jeffrey L. Shaw, in a letter of Aug. 4 to the developer and county planning department, stated: "Because of the Crafton Hills regional open space planning effort, the city of Redlands will not allow location of a water tank and access road at proposed. Maintaining the natural character of the Crafton Hills as much as possible has become a priority of the Open Space planning effort."

Speaking about a variety of concerns were Albert Kelley, Ingrid Lagerlof, John D. Goodman and Bill Havert.

Havert, among the color slides projected by Kelley, who said he represented YESS (Yucca Valley Environmental Support Organization), were photos of hillside wildfires, a doc in a canyon just east of the proposed development and Riordan on a tour with several of Kelley's junior high school students as they looked upward into the project area, the site of many class name walks.

Ingrid Lagerlof, who had talked with seven of the nine neighbors and/or read their letters of opposition, summarized their concerns. Diane Ramirez-Kelley relinquished her allotted time to John D. Goodman, who cited a recent publication by three University of California professors, "Saving California as a Fit Place to Live."

"Steep hills are vulnerable," said Goodman, who showed slides of the steep terrain on the Marshall site. Goodman also stressed the value of the land for wildlife, showing slides of endangered birds and other species, including the coastal horned lizard, shown in his hand after it was found on a recent nature walk which he led in June in an area a short distance to the east of the proposed development.

Bill Havert, a member of the Open Space subcommittee of the county's Growth Management Task Force, said, "Acquiring Crafton Hills is one of the prime areas under consideration."

Havert suggested several design alternatives, including density transfers to preserve upper slopes and a canyon at wildlife corridors.

"I hope that this project can be the impetus for the county to do a master plan for Crafton Hills, similar to Riverside County's plan for Sycamore Canyon, also an 'urban wilderness,"' Havert said.

Consultant DeWitt Hansberger, hired during the past week to "research the developer, said, "This is a delightful project which works to preserve the area."

When Riordan stated, "There are no neighbors here in opposition," neighboring residents Russell and Sheryl Kaufman raised their hands in the audience.

Russell Kaufman's letter of March 3 stated, "Highway 38 traffic is now extremely dangerous. We cannot handle any more. Double lines mean nothing to drivers at 70 to 80 miles per hour."

Hansberger said, "Mary Hutchison has not identified any equestrian or hiking trails on the site. It's not a good place to cross the highway."

"There's in a name?"

When prospective developers of Sunrise Ranch, northeast of Mentone, and Chapman Ranch, along the southern border of Crafton Hills, selected new names for their developments, they discovered neighbors and opposition to their choices.

Therefore, in response to expressed concerns, the names have been changed.

"Greenspot is the new name chosen to replace "The Oaks," a name whose only virtue seemed to be its perpetuation of the Landmark Land Co.'s tradition that "oak" or "oaks" should be included in the name of each of its developments, in harmony with the company's oak logo.

Responding to Yucaipa opposition to "Barrington Bluffs" as the new name for Chapman Ranch, a naming contest was held.

"Chapman Heights" emerged as the first-place winner, "Chapman Heights" was also included in each of the three runner-up entries.

Gift of 200 acres

When Robert 1. Odle, representing developers of Chapman Heights, spoke at the Aug. 15 morning meeting of the Redlands Open Space Committee executive board, he announced that more than 200 of the upper acres of their land between Crafton Hills College and Yucaipa Regional Park will be given for preservation of the natural environment and use by equestrians and hikers.

On a map shown by Odle, an equestrian trail is marked in the open space area. Presence of two springs on the 200-acre area, while unusable for housing, would be an asset for wildlife.
Panel opposes more homes in Chapman Ranch project

By CONNIE RUTH
The Sun's Yucaipa Bureau

The Chapman Heights project shouldn't build more than the 2,349 houses already planned, the Yucaipa Municipal Advisory Council agreed Thursday.

The developer wants to add 500 homes. The council also wants the county to take another look at the high-density apartments — 400 of them at 479 residences per acre. The council asked that roads, schools, and water, sewer and flood control facilities be planned for before the project is built.

The council's recommendations will go to the county board of supervisors.

Resident Mike Mitchell said he moved to Yucaipa eight years ago for its rural environment "not to see it turn into another Orange County."

He asked for a complete water availability study and for the developer to pay for two elementary schools. Pulte Home Corp., a nationwide homebuilder, plans to build on 1,012 acres east of Yucaipa High School and west of the library and sheriff's station. The project will include an 18 hole golf course, 24-acre shopping center, a community center and riding and hiking trails.

Project coordinator Bob Odl wanted housing lots range from 5,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet. Odl said the environmental impact report done two years ago was certified for 3,800 homes. The report is under review by the county.

Jim Poss, a 30-year resident, argued that "this project will change Yucaipa forever."

Allan Drusy, suggested the developer postpone everything until after the Nov. 7 election to let the new Yucaipa city council base its decisions on what constituents want.

"The density bothers me a great deal," said council candidate Marvin Hutchinson. "We're losing the entire rural atmosphere we've had in this community ... it's an Orange County-type atmosphere."

Diane Youn said the project would "open the door to larger developers who will build their projects, make their money and then leave."

Albert Kelley, representing Yucaipa For Environmental Sanity, said the developer threatens the habitat of the San Diego Coast horned lizard and the jack rabbit population.

"I think the community needs to take a stand and say 'do we really want this?"' said Greg Lantz, "I recommend there be no more than 2,349 homes."

Odl said the county development review committee began reviewing the project Thursday with the help of various county departments. He said the committee indicated more studies are needed.

The request for the additional homes is based on density bonuses the county allows for excellence of design and for providing open space, Odl said.

Odl said the county requires concrete flood control channels north of Yucaipa Boulevard — at an estimated $75 million cost — to protect lower elevations from flooding.
Yucaipa project has density cut

By CONNIE RUTH
The Sun's Yucaipa Bureau

Many Yucaipa residents are trying hard to preserve the area's rural ambiance. That's why they moved to the east valley community—to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

For them development is a four-letter word and they would just as soon have progress happen elsewhere.

So when a developer comes to the city council with a plan to build 59 homes in a stretch of open space south of Highway 38 and west of Bryant Street, some old timers have a hard time seeing anything good in it.

But there is, say members of the Crafton Hills Open Space Committee.

Long Beach Equities has dedicated 195 acres of its 240-acre parcel to the Crafton Hills Open Space Park and has reduced the project's density. The development will have lots ranging from half an acre to 10 acres.

Ingrid Lagerlof, a member of the open space committee, thanked Long Beach Equities for its offer at Monday's council meeting.

"To the Crafton Hills Open Space Park this land represents a very important link in one of the major wildlife corridors... It provides wildlife with an access during hotter months to areas where water is available. This sensitive area was not donated without sacrifice either. Over 20 acres was very buildable."

The council approved the development on a 3-1 vote, with Lillian Eaton opposed.

"I can't go along with this project as easily as that," said Eaton.

She expressed concern about added traffic on busy Oak Glen Road.

"This is leap-frog development and as soon as we allow this one, we're going to have many more applying in that area... There are a lot of repercussions I have a hard time dealing with."

Lagerlof said the committee's goal is to establish a joint powers agreement for park operation and maintenance with the cities of Yucaipa and Redlands and San Bernardino County. The plan "is to get as much of the Crafton Hills as can be acquired."

The group has made a good start. The county has dedicated 1680 acres, and Redlands has given 239 acres. The developer of a Citrus Avenue project, within Redlands' sphere of influence, donated another 20 acres.

The park will provide a place for people to hike and bicycle and ride horses. Lagerlof said.

"No motorized vehicles will be allowed. We want to maintain enough of the ecosystem so enough wildlife will remain."

Because the park is in the backyards of Crafton Hills College and Yucaipa High School, it will be a living biology and botany lab, she said.

The 15-member committee includes representatives from Redlands, Yucaipa and the county.
To: Kay Mason, Members of Open Space Executive Committee,

As of date, developers for the proposed Marlborough project have yet to succinctly respond to issues of wildlife, habitat destruction, and open space/recreation element. This letter addresses specific biological, geological, and economic concerns.

The supplemental E.I.R. refers to mitigation measures for the following, but need further documentation and/or elaboration:

1. Loss of 400 acres of coastal sage scrub will not be considered locally significant (p.12). According to the Weislander vegetation survey (1939), 40% of the coastal sage zone will be destroyed by the proposed project. One of the largest intact communities of Brittlebush (Encelia) and California sagebrush (Artemesia) is located on the project area and adjacent west facing slopes of the Crafton Hills. It is in these vegetation types that the Coast Horned Lizard (Category 1), Orange-Throated Whiptail (Category 2), and Black-Tailed Gnatcatcher (Category 1) are most readily observed. The Chapman Ranch project will eliminate approximately 300 acres of the same habitat along Oak Glen Road, so collectively 70% of the Crafton sage scrub community will be permanently lost. This habitat is globally threatened and is considered for U.N.E.S.C.O. recognition, (Michael Soule).

2. Low habitat value (p.33). Documented nesting raptor species include: American Kestrel, Black-Shouldered Kite, Sharp-Shinned Hawk, Northern Harrier, (4k)Red-Tailed Hawk, and Great-Horned Owl. While some of the species nest in adjacent areas, they undoubtedly forage on Marlborough property. The diversity of species would indicate a viable prey base and self-maintaining ecosystem (Graduate studies and theses, Crafton Community Planning Study, Cal Poly, Pomona, June 1987). See Accompanying maps.

Illegal sheep grazing has occurred the last 2 years on the property, but could be eliminated by patrol as in Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in Riverside. Deer are not common, but can be seen on the north slopes of Crafton Hills during early summer. Dr. John Goodman observed a female mountain lion on February 20, 1990 west of the water treatment plant, and, because they utilize a home range of 40+ sq. miles, it is possible that the north end of Marlborough could be included.

Note: 100 feet north of the project boundary line is the habitat of the coastal form of the Cactus Wren that is now fully protected (Pers. comm., Gene Cardiff, S.B. County Museum, November 2, 1990).

3. Geological- Soils north of Sand Canyon are mainly Cienega (Cr) types, highly erodible with steep slopes. The majority of grading will occur on these soils, eliminating reptile and small mammal habitat. An active badger site occurs below the proposed retention basin at the entrance to Crafton Hills College. Sedimentation will require constant monitoring and eliminate alluvial debris from forming new soil base at the canyon bottom. 75% of proposed project area is above 30% slope.

4. Economic- San Bernardino is on the verge of harsh reality by not providing adequate habitat for endangered species. Riverside County and incorporated cities are having to bail out species such as the Stephen's Kangaroo Rat at the cost of approximately $1,000,000,000 dollars. Trails can provide a recreational element and incorporate sensitive wildlife habitat, nowa prime focus for study and acquisition in the new county open space plan. Combining these efforts also attracts community profits (pers. comm., George Weurthner, Director, Yellowstone Foundation, October, 1990).

Recommendation: Eliminate building pads east of access road north of Sand Cyn. (while still retaining water tank and service road) (40 acres). Further set-back along canyons south of Sand Cyn. to service equestrian hiking trail and to maintain integrity of wildlife habitat/corridors.

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As a professional biologist, I find it necessary to present cogent and current data when evaluating ecological impacts. The most glaring and disturbing factor with the Chapman Ranch project is that the E.I.R. was certified at the time the County was processing the application. Because of project design changes and current status of some species, a subsequent and supplemental E.I.R. should have been included. It is precisely because of the lack of this document that the proposed project fails to protect and monitor sensitive biological resources under CEQA Guidelines Section 15382 "significant change on the environment", and AB 21080, "assuring mitigation measures required to reduce significant adverse environmental impacts.

The status of species listed below need examination and documentation. The original E.I.R. claims no Kangaroo Rats are located on the property, but visible burrows exist north of Gateway Wash and in the N.W. sector of the project. These latter sites are in the area defined as open space, but the building of the parallel road may impact the area. No protection is afforded to any of the sites east of the limit of orange groves adjacent to Gateway Wash. Of note is the lack of documentation of Los Angeles Pocket Mouse on the project area, especially in alluvial areas near the wash. Dr. John Goodman has had success trapping both K-Rats and mice adjacent to the Crafton College at similar elevations and habitat.

The loss of 40% of Yucaipa Valley coastal sage due to fuel modification and construction south of Oak Glen Road is "regionally significant." The best remaining habitat exists east of the limit of the orange grove and on the flood bank north of city hall and parallel to Yucaipa Blvd. This preferred habitat for foraging raptors, easily supports 7 species, including the historical nesting golden eagles above Wilson Creek. Jackrabbit, cottontail, coyote, bobcat and the occasional deer are supported by this habitat.

The original E.I.R. failed to document desert vegetation on site, when 20 acres of cholla and prickly pear stabilize the steep banks along Oak Glen Rd. Documentation needs to address this habitat for the newly classified Coastal Cactus Wren. This habitat could easily be maintained fine homes on the bluff above set back 100 feet. The upgraded status of the Black-Tailed Gnatcatcher as documented in the Cal Poly graduate study, needs addressing.

One can clearly recognize that the pattern of developing in areas of coastal sage will further cause those species to decline. Eventually, listing species will totally eliminate development and impact our economic opportunity. It would make sense to develop projects that incorporate measures to insure the balance, recognize the ecological limits of the land. Eliminating fine homes to protect habitat and avoid litigation that will soon occur with species listing would be ecologically sound.

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Yucaipa planning panel approves 2,269-home planned development

Only one commissioner casts dissenting vote

By CONNIE RUTH
The Sun's Yucaipa Bureau

YUCAIPA — Plant nursery owner Al Newell told the planning commission he was glad the orange trees would be the last to go when work begins next year on Yucaipa's largest planned development.

"It's apparent to me that raising citrus in Yucaipa isn't economical anymore," Newell said at a meeting where the commission voted 6-1 for a project with 2,269 homes, an 18-hole public golf course, schools, parks and a 30-acre shopping center. "We should get off the dime and approve this plan and get going."

More than two dozen people spoke in favor of the 1,012-acre project on both sides of Oak Glen Road from Firh Street to 12th Street. The city council will review the plan April 22.

Commissioner George Sardeson cast the lone dissenting vote. He asked for an additional biological study to determine the number of sensitive species on the site.

When the project was initially approved by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in April 1987, it included 2,349 homes, 400 acres of open space and 6,557 residents. It was to generate an estimated 31,300 daily car trips when finished in seven to 10 years.

In August 1989, Pulte Homes acquired an interest in the project and submitted a revised plan to the county proposing 500 more homes. Since then, Yucaipa incorporated, Pulte withdrew, and the new city has conducted several workshops on the development.

Revised plans include 2,269 homes, 400 acres of open space and 6,258 residents. Upon its completion, an estimated 33,000 daily car trips will be made.

Planning Director John McMains said the major difference is the redesigned golf course with nine holes on each side of Oak Glen Road, instead of all 18 on the east side. The new plan includes 80 fewer homes, 40 more acres of open space and the addition of a 10-acre civic center site. Equestrian and bike trails are included throughout.

The flood control system was changed from concrete-lined channels to underground box channels topped by landscaping to create greenbelts. The developer plans to create a special taxing district and have project residents pay for flood control and other improvements.

Project representative Bob Odle said lot sizes will range from 5,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet. There will be 1,301 single-family homes and 686 condos. "It will have a character, a quality that will reflect Yucaipa."

Building the project would provide jobs for 100 to 500 people and when finished would provide 450 permanent jobs. The project is estimated to contribute nearly $19 million in development impact fees or equivalent improvements.

The project will be built in four phases and will begin in mid-1992 with the widening of Oak Glen Road from Yucaipa Boulevard to Fifth Street. Yucaipa Boulevard also will be widened the length of the project and Fifth Street will be widened and extended to Oak Glen Road.

"I think it's time for city officials to stop stalling," said life-time Yucaipa resident Claire Sample. "This has been on the drawing boards for over seven years."

Albert Kelly, a Yucaipa Middle School science teacher, said he didn't want to see Yucaipa become "another orangeless county," and he backed a plan to leave an area open for wildlife. "We'd like to see the wildlife corridor enhanced and maintained."

McMains said 60 homes could be moved to allow a 100-foot-wide wildlife corridor. "There is a corridor now. The question is, is it wide enough?"

Resident Alan Drusys doubted Yucaipa Valley Water District reports that the project would not threaten water supplies.

"The environmental impact report admits to overdrafts. Who will accept the blame when the water level drops?"
To: Chapman Family, Bob Ode, City Council

The Board of Directors of the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy strongly suggests that proponents of Yucaipa Valley Acres recognize the biological value of the remaining coastal sage and desert scrub communities. The habitats exist north of Gateway Wash (approximately 26 acres) and as a strip (approximately 2 acres) adjacent to Oak Glen Road on the bluffs north of the abandoned landing pad. Preservation of this open space is critical.

The need to preserve these areas is that the desert scrub habitat is only found in this area of Yucaipa. It provides forage for Coastal Cactus Wren (Category 2), Coast Horned Lizard and Orange-Throated Whiptail (2). Quail and thrashers also occupy this limited area. Coastal Sage along Gateway Wash is readily used by Black-Tailed Jackrabbit (proposed 2), California Gnatcatcher (Category 1) and many other migrants.

Because of the recent alteration of the above mentioned vegetation types, the animals probably depend on the habitat (even though limited) as residence rather than as migratory routes. The larger mammals (coyote, raccoon, bobcat) reach these areas by moving through wash areas.

We appreciate your cooperation in this effort. Direction for this communication came as a consensus through our group.

Cordially,

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Council approves Chapman Heights

By KEN LEVY
The News Item

Project OK: huge development approved in concept with modifications; road construction, half of golf course included in Phase I.

It took seven years and approvals from the Municipal Advisory Committee, San Bernardino County, planning commissions and, in the end, the Yucaipa City Council to clear the way for the huge Chapman Heights development to begin.

The design concept of the master-planned community got the nod April 18 after modifications were made to allow for some of the traffic, water and environmental impacts associated with the 1,012-acre development.

Concerns over encroachment by the development on habitat for a dwindling plant species and the potential for closing off a wildlife corridor were mitigated to the council's satisfaction by the removal of several homes near the northwestern foothills.

"A sensitive plant community known as coastal sage scrub, which is rapidly disappearing throughout its range, appears in some portions of the site. This will allow for wildlife migration through a natural wildlife corridor following the Oak Glen drainage course, according to Bob Odle, development consultant to Yucaipa Valley Acres, the partnership of the project.

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A minimum of 21.5 acres of improved parkland in addition to parks and open space provided for in the development plan is required for this development. The principals shall also pay all appropriate fees in lieu of land dedication as required by the Quimby Act and as determined by the City of Yucaipa.

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"A Boulevard to Fifth Street."

About half of the commercial center will be built during the first phase, as will nine holes of the golf course, the club house and about 800 homes.

Final engineering on the infrastructure including the road work and flood control channels will take at least 6-8 months, according to Odle.

Negotiations with the as-yet-unnamed developer are expected to last about six weeks.

"It's a bit premature to set a date for groundbreaking, he said.

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TAKE DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS TO COURT (Rev. 2-18-91)

by Ray Chandos

1. PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK

This book was not written by a lawyer. However, the author has successfully sued the county and stopped or modified several developments they approved. The purpose of this book is to share my experiences in doing this with others so inclined, but not to give legal advice.

This book shows you how to most effectively influence governmental decisions about development while simultaneously preparing for a lawsuit, should you later decide to file one. Whether you file in pro per (on your own behalf) or retain a lawyer, it's essential that you start to build your case before the development gets approved. If you don't, you're very likely to be thrown out of court for not exhausting administrative remedies.

This book can also help you decide whether to file a lawsuit, considering the costs, the risks, and the possible benefits.

It was written for people who care about their community, their city, their country, their planet, but who have found out through bitter experience that their local elected officials—city council members and county supervisors—along with most of their staff members, are in the pockets of the developers and couldn't care less about their community, their city, their country, or their planet. Unfortunately, you, as a concerned citizen, are really the sole advocate, watchdog, and enforcer for environmental law at the local level. Don't count on your city or county—they routinely let the developers get by with violating environmental law or policy unless somebody like you happens to catch them at it. Worse still, the developers have had the laws rewritten to prohibit legal challenges 30 days after their projects are approved. Thus, even if the approval violates a law, the violation is de facto forgiven after 30 days.

Like the author, you've probably spent many hours studying plans, meeting with developers and planners, reviewing environmental impact reports, writing letters, testifying at public hearings, and gathering signatures on petitions, only to find out that your nominal "representatives" in local government already had their minds made up to approve the development based on back room meetings you weren't invited to. You put out a good faith effort, while these sleaze bag sold you and the public in general down the river before you even started.

The main reason they consistently behave in this way is actually a matter of public record. Go down to the County Registrar of Voters office and look at the campaign reports for your local sleaze bag, and you'll likely see hundreds of thousands of dollars of "campaign contributions," or legalized bribes, from every developer you've ever heard of and a lot more you haven't. These creeps provide the money their surrogates in public office need to run for the next higher seat, and they have plenty of it to throw around since the profits from just a couple of houses is enough to adequately grease the palms of those in power.

The second reason the politicians and bureaucrats consistently rip off the common good is that developed land brings in more tax money than open space, allowing the county and city bureaucracies to sustain themselves and expand.

To challenge the entrenched power of the special interests, you need to be able to pose a credible legal as well as political threat to their surrogates in public office. This book shows you how.

In preparing this guide, the author hopes that citizens like you will educate themselves about environmental law and insist that local governments start obeying it, taking them to court when necessary. At present, the blackguards in public office frequently run roughshod over the law, secure in the knowledge that there are few, if any, environmental advocates watching them, and fewer still who will take them to court over it. Every lawsuit filed and fought through to the end, even if not won, sends a signal to the developers that environmental happy hour is over, that concerned citizens are watching them, and their surrogates in public office and demanding that they start taking the law seriously. These suits also have a chilling effect on those who lend money to the land rapers, and will ultimately, given sufficient publicity and public awareness, begin to sober up the city councils and boards of supervisors about their prospects for re-election by a public who they've consistently screwed over.
II. PREPARE FOR BATTLE

Before charging into battle, you need to know a few things about the system of land use approval and about the laws that (supposedly) regulate it.

1. The Deck Has Been Stacked Against You.

You've probably found that the local system has been set up to make it as difficult as possible for you to influence or challenge development decisions. Public hearings are held in the daytime, during normal working hours. Notices are buried in the back pages of newspapers which in some cases aren't even available in the communities where the development has been proposed. Reports and legal notices are written in technical jargon or "planningese," and the people who somehow manage to get to the hearings are frequently greeted with intolerance or downright contempt by the officials who run these hearings. Public access to county supervisors or city council members is limited or impossible, but wide open to the developers who are also their greatest campaign contributors.

At the state level, your legislator in the assembly or senate is also working a good percentage, if not all of his or her time advancing the developers' agenda—toll roads, development agreements, elimination of school fees on new construction, repealing or weakening environmental protection laws, and restricting your ability to challenge development in court.

That's another reason you need this handbook. If you simply show up at a city council or board of supervisors' hearing and expect that your concerns will be heard and respected, you're probably in for a shock. The developers designed and maintain control of the system of land use approval—unless you can pose a credible threat of litigation and, if necessary, follow through on it, you may as well save yourself the time and frustration and simply stay home.

On the positive side, citizens have sued local government and won. It can be done. While it's true developers often have unlimited funds with which to lob attorneys at you, it doesn't follow that the party with the biggest lawyer always wins. If the law has clearly been violated, as it often is, you have a good chance of winning. For example, the author successfully sued the County of Orange for zoning two corners of an intersection for commercial development, when the County's general plan allowed only one commercial zoning. While the developers spent $35,000 to $50,000 or more in attorney fees against the author's $108 filing fee plus duplicating costs, it availed them nothing, because the rezoning was simply against the law—as aggressive, well-trained, and highly-paid as their attorneys were, they were unable to prove that two equals one.

If you've participated in the planning of a development project from the start, you probably have a more detailed knowledge of the facts of the case than the developer's hirelings brought in late in the game. You can often use that knowledge to your advantage. Also, you probably care more about the outcome of the case—after all, it's your home, your community, your future that the greedheads are playing games with.

2. Educate Yourself About the Law

The most important law regulating development in California is the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA. This law is contained in the state's Public Resources Code, starting at Section 21000. You need to get a copy of this important law— it's just about your only legal weapon against the earthsacking huns and their abominable developments—and to educate yourself about it, and about law in general.

But first, get a copy of California Legal Research, a self-help law book from R.S. Publications, 1290 8th St., Monterey, CA 93940, and available in public libraries. This very concise book explains in plain language the types of laws, and how to look up laws, court cases (called "case law") and other legal information.

Next, and an absolute must, is to find your local law library and get a library card. This usually involves paying a deposit. Even if you don't get a card, it's open to the public, and you can go there to look up laws and photocopy the information you need. After you've read California Legal Research, (which should take you only about one evening), you'll find out that CEQA is an example of statutory law, enacted by the state legislature.

However, many of the details implementing CEQA are left to the CEQA Guidelines, which are part of the California Administrative Code, (Title 14, starting at Section 15000). These are administrative regulations having the force of law put out by the state's Office of Planning and Resources and adopted by the Secretary for Resources. Get a copy of CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, and read them—two more evenings worth. Finally, and an absolute must, get a copy of Guide to CEQA, published by Solano Press Books, P.O. Box 773, Point Arena, CA 95468, (707) 884-4508. This excellent book, updated each year, explains CEQA and important relevant case law, and is a powerful weapon for the lay person.
change it though, before signing—you don't have a chance to argue about it. When it comes out, the clerk calls your name and asks for conforming copies of the order—give the clerk enough conforming copies for your files and the opposition parties, since you have to serve them. The clerk also asks for a copy of the application, and may tell you to go downstairs and file it.

19. There is another local rule, Rule 504, which requires that you meet and confer in good faith with the opposition at least 5 court days prior to the hearing, and file a statement summarizing the issues remaining in dispute, etc. You can do this by a conference telephone call.

20. You may elect to prepare the administrative record yourself, subject to 'certification of its accuracy' by the public agency under CEQA. This saves you their charges for preparation at 25 cents a page. File it with your points and authorities, with a cover sheet and declaration. Serve a copy on all parties, and provide a postage-paid return package, or they won't accept it for filing in the court (law and motion counter).

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESS

The greatest difficulties are the procedures—what do you do, how do you do it, and when? There seems to be no written instructions on a lot of these things. But if you do it wrong, you're up against a roadblock. Here are some hints I've discovered for coping:

A. Copy the opposition. If they file a paper ahead of you and it's accepted by the court, that tells you how to proceed—just imitate them. Let the developers fund your legal education!

B. Get a copy of the Orange County Rules of Superior Court from the forms window for $10—an absolute must. There are also California Rules of Court which contain a lot of how-to answers and forms. Look those up at the law library.

C. But a card for the law library—it's a must investment! It's a one-time deposit which allows you to borrow books forever after. Of course, anyone can go in there to read books, copy cases, etc. But sometimes you'll want to take a book home or to a cheaper copy machine than the ones the library has.

D. Copy your successful predecessors. Anyone can request the clerk of the court to pull a case out of their files for inspection. You simply go up to the appropriate window in the superior court clerk's area, write the case number, which you can look up ahead of time in computer printouts placed on the counter, of the case you want to inspect, show your driver's license, and sit in a waiting room while they pull the file. You'll find all the documents filed in the case, so you can see how it was done. Try to find a case similar to the one you're doing.

E. Get a copy of Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act, published by Solano Press to learn all about CEQA. Solano also publishes a number of other guides to California land use law.

F. Don't get upset at the court clerks. Some of them are less helpful than others. All are wary of giving you legal advice, for obvious reasons. Some evidently don't approve of the idea of people doing their own lawsuits, and go out of their way to hassle you. Here are some tips for dealing with the court clerks: act like you know what you're doing as much as possible. Don't say 'I'm really new at this and don't know what to do.' Don't argue with them or insist that they're wrong—try asking them what you need to do in order to file your papers, or whatever you're trying to do, then do exactly as they say. If worst comes to worst, you can always get back in line and wait to get a different clerk. Many are ignorant of the peculiar procedures that go with a CEQA or other land use lawsuit, and have to go ask somebody else or look up the answer. If you think they're screwing up, try saying "Gosh, I did this once before and didn't have any trouble with it."

V. SAMPLE FORMS

For the cost of printing them, the author will provide a complete file of an actual land use lawsuit successfully litigated in superior and appellate courts. While your case will be different, these materials will give you an idea of the form to use in preparing and the timing for filing the required legal papers.

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APPENDIX L

Press Coverage
Old story: Open space or houses

Crafton Hills are coveted by both nature lovers, developers

By CONNIE RUTH
The Sun’s Yucaipa Bureau

YUCAIPA — The Crafton Hills are alive, but not necessarily with the sound of music.

The chaparral-covered terrain, west of the city and north of Yucaipa Boulevard, is home to myriad flora and fauna. Nature lovers want the hills preserved so people can hike and ride horses there. They have joined forces with the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy.

Others who bought hilltop property as an investment some years ago say they can’t understand why anyone would want to hike or ride in an area that’s hot and dry in summer and covered with weeds. They want the area developed, perhaps including trails and open spaces.

Ingrid Lagerlof and Yucaipa Councilman Russell Metcalf represent Yucaipa on the conservancy board, which also includes members from Redlands, San Bernardino County and several conservation groups.

Forming the non-profit conservancy provides a vehicle for accepting donated land for the open space preserve, Lagerlof said. The county already has given 600 acres, Redlands has donated 230 acres and a Long Beach developer has donated 195 acres of a 240-acre Yucaipa project at the east end of the hills.

Lagerlof, head of the Yucaipa Park and Recreation Commission, joined the open space project after moving to Yucaipa two years ago from Monrovia. She saw what happened to the hills there and vowed to prevent it from happening in Yucaipa.

"You wouldn’t believe what a bulldozer can do,”

And Lagerlof has horses and wants to preserve places to ride, as well as saving the natural habitat of plants and animals.

"The Crafton Hills is an endangered ecosystem, that’s why it’s important to preserve it.”

Where some people see dry, brown, weed-covered hills, Lagerlof sees "unfurled bolts of tan velvet. The hills are sort of a trademark for Yucaipa. When we moved here... they took my breath away.”

Don Moist, a longtime Yucaipa resident and real estate broker, worries what the conservancy’s plan might do to his investment. He bought 240 acres in the Crafton Hills a dozen years ago as an investment for his retirement and can’t afford to just give it away.

Moist can’t imagine anyone wanting to hike or ride in the hills.

"Nobody in their right mind would go ride a horse up there in the summer — it’s too hot. And I don’t understand why they chose (to preserve) this area. It’s almost all privately owned.”

Moist said Crafton Hills land owners are meeting with an environmental planner to get advice on developing their property.

“We want to see if maybe there’s some way we..."
Crafton Hills: Land coveted by competing forces

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Green can live together and allow the trails to go through the development.”

Councilman Metcalf said he understands that most property owners can’t afford to give away their land, but said the conservancy may find a way to buy it.

The conservancy has a very ambitious goal, he said. “We would like to have no building above the 1,000-foot elevation.

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Voters would decide — possibly in June — whether they want to create the district and be assessed an annual parcel fee.

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An estimated $23 per parcel fee would be split between the city and the assessment district, with the city deciding how to spend the money. “They could spend it on local park projects, or it will allow for the preservation of open space.”
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If a group of concerned citizens has its way, the answer to those questions will be a resounding never. The Crafton Hills Open Space Committee was formed to preserve and protect the area in and around the Crafton Hills. The group is made up of private citizens aided by representatives of the three governmental entities that the hills lie in (Redlands, Yucaipa and San Bernardino County). On the Redlands side, they have taken a stand that above the 2400 foot elevation line, no development will be allowed. On the Yucaipa side, the elevation has yet to be determined, but it more or less coincides with the Trail above the proposed Chapman Ranch Project on the South, and the edge of the Stanley Ranch Development on the East.

At the present time, the group is looking at mechanisms to secure land and retain it as open space. Already offers of open space along the edges of the hills have been made to the group by the developers of the Stanley Ranch, Chapman Heights and others. We all recognize that the rear of the developer's engines has crisscrossed this valley with patches of concrete where pastures used to be. Did you ever think that these same developers might help to save one of this area's most fertile resources?

A bigger problem for the group will be the acquisition of blocks of land in the center of the hills. Recently a representative of the Trust for Public Land offered their assistance and expertise in doing just that. They have helped many other groups to secure open space areas and will be working with the Crafton Hills Open Space Committee to do the same for our area.

In the near future, the Crafton Hills Open Space Committee will be presenting public forums on the group's goals and objectives, as well as an excellent slide presentation on the animals and wildlife that inhabit the hills. Led by Bob Galbraith, Professor of Biology at Crafton Hills College, the committee is hoping to generate a great deal of community support for this worthwhile venture. And that support will include not only monetary contributions, but also offers to help in the organization and management of this project.

We are very lucky in Yucaipa. With the help of committee members like Earl Giddings, Ingrid Lagerlof, Al Kelly and others, we won't have to look at houses on the Crafton Hills. Not now, hopefully not ever. Thanks folks, you are what being a good neighbor is all about.

If you would like further information, you can contact Bob Galbraith at Crafton Hills College.
The Good Life

We all love the green hills of Yucaipa. But some people look at them and see a different kind of green — the kind you take to the bank. There is a lot of undeveloped land in our valley due to decades of restrictions based on sewage and water conditions. But with cityhood and the new treatment systems all that is due to change — and how!

The Chapman Ranch project, much in the news lately, would add another 2300 homes, or so, within the corridor of land between Yucaipa Blvd. and Bryant. At present, this strip of land is the lovely, green gateway to Oak Glen. If there is an average of 2.5 persons per home, some old-fashioned math will tell you how many people that will add. How many cars? Is two per family about right?

Aside from this project, we are told that the feasibility study for cityhood calls for a population base of about 80,000 in order to fully finance the services projected. Our population is now about 30,000. Will another 50,000 affect the “quality of life” in Yucaipa valley?

Will an Olympic-size pool offset the loss of the orange groves? Will a civic center be worth the added stress of high-rise, high-density housing? No one would question a property owner's Constitutional right to make the best use of his land. But does a community also have the right to seek a harmonious balance between private need and public goals?

Why not identify some of the large rural areas of our valley as “rural enterprise zones” that would cater to the recreational needs of our young people and those poor souls who are trapped in the over-developed areas of Southern California? Country inns, gift shops, decorative orchards, hiking, bike and horse trails are uses that would complement the landscape rather than detract. Such uses would allow property owners to make a fair return and, at the same time, preserve the beauty of the valley for their children's children.

Yucaipa's rural heritage is its most valuable asset. Why not capitalize on this and become the Inland Empire's rural resource area? There is still time.
Growing pains get examined

With residential growth in the San Bernardino Valley rolling along despite the recession, it’s encouraging to see county supervisors and four valley communities pausing to smell the roses.

It’s not an attempt to stop development or regulate land use, but it is an effort to look at the effects of new housing projects on wildland vegetation and wildlife.

In a six-month study costing $20,050, earth science researchers at the University of California, Riverside, will try to determine how plants and animals are responding to the continuing squeeze on their habitat.

The study area runs from the hills behind Loma Linda, Redlands and Colton east to San Timoteo Canyon and Live Oak Canyon, and north to the Crafton Hills area of Yucaipa. It then runs west along Mill Creek, where it joins the Santa Ana River and continues to Colton.

As Gerry Newcombe, interim director of the county regional parks department, pointed out, the study will give officials a “data base” to understand how wildlife adapts to growth.

Of course, that new data may include some unsettling information about the dangers that growth is presenting to plants and animals. And that, in turn, could bring some showdowns over particular projects. But if it does, at least supervisors and officials of the four communities involved will know what we’re risking as we take bigger bites out of our surroundings.

Drought brings deadly dangers

County residents may consider themselves fortunate that the statewide drought isn’t likely to force a dramatic change in their lifestyles this year. That doesn’t mean, however, that the fifth dry year in a row doesn’t come with a price — a high one.

For starters, the county is facing serious brush-fire risks that will require increased caution — especially by those who venture into recreational areas. After a year in which the fire season wasn’t called off until late December, the official opening of this year’s fire season — usually in early May — is likely to begin several weeks early.

On top of the drought, the recent cold snap compounded the fire problem. Fire officials say the freeze killed off 10 times the vegetation that normally dies in a drought year. This dead brush could provide the fuel for a disaster.

Meanwhile, for wildlife that depends on new vegetation for its food, this could turn into a silent, and deadly, spring. Eugene Cardiff, curator of biological sciences for the San Bernardino County Museum, said the drought has reduced bird populations in the Eastern Mojave Desert by 45 percent.

And, according to Steve Loe, wildlife biologist for the U.S. Forest Service, lack of water and forage have forced deer to expend more energy on survival than on reproduction. The result has been a severe decline in herds that will take years of successful breeding to return to normal.

So, while we count our blessings because we have adequate water at the tap, let’s keep in mind the dangers and hardships in those places where the water isn’t reaching.
A hilltop sampling

Bob Galbraith, biology professor at Crafton Hills College, returns with a sampling of plant life to one of several groups he led on a tour of the Crafton Hills April 27. Youngsters examine a lone elderberry on the hilltop and gaze at the wide view from the hill’s vantage point.

Photo by Ken Levy
A home for bobcat and bear
Open Space Conservancy helps wildlife

By KEN LEVY
The News-Mirror

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Deer, coyotes, bobcats and badgers are just a few of the creatures finding a safe haven in the nearby Crafton Hills for now.

About 150 visitors trekked two hiking trails in the Crafton Hills April 27 to catch views of the diverse wildlife, the rapidly disappearing coastal sage and other habitat, and the wide range of wildflowers native to the hills.

They also got an idea of how fragile the ecosystem of the area is from Bob Galbraith, professor of biology at Crafton Hills College and president of the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy.

"Picture all these slopes covered with homes," said Galbraith, pointing out a sweeping panorama of green at the base of the hills. Much of the surrounding area is slated for development, he said.

But the upper reaches of the hills are largely decomposed granite which erodes easily and, coupled with the steepness of the terrain, is worthless for development.

It is ideal, however, for preserving the habitat of the local wildlife, which also includes mountain lion and the coast horned lizard, he said. The shallow, soft soil is conducive to burrowing animals such as badgers, rabbits and ground squirrels.

A small deer herd moves north across Mill Creek to the San Bernardino National Forest, and the black-tailed gnatcatcher plucks minute insects among patches of brittlebrush and California sagebrush. An adventurous hiker may come upon a black bear feeding on hollyleaf cherry and acorns in one of the cooler north-facing canyons.

The west trail, part of which is a wildlife refuge, features the coastal sage. White, black and California sages are protected from predators by their pungency, according to Galbraith, but about 90 percent of coastal sage in Southern California has been lost to development.

The Conservancy's guide to the trails indicates that much of the chaparral native to the area was lost in recent fires. The chaparral on both trails needs periodic fires to maintain health and vigor.

Until the chaparral regenerates, wildflowers abound on the hills. Lupine, fiddleneck and wallflower thrive there, as does deer weed and buckwheat, the latter a favorite breeding ground for the Painted Lady butterfly.

From the hills on the west trail, the college golf course can be viewed. It provides "fine dining" for rabbits and squirrels who, in turn, draw predators to the edge of the fairway.

On the east trail, the formation of the Crafton Hills is evident to those who know what to look for. Compression between the Crafton and Chicken Hills faults formed the hills.

Beside the too-frequent fires, illegal sheep grazing has decimated much of the native vegetation.

Of the approximately 4,000 acres that comprise Crafton Hills, 2,000 acres remain under private ownership. The County of San Bernardino, City of Redlands, Community College District, and Bureau of Land Management manage 680, 240, 400, and 200 acres, respectively. Private developers have already donated nearly 500 acres plus trail easements.

The Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy was organized to preserve and maintain the chaparral ecosystem of the Crafton Hills. By doing this, watershed, wildlife habitat, scenic vistas, and a rural greenbelt will remain intact, they say.
APPENDIX M

Wildlife Data
A RESUME OF BIOLOGICAL REASONS FOR PRESERVING THE CRAFTON HILLS ECOSYSTEM.
By JOHN DI GOODMAN

The Crafton Community Planning Study For The County of San Bernardino, by Allen, Borkovetz, Robillard and Wiemeyer, released June, 1987; is of considerable importance in considering the future of the Crafton Hills.

The Report concludes (p. 52-53) that Zoning as a density control mechanism is not as effective as other methods in controlling development pressures due largely to its innate instability (zones can change) and as zones changed it would convert the entire area of Crafton Hills into sprawling subdivisions of crowded urban homes, as seen elsewhere in the San Bernardino Valley and in much of Southern California.

Yet, in comparing the four Scenarios (pp. 38-50) -- Existing Zoning, Buildout, Density Transfer and Development Transfer to less sensitive areas -- Scenario One, to rely on existing zoning practices to regulate future development, had the highest community acceptance, because of its inherent instability and thus leaving open more options than any of the other Scenarios. Thus, there seems to be a paradox here. Most of the problem seems to center in the difficulty if not impossibility of implementing the other options, Density Transfer and Development Transfer. All-out construction or "Buildout" was not considered a viable option.

As a result, this leaves rather bleak picture of the future for Crafton Hills. The direction is almost always toward one of more and more development and crowding and seldom if ever toward removal of urban and suburban areas in order to provide more open space and wildlife habitat. So, it is obvious this must occur before and not after irreversible changes are put into action.

A Summary of the conclusions of the Planning Study are -- continue to encourage agriculture within the agricultural core; maintain an average density of five-acre units or greater; pursue methods of reducing the density in the agricultural zone through Density Transfer and Transfer Development Rights; Maintain its Rural Character; conserve the upper Crafton Hills and Preserve the Wildlife (it is perhaps prophetic that preserving the wildlife comes last in the list). I wish to address only the last point, preservation of the wildlife of Crafton Hills.
'Preserving the wildlife' can mean a lot of things to different people. For some it means the survival of the larger and more conspicuous mammals such as the deer. For others it means inclusion of the smaller animals, the birds and the insects, and for some it would include everything, including not only the trees but all of the plants, especially the wildflowers. The Southern California hillsides are part of a Biotic Community known as the Chaparral. As such, it is one of the rarest biotic communities on earth and the rarest and most endangered wild habitat left in western North America. There are only three spots in the entire world where chaparral occurs -- in a limited area around Capetown in South Africa, along the Mediterranean from Spain to Greece and a bit on the southern side in Tunisia and Morocco, and in Southern California. All three areas are undergoing pressures due to man-made alterations of the habitat. Unfortunately, the climate is unsurpassed on earth as a habitat for Homo sapiens, with mild winters and relatively moderate summertime temperatures.

About six months ago, Dr. Michael Soule' of the Department of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, appeared in a Special on channel 28 PBS, on TV. His subject was the disappearance of the chaparral in and around San Diego. He and his students have been monitoring the progressive disappearance of the hillside and canyon-side chaparral for several years. He explained how loss of any member of the complex predator-prey chain effects it all. Coyotes tend to disappear first. They are a check on smaller predators such as skunks and foxes and rodents. These are a check on overproduction of lesser species -- birds, insects etc., so that the presence for instance of large quail populations depends on the coyotes, which prey on the skunks and rodents that eat the quail eggs. Dr. Soule' described several other complex interactions that are disrupted or destroyed when the chaparral is destroyed. His main effort was to try and discover at what point in its destruction the chaparral was unable any longer to recover. The chaparral community, like the rainforest and the desert and the ocean, are in a very real sense 'superorganisms' that can withstand only so much degradation before they are killed and beyond recovery.

Eventually, the chaparral community is so destroyed that it becomes little different from the average backyard community in a suburban lot. Eventually, rabbits become the only vestige of wildlife left with removal or departure of the coyotes, the normal larger predators in the chaparral community. Coyotes are fun to hear at a distance but when they start to eat the chickens, kittens and puppies they quickly become canis non gratis. Following removal or departure of the coyotes the rabbits proliferate as do wild rodents including ground squirrels, carriers of sylvatic plague. The largest mammals in the chaparral, the mule deer, at first are visibly encouraged by human developments; they come down in the evening to drink at leaky faucets and on golf courses, but as they soon learn to feed in flower gardens and munch on the shrubbery they also rather soon become unwelcome. Man wants wildlife at a distance and not at his doorstep.

In summary, man's entry into the chaparral community does not involve minor changes but a rearrangement of the entire ecosystem, substituting for the natural ecosystem a completely artificial environment. Snakes and rodents are unwelcome, deer and coyotes are tolerated only if they keep their distance, skunks are smelly and dangerous as potential carriers of rabies. Man is only really happy when every last vestige of wildlife is gone.
Following this line of reasoning, it is naive to believe that Crafton Hills can accommodate any level of development and remain in any sense at all wild. Therefore, it is immaterial whether sensitive, threatened or endangered species are present in areas under consideration for development. It is this destruction of the chaparral communities that should be of major concern and that begins with the first dirt removed by the bulldozers, not whether at this point in time a threatened species like the black-tailed gnatcatcher is nesting there or a kangaroo rat's burrow or the tree nest of a dusky-footed woodrat is destroyed. These are all minor events; the wholesale removal of the habitat is the major event.

It is conceivable though unlikely that Crafton Hills might someday remain as the last area of unspoiled chaparral in California although a more realistic prognosis is that it will eventually disappear along with all the rest, buried under subdivisions or converted into recreational parks. A short decade or two ago Coast Horned Lizards -- the 'horny toads' of children -- were abundant in Southern California. Now, they are being considered for classification as an endangered species. The Coast Horned Lizard is common in Crafton Hills, which more appropriately should become a horned lizard refuge like that of the rare fringe-toed lizard of the Coachella Valley.

Deer use the Crafton Hills in spring and early summer, feeding to the top of Zana Peak on the succulent stems of those huge lilies up there that blanket the peak in spring. Seldom seen in daytime, their browse-clippings and hoof-prints in the sand attest to their presence. The rare Bachman's brush rabbit occurs up there and beneath the old pads of the tall Yuccas is a new land snail, as yet undescribed. Phainopeplas make their summer, fall and winter home in the Crafton Hills, leaving in spring to nest out on the desert then returning in June. These beautiful crested jet-black birds with their white wing-patches are one of the most unusual and restricted bird species in America but are unknown to the majority of residents of California, like the screech owls whose churring calls dominate the sound-tracks of many Hollywood films, whether the locale is Sherwood Forest or Vietnam.

Possibly, the saddest part of all is that when the chaparral disappears, with all of its special species found nowhere else of plants and animals, it will not be missed because the very people who destroyed it all never knew it existed -- nor, it is tempting to add, really cared.

* Chlorogalum pomeridianum
Spoor Creek Canyon: oasis or wasteland for wildlife?

Open space park sought as natural preserve for chapparal, hawks, etc.

By Paul R. Huard

Spoor Creek Canyon, about 50 acres of grassland and chapparal, and animals familiar with the area, represent a nearly intact ecosystem. Several rare, even endangered, species of plants and animals make their home here, undisturbed because the rancher who leases the land zealously guards it from trespassers who would despoil it.

In Spoor Creek Canyon a red-tailed hawk nests in the ruins of an old windmill, horrid ibises sun themselves on rocks and scavenge from brush to brush, and the air is rich with the warm scent of wild horehound and sage.

All of this will be gone history, if developers' plans to turn the land into residential units come to pass.

There are some people in the Yucaipa Valley who think it would be a better idea to incorporate the canyon into a proposed open space park in the Crafton Hills so the land would be both preserved and made accessible to the public for hiking, riding, and nature watching.

It is the Crafton Hills Open Space Committee who will very well will decide the future of Spoor Creek Canyon. "Usually, people argue and sit pick, but increased development is making people band together to save open space, make trails, and preserve the land," said Ingrid Legerdoff, a member of the committee's Steering Committee and advocate for preserving Spoor Creek Canyon.

Legerdoff said Spoor Creek Canyon could be part of a larger plan of park land and trails the Open Space Committee hopes to see established within the next two to five years.

She said a number of groups with diverse interests have joined forces to bring about the open space park. Representatives from the Sierra Club, the California Trails Conservancy, personnel from San Bernardino County Parks and Recreation Department and the City of Redlands, as well as Yucaipa City Councilman Russ Metcalf, biologist John Goodman of the San Bernardino County Museum and biologist Professor Robert Galbraith of Crafton Hills College have joined forces to create the park.

Recently, the steering committee voted to form a public lands trust in order to begin the slow process of convincing developers to donate land like Spoor Creek Canyon to a future open space park. Committee members say without the trust in existence the Yucaipa City Council would be reluctant to accept any land.

Land donations by developers are essential to the project. Without them, the $9 to $11 million price tag for the park, envisioned to comprise over 3300 acres of land will doom the project to failure.

"Some money for maintenance of the trails has been promised by the Forest Service, but $100,000 to hire a consultant was procured," said Earl Eldridge, steering committee member and representative from the California Trails Conservancy.

"To preserve wildlife in the Crafton Hills we need the land. Two cities and the county are involved in this issue, as are private citizens. But we need the land and that will only come from its owners."

A walk through Spoor Creek Canyon will produce compelling reasons for its incorporation into an open space park, said Dr. Goodman. It was during such a visit, arranged by Tanks that John Eldredge allowed committee members on the property that Goodman pointed out the rarity of the chapparal and grasslands in the canyon.

"Chaparral is itself an endangered environment," said Goodman, "It only exists in four other places in the world besides Southern California, and the chapparal in this region of the world is rapidly disappearing as more and more land is developed."

Ellegood, who for the last 15 years has let his cattle graze on the acreage protecting the front of the canyon, does not allow any visitors except the members of the committee. "They want to preserve this land," he said. "Development is going to happen, but at least these people want to see this land stay the way I remember this valley when I grew up."

Another person on the walk, Linda Hill, a resident of Yucaipa, said protecting the canyon was important to maintaining a rural environment alive.

"Keeping this land undeveloped will help keep Yucaipa's small town feeling," said Hill. "We're packing people in like mice in a cage as far as I'm concerned. I want my children to have a place where they can see and enjoy wildlife."

Committee members say the owners of Spoor Creek Canyon plan on building 20 homes on land stretching all the way back to the Crafton Hills, effectively destroying the canyon and its rare pristine environment. "The value of this canyon cannot be underestimated," said Hill. "What we had extensive forest was in the San Bernardino Mountains in the 19th century. Animals from the higher elevations came here for safety. Now, I can't even find leaves or fighting."

This canyon is an oasis," said Hill. "It's the last place where California Trails grew up."

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Biologist serious about wildflowers

No one ever has to tell Al Kelley to stop, take time and smell the roses.

Or, for that matter, the wild honeysuckle, penstemon, poppies, and other wildflowers that grow in the Yucaipa Valley.

Kelley, a biology teacher who specializes in teaching science to gifted children at Serrano Middle School in San Bernardino, takes flowers seriously.

A member of the Crafton Hills Open Space Park Steering Committee, Kelley takes a personal and scientific interest in the rare flora (and fauna) which occupy the scenic hills overlooking Yucaipa.

One of his activities with the open space park committee is to catalog the plants and animals which live in the area.

“When you know what is here, particularly rare species, you can make a great case for the preservation of the land,” he said.

A former biologist with the U.S. Forest Service, Kelley is well-versed in the state and federal laws helpful to any conservation group.

But, Kelley said the chief motivation for his activities is a simple love of nature.

“This area, these canyons and hills, are relatively unspoiled,” he said, referring to the north slope of the Crafton Hills and an area called Spoor Creek Canyon.

“It is truly beautiful here,” said Kelley. “It would be a shame to lose this land.”

Kelley enjoys showing off the beauty of the hills to anyone willing to hike with him through the chaparral and down the tiny trace trails that crisscross the land.

He said the presence of seeps is fortunate for all wildlife in the area.

“The plants and animals are under stress from the drought,” he said. “They aren’t adapting, and they won’t.”

But the blossoms are there. Kelly can find late blooming flowers with evocative names like Pearly Everlasting, Monkeyflower, and Live Forever.

Walking through the brush and the blooms, Kelley said, “Can you see this as a nature trail, or an interpretive trail?”

“It is truly beautiful here,” says Al Kelley, a local biologist.

“It would be a shame to lose this land.”

He said a lot depends on how interested the public is in preserving the Crafton Hills.

“People can have what they want, if they are willing to work for it,” said Kelley. “I think having a place where people and wildlife can share a little living space is a good idea.”

Story and photo by Paul R. Huard
Interagency Natural Area Coordinating Committee
Southern Counties Coastal Region

Meeting

ON

HABITAT FRAGMENTS & CORRIDORS

March 20, 1991
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
at
Forest Fire Laboratory
4955 Canyon Crest Drive
Riverside, California
92507
(714) 276-6146

Hosted by:
*The San Bernardino National Forest
*The University of California
*USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station
BACKGROUND

Natural habitat is being fragmented at a rapid rate in southern California due to the expansion of urban areas and their support facilities (e.g., utility lines and roads). The resulting topographical and genetic isolation can cause extinction of species or loss of natural productivity or habitat. With the added impact of habitat degradation and historical lack of open space protection, many of our indigenous species and communities are being extirpated, especially on a local level. Protecting and re-creating natural corridors that link preserved and other natural areas would promote long-term genetic diversity and species and community viability.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

Species and communities, both common and endangered, would benefit from having access to adjoining resources. Creating wildland buffer zones at urban interfaces and bridges between wildland preserves in the form of corridors is an important factor in developing local and regional management plans. Requirements of plants, animals and various habitats for effective corridor and habitat design such as dimensions, configurations, and barriers will be addressed. This information will be used for decision making and land management.

ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

The Interagency Natural Area Coordinating Committee was designed to bring together interested individuals, groups, and agencies, with common natural area concerns.

The Southern Counties Coastal Region group was initiated in 1990. This group holds a forum for exchange of ideas and concerns several times per year. Meetings provide useful knowledge on how to define and protect natural areas on a regional level. The intent is to increase networking and to expedite the dissemination of state-of-the-art information for handling regional problems. This spread of information should positively influence southern California development and protection for the betterment of natural resources and of society in general.

AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

9:00-9:20
Dependence of Public Lands on Private Land Corridors
Steve Loe, Wildlife Biologist
San Bernardino National Forest

9:20-9:40
Conservation at the Urban Interface
Tom Scott, Natural Resource Specialist
Integrated Hardwood Management Program
The University of California

9:40-10:00
Declining Vertebrate Species
Robert McKerrnan, Assistant Curator
Natural History Museum, San Bernardino

10:00-10:20 Break

10:20-10:40
Declining Invertebrate Species
Greg Ballmer, Entomologist
UC Riverside

10:40-11:00
Vascular Plants and Corridors
Orlando Mistretta, Endangered Species Coordinator
Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens

11:00-11:20
Corridor Case Studies-Large Mammals
Doug Padley/Paul Beier, Wildlife Biologists
Private Consultant/UC Berkeley

11:20-11:40
Planning for Corridors
Paul Fromer, Sr. Ecologist
Recon Environmental Consultants

11:40-12:00
California Fish & Game Perspectives
Marc Hoshovsky, Biodiv. Protection Planner
California Dept. of Fish & Game

12:00-1:00 Lunch

WORKING GROUP SESSION

1:00-1:10
Organize Working Groups
Marcia Narog, Ecologist
U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station

1:10-2:30
Concurrent Working Groups

1. Methodology for Creating "Wildland Corridors and Buffers"
   Tom Scott

2. Methodology for Environmental Assessment
   John Rotenberry

3. Mechanisms for Corridor Protection
   Steve Loe

2:30-3:00
Working Group Summaries

*Reports from working groups will be distributed to participants and agencies. **Seating is limited— For reservations call: Marcia Narog at 714-276-6146.
March 27, 1987

Mr. Albert J. Kelley
Serrano Intermediate School
3131 Piedmont Drive
Highland, California 92346

Dear Mr. Kelley,

Thank you for your letter of concern regarding the Sunrise Ranch Development and other current issues in government.

The Sunrise Ranch proposal consists of 79 acres of designated open space and 32 acres of golf course, creating a total of 111 acres of greenbelt. The conditions of approval did not include a fence along the south property line of the project as it was not recommended by the California Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Forest Service. Often times fences are hazardous to the deer. However, a fence was recommended along the north property line to help control public access to the Forest to specified roadways. This was felt to be an overriding consideration as protection to the deer herds from people randomly entering the forest along a large frontage. The benefits of a fence in this area to the animal population was thought to outweigh the possible hazards.

I hope I have answered your questions. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

BARBARA CRAM RIORDAN
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Channel choices to affect wildlife

By KEN LEVY
The News-Mirror

Earth vs. concrete: The latter may inhibit area wildlife migration, hinder planned recreational trails.

Soft-bottom, earthen flood control channels, maintained in their natural state, offer extensive recreational opportunities, wildlife protection and aesthetic value when compared with concrete channels proposed for two area creeks.

The Yucaipa Park and Recreation Commission is looking at alternatives to the cement-bottom, verticle-sided channel that looks "institutional and ugly," according to Ingrid Lagerlof, chairman.

The City of Yucaipa is currently reviewing several options available to provide adequate drainage, including pipe that would allow soft-bottom channels to remain in place, according to City Manager Leslie Keene Stratton.

Wilson and San Timoteo creeks, which are both subject to channelization, are part of a wildlife corridor study, conducted by the University of California, Riverside, to discover wildlife migratory routes, habitat and needs in the study area.

The corridor includes Yucaipa and the Crafton Hills, Redlands, Loma Linda, Grand Terrace, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Yucaipa's location in the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains provides a natural migration path from the lowlands to the mountains, according to a letter sent in August to Lt. General Henry Hatch, Chief of Engineers for the Corps of Engineers, from then-mayor Gary Pitts.

The Corps is currently studying its options for channelization along San Timoteo Creek.

The wildlife corridor would essentially be lost if concrete channels are constructed along either creek, according to Ken Guidry, chief, Water Resources Division of the San Bernardino County Department of Transportation and Flood Control.

The Yucaipa Regional Park is included as part of the Santa Ana River National Recreational Trail System (SARNRT). Complementing that system will be a loop trail running from the park, through San Timoteo Creek along the SARNRT and back.

Besides providing Yucaipa and visitors to the park an excellent one- or two-day trip, it will provide a link to the SARNRT for bicyclists commuting to the Inland Empire and Orange County, Pitts said.

The Army Corps of Engineers currently has the San Timoteo Creek channelization project under detailed design phases, which takes about two years, according to David Lovell, assistant chief of federal projects for County Flood Control.

To provide adequate flood-control protection, soft-bottom channels must be considerably wider than their concrete counterparts, which provide greater water containment in the smaller area, Guidry said.

Widening the channels would require local sponsors, such as the City of Yucaipa, to acquire property and contribute 50 percent toward construction costs, Lovell said. In addition, local sponsors must assume liability for the channel and at least a portion of its maintenance.

Newly-approved development impact fees could be used to acquire land needed for soft-bottom channels, Stratton said.
Time runs short for wildlands, experts warn

By Gary Polakovic

"The Press Enterprise"

RIVERSIDE

Time is rapidly running out for open spaces and scores of animals that cling to them for survival against the press of development in western Riverside County, experts said yesterday.

Bold steps are needed by the turn of the century to protect threatened and endangered species, keep wildlands and preserve the quality of life, said Tom Scott, natural resource specialist at the University of California, Riverside.

"We only have about 10 years," Scott said.

About 20 speakers, including scientists, developers, professors and elected officials, expounded yesterday on the future of Southern California's environment during an all-day conference at Raincross Square in Riverside. The event was sponsored by the Urban and Environmental Outreach Program based at UCR. About 100 people attended.

In Riverside County — where grizzly bears once prowled the mountains, steelhead trout plopped the Santa Ana River and pronghorns roamed where the Mission Inn is now — dozens more critters are threatened. About 50 Southern California bird, reptile, mammal and plant species are candidates for endangered or threatened status; another 114 species are in decline, Scott said.

California's urban growth, marching at a pace virtually unrivaled in the nation's history, is blamed.

The state gains 2,000 people daily; about 750,000 each year. The services necessary to meet all the state's new residents are staggering: 800 new homes daily, 1,000 more vehicles a day, and 20 more classrooms every 24 hours, said Dan Walters, a Sacramento newspaper columnist and well-known chronicler of recent California history.

"If you liked what happened in the 1980s, there's only one word to describe the 1990s — more. You ain't seen nothing yet," Walters said.

All the new people, and the accompanying residences, shopping centers, highways and entertainment facilities to keep them working and happy, are having a devastating effect on wildlife.

Many creatures are doomed once the bulldozers turn their habitat into flat-top building pads. Increasingly, though, development in western Riverside and San Bernardino counties is carving wildlands into fragments, leaving a confusing patchwork of suburban sprawl and open space. The pattern has pitfalls for man and beast alike, said Paul Romero, head of the Riverside County parks.

The public loses the quality of life people say they moved to the Inland area to find. Recent polls show 85 percent of those surveyed in the region support wildlife preservation.

Builders, too, suffer because divide-and-conquer development sometimes leaves isolated pockets of wildland, some of which may contain endangered species. Many developers discovered it is very difficult to come back and fill in the pockets with buildings once Stephen's kangaroo rats are discovered on tracts scattered throughout western Riverside County.

"We have not been proactive in our planning," Romero said. "... We only have recently started to recognize the need for planning for wildlife."

Romero said local governments must begin to organize planning to protect natural resources and wildlands much the way strategies are crafted for highways, schools and other essential items. Riverside County has established a special committee to steer efforts to protect open space.

Others think it will take a top-to-bottom re-evaluation of how government functions in California.

Kenneth R. Farrell, vice president of the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources for the University of California, said among some solutions, outdated political structures may have to be replaced. Some speakers called for regional governments capable of overcoming local rivalries to solve problems that do not respect county or city boundaries.
Ridgeline plan will preserve the hills

By KEN LEVY
The News-Mirror

Preserving the hills and ridge lines of Yucaipa has climbed higher on the Planning Commission's list of priorities.

The commission unanimously approved a proposed hills/ridge line development ordinance May 1. The ordinance is designed to regulate development in these areas by limiting grading and by generating open space area through less development in steeper slopes, according to John McMains, director of planning services.

A density-reducing mechanism for slope development would be better addressed in the city's upcoming general plan, he said.

"The city is blessed with significant aesthetic, geologic and environmental resources," said McMains. "Chief among these valuable assets are the hills and mountains that form the backdrop to the greater Yucaipa Valley.

McMains said providing for homes in hillside areas must be done in a manner sensitive to environmental conditions.

The ordinance establishes a permit process in or on hillside areas with slopes of more than 10 percent.

grading, drainage and retaining wall standards.

The intent of the ordinance is to preserve and protect the views to and from hillside areas to maintain the identity, image and environmental quality of the city, according to the staff report.

The ordinance will also maintain an environmental equilibrium with the native vegetation, animal life, geology, slopes and drainage patterns of the local hills and ridges. It applies to all hillside areas with slopes of more than 10 percent.

Measure E to help wildlife, recreation

By KEN LEVY
The News-Mirror

First in a series

Measure E, slated to go before the voters June 4, will create the San Bernardino County Regional Parks and Open Space District, designed to acquire land for wildlife habitat, open space, parks and recreational facilities for teens and seniors, and ball fields, among other proposed benefits.

The measure proposed by the parks department provides the district with funding from a $36 per parcel per year levy. About half of that is returned to the parcel owner in the form of free-use coupons at any of the county's regional parks.

Land already restricted as open space or currently in agricultural use is exempted from the assessment. Because it is a per-parcel levy, any number of homes on a parcel would be subject to only the one $36 assessment, and every parcel qualifies for the free-use coupons.

The district has a so-called "sunset clause" which terminates it within 25 years unless the voters choose to extend it. The annual assessment amount cannot be changed without a vote of the people.

The June 4 election requires a simple majority for the district formation.

The funds would be split evenly between the district and the participating communities. Cities, such as Yucaipa, can spend the funds on their own projects, while the district's portion will be used to develop projects in concentrated zones that take in contributing communities.

District funding cannot be used for operation and maintenance of existing facilities. Thus, funding for existing facilities will remain intact.

As a division of the county Regional Parks Department, the district will be governed by the county board of supervisors.

Next week: The debate

"Value in wilderness"

Editor:

If I could afford to buy acreage for the sole purpose of the inherent value of wilderness, I would do so. However, land costs have escalated so much due to the upward valuation of property if it is in close proximity to a development!

Some of us in Yucaipa are already suffering the same pain that John Muir felt when he lost his fight to save the Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite.

Carolyn Smith
January 5, 1991

Al,

I am enclosing some possible topics for our presentation to the Planning Commission and City Council re soft-bottom channels.

We should meet fairly soon to decide our strategy. I'm glad you're going to be a participant in this. THANK YOU!

Also, I picked up your recommendations for the Park projects at Jim's today—it looks like you spent a lot of time and did a lot of research. THANK YOU!

Also, while going through the Crafton Hills Conservancy signature papers, I noticed you already typed in Lucille Gibson's name under her signature. THANK YOU!

Also, Jim Poss & I were talking about your newsletter and how much work you had put into it. I mentioned the great artwork, & Jim told me that they were your drawings—I didn't know you were an artist, too. THANK YOU!

It seems that it takes a lot more effort to keep things the way they are than it does to change them. There are a lot of us who want to see things left alone, but a very small percentage who are willing or able to do anything about it. Your efforts have certainly re-motivated me, and I think they're having the same effect on a lot of other people.

AGAIN, THANK YOU,

[Signature]

P.S. How about this for a new idea?

Too small?

Planning Commission might object?

How about grrly reintroduction into Crafton National Forest?

Uh! Comes preserved!

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APPENDIX N

Photographs