

**Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park
Preliminary General Plan/DEIR**

**APPENDIX F
Notice of Preparation
Initial Study Checklist
Public Comment Letters**

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is the Lead Agency under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and is considering the preparation of a program level (first-tier) environmental document for the project identified below.

**PROJECT TITLE: SANTA SUSANA PASS STATE HISTORIC PARK
GENERAL PLAN**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: To meet requirements set forth in Section 5002.2 of the Public Resources Code and Section 4332, Title 14 of the California Administration Code, California Department of Parks and Recreation is preparing a General Plan for the Park. The Plan will delineate a number of resource management zones, as well as develop goals and guidelines for each zone; the document will guide park management, specific project management, and implementation. These goals and guidelines will address recreational, operational, interpretive, and resource management opportunities and constraints; consistent with the classification of *State Historic Park*, as set forth in Section 5019.59 of the Public Resources Code and with Department Resource Management Directives.

Due to the relatively small size of the Park, the Plan will provide specific direction regarding trail location and several facilities. Further, the Plan will provide goals and guidelines for the appropriate types, locations, and designs of facilities that may be proposed in the future; which may include new parking areas, campgrounds, a visitor center, interpretive kiosks, restrooms, and other visitor amenities. The General Plan will establish primary themes for interpretive programs and activities. The General Plan may also indicate direction for cooperative planning and joint-use projects with adjacent parks or transportation agencies.

Current facilities within the Park only include trails and signage; however, the Park is located adjacent to local parks which provide access into the State Park as well as varying visitor support facilities. Resources within the park include significant and varied historic resources, significant archaeological resources, and significant wildlife corridors, riparian habitats, upland habitats, and varied wildlife that may include sensitive species.

POSSIBLE EFFECTS AND MITIGATIONS: The project has potential effects on geologic features, erosion, water quality, transportation, biological resources, fire, and geologic hazards, aesthetics, cultural resources, the natural environment, and recreation. By establishing management zones along with goals and guidelines, the General Plan will endeavor to identify broad level avoidance, mitigation measures, and policies to reduce potential impacts of future projects and activities to a level below significance. However, additional environmental review will be conducted as such projects and any corresponding mitigation measures are proposed.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The California Department of Parks and Recreation has an active public involvement program for the development of this plan through ongoing workshops. The first workshop focused on General Plan issues and was held on January 10, 2006. The second workshop is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 20, 2006 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Chatsworth Park South (Chatsworth Recreation Center-Gym), 22360 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311.** The second workshop will present alternatives to the public for comment and suggested changes. The third workshop will present the preferred alternatives for public comment and is not yet scheduled.

PLAN DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Once written and prepared, the Preliminary General Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be made available for public review and comment in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Preliminary General Plan/EIR will then be refined, and responses to public comments prepared. The Preliminary General Plan/Final EIR will then be presented along with public comments, and responses to comments, to the California State Parks and Recreation Commission Hearing for approval. Subsequent to approval, a General Plan will be prepared to guide the uses, appropriate facilities, and management of the Park. Site specific facility development plans will be subsequently prepared in conformance with the approved General Plan and CEQA, as funding becomes available.

We need to know the views of your agency or organization as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities or organization's interests in connection with the proposed project. The project description, location, and possible environmental effects are included.

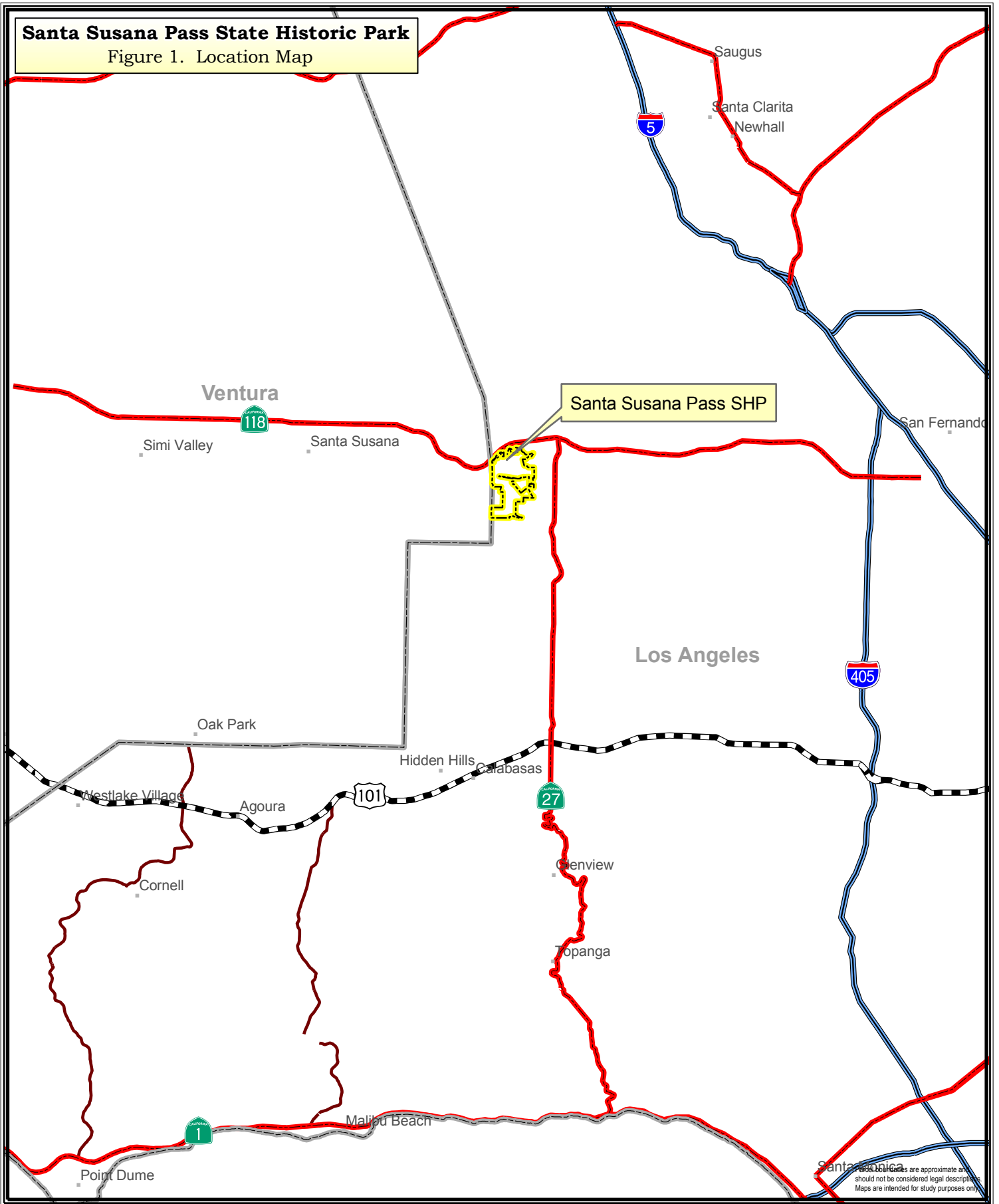
Your response must be sent to the address below not later than thirty (30) days after the receipt of this notice and should include a mailing address. We would appreciate the name of a contact person in your agency.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION CONTACT PERSON:

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Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park

Figure 1. Location Map



Legend

Regional Roads

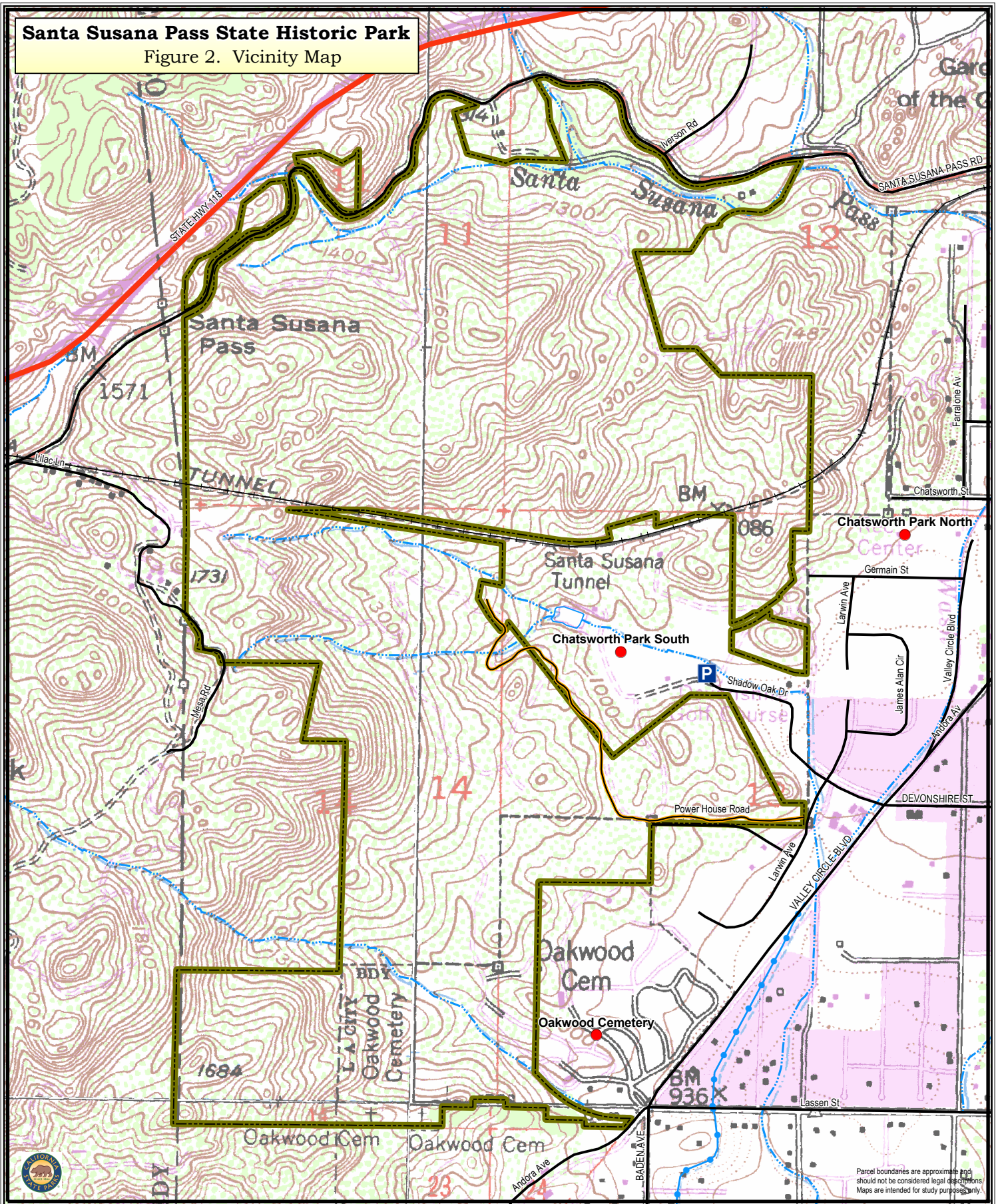
- Interstate Hwy
- US Hwy
- State Hwy
- County Hwy

- Park Boundary
- California Counties



Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park

Figure 2. Vicinity Map



Legend

Regional Roads

- State Hwy
- Local Road
- Service Road
- Railroad

Hydrography

- Aqueduct or Pipeline
- Shoreline
- Stream

— Park Boundary

● Point of Interest

P Parking Lot



500 250 0 500 1,000 Feet

Parcel boundaries are approximate and should not be considered legal descriptions. Maps are intended for study purposes only.

ENVIRONMENTAL (INITIAL STUDY) CHECKLIST

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PROJECT TITLE: Santa Susanna Pass State Historic Park General Plan

PROJECT ID# 8289

PCA# 40001

CONTACT PERSON: Tina Robinson

TELEPHONE: (619) 220-5300

LOCATION: Santa Susanna Pass State Historic Park – Los Angeles and Ventura Counties

CHECKLIST DATE: 5-31-06

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II. ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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1. AESTHETICS.

ISSUES

Would the project:

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| a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

COMMENTS

Due to the extremely severe topography at several locations, scenic vistas, and rock outcroppings in the Park, aesthetic effects are likely, even with minor trail or facility improvements.

MITIGATION

It is anticipated that design measures will incorporate aesthetic treatments and revegetation, which minimize visual effects. However, in several areas, these effects may remain significant even with mitigation. Specific mitigation will be addressed and developed in the EIR.

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2. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES.

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997), prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model for use in assessing impacts on agricultural and farmland. Would the project:

ISSUES

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| a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

COMMENTS

The site was used for homesteads prior to acquisition into the State Park system. It is no longer used for agricultural purposes.

MITIGATION

No mitigation is proposed.

3. AIR QUALITY.

ISSUES

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied on to make the following determinations. Would the project:

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| a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan or regulation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is in non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations (e.g., children, the elderly, individuals with compromised respiratory or immune systems)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

COMMENTS:

Dust emissions during construction will be subject to standard dust control measures for state projects. Persons using the Park may be exposed to excessive levels of air pollution due to the location of the Park in a non-attainment air basin.

MITIGATION

Standard specifications for state projects will be utilized to minimize potential air quality effects due to dust during construction.

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4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.

ISSUES

Would the project:

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| a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modification, on any species identified as a sensitive, candidate, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands, as defined by §404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

COMMENTS

The project is situated to provide a key wildlife corridor link between open spaces. Although impacts will be minimized, they may not be completely avoided due to the steep topography and need for trail crossings of the creek. The full extent and significance of the impacts to sensitive species, habitat, and wetlands will be detailed in the EIR and may drop to less than significant with mitigation but a worst case scenario may show the impacts as significant, even with mitigation. It is the intention of California State Parks to mitigate the adverse effects to these resources to the fullest extent feasible.

MITIGATION

Potentially significant resources will be avoided wherever possible through sensitive design and construction. Those that cannot be avoided will be mitigated. Facility design and proposed mitigation will be discussed in general terms in the Preliminary General Plan/EIR.

5. CULTURAL RESOURCES.

ISSUES

Would the project:

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| a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, as defined in §15064.5? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource, pursuant to §15064.5? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site, or unique geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTS:

The Park is rich in archaeological and historic resources in areas of existing recreational use (primarily trail use) is present. With the implementation of grading for facilities, there is a slight chance of disturbing buried resources, particularly in cut areas.

MITIGATION

Should an underground resource be discovered, the work will be redirected until a State Archaeologist can determine appropriate significance and mitigation for the site.

6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS.

ISSUES

Would the project:

a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map, issued by the State Geologist for the area, or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? (Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable, as a result of the project and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1997), creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste disposal systems, where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site, or unique geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTS

The project is located in southern California, an area known for seismic activity. It is not anticipated that construction of the facilities addressed in the General Plan would expose people or property to a high risk of danger due to seismic activity although the risk of a landslide in the event of a catastrophic seismic event cannot be completely eliminated. During

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construction and until revegetated slopes mature, the project will have greater risk of soil erosion and landslides. The use of appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) to support these areas will be proposed in the EIR. A septic system that operates to Regional Water Quality Control Board standards will be utilized at the facilities selected for the General Plan. A paleontological study will be conducted as part of the EIR.

MITIGATION

see above

7. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

ISSUES

Would the project:

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| a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and/or accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials, substances, or waste into the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites, compiled pursuant to Government Code §65962.5, and, as a result, create a significant hazard to the public or environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Be located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport? If so, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Be located in the vicinity of a private airstrip? If so, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death from wildland fires, including areas where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

COMMENTS

The General Plan will strive to minimize changes to the landform or geology of the Park.

MITIGATION

See above

8. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.

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ISSUES

Would the project:

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| a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge, such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level that would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial on- or off-site erosion or siltation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in on- or off-site flooding? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Substantially degrade water quality? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area, as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map, or other flood hazard delineation map? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| h) Place structures that would impede or redirect flood flows within a 100-year flood hazard area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death from flooding, including flooding resulting from the failure of a levee or dam? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j) Result in inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

COMMENTS

The project will not construct facilities in such a way as to cause substantial environmental damage.

MITIGATION

The any projects constructed under the General Plan would require conformance with accepted BMPs for water quality and stormwater runoff.

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9. LAND USE AND PLANNING.

ISSUES

Would the project:

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) Physically divide an established community? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Conflict with the applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of any agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, a general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

COMMENTS

The project is relatively minor in scope, but serves as a valued regional wildlife corridor and neighbors residential areas.

MITIGATION

California State Parks will strive to minimize adverse effects to the creek and riparian corridor and the nearby neighborhood. The EIR will provide additional design and mitigation detail.

10. MINERAL RESOURCES.

ISSUES

Would the project:

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| a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that is or would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

COMMENTS

The project contains mineral resources (quarry) that have not been used in recent years.

MITIGATION

No mitigation is proposed.

11. NOISE.

ISSUES

Would the project:

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|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Generate or expose people to noise levels in excess of standards established in a local general plan or noise ordinance, or in other applicable local, state, or federal standards? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Generate or expose people to excessive ground-borne vibrations or ground-borne noise levels? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Create a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project (above levels without the project)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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d) Create a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project, in excess of noise levels existing without the project?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Be located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport? If so, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Be in the vicinity of a private airstrip? If so, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTS

During construction, it is anticipated that noise levels will be potentially significant to sensitive receptors in several locations. Residents and the church near the Park may be exposed to high levels of construction noise for the northern end of the Park and for vehicle accessing the construction site. Wildlife in the riparian areas may be subjected to high levels of construction noise which could have adverse effects during nesting season when birds call to attract mates.

MITIGATION

California State Parks will endeavor to minimize the adverse effects of construction noise and vibration to all sensitive receptors. This will include voluntary compliance with local standards for construction noise near existing residential areas and may include monitoring and/or avoidance of excessive noise in close proximity to nesting sites. The details of the proposed mitigation will be developed in the EIR.

12. POPULATION AND HOUSING

ISSUES

Would the project:

a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTS:

The proposed project will not directly affect the construction or displacement of population or housing. Housing proposed as part of the local General Plans may receive a small market benefit due to the increased accessibility of the Park's interior.

MITIGATION

No mitigation is proposed.

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13. PUBLIC SERVICES.

ISSUES

Would the project:

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| a) Result in significant environmental impacts from construction associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, or the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the following public services: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fire protection? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Police protection? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Schools? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Parks? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other public facilities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

COMMENTS:

MITIGATION

Mitigation will be further defined in the EIR but is likely to include coordination with the City of Los Angeles and Ventura County.

14. RECREATION.

ISSUES

Would the project:

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| a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities, such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

COMMENTS

Implementation of the project will allow facility improvements that will improve the park recreational experience. However, approval of the General Plan may also require a change in trail use and designations that will limit the level of trail activity or other recreational activities experienced today..

MITIGATION

Trail options may need to be considered for the proposed closure of existing trails.

15. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

ISSUES

Would the project:

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| a) Cause a substantial increase in traffic, in relation to existing traffic and the capacity of the street system (i.e., a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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b) Exceed, individually or cumulatively, the level of service standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Cause a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location, that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Contain a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or a dangerous intersection) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment) that would substantially increase hazards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENT

Although it is not anticipated that the project will cause a substantial increase in traffic in relation to the existing traffic or the capacity of the local streets, traffic counts have not yet been completed. The significance of this issue will be resolved in the EIR. The level of improvements proposed in the General Plan do not indicate that the Park will have the facilities to support high levels of visitor use in the Park interior, therefore, it is not anticipated that the Level of service standards for the local roads would be exceeded as a result of this project's construction and implementation.

MITIGATION

Park operations will strive to ease traffic congestion at and along the entrance road, as well as notify the public when parking is at capacity, .. A cooperative agreement may need to be finalized between Ventura County and the City of Los Angeles for off-site parking at trailheads.

16. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.

ISSUES

Would the project:

a) Exceed wastewater treatment restrictions or standards of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would the construction of these facilities cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would the construction of these facilities cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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e) Result in a determination, by the wastewater treatment provider that serves or may serve the project, that it has adequate capacity to service the project's anticipated demand, in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations as they relate to solid waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTS:

A small septic system would be installed at the comfort stations. New park facilities (including utilities) will be installed but the additional demand on existing utilities would be negligible due to the low number of users and reliance on native landscaping within the Park. Limited storm water or drainage facilities may also be constructed as part of the project.

MITIGATION

Avoidance or relocation of existing utility easements

III. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.

Would the project:

a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Have the potential to eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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d) Have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on humans, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTS

The project is located within a significant wildlife corridor and at a site with sensitive cultural resources. It is anticipated that potential impacts to sensitive species that utilize the wetland and riparian areas, will be fully mitigated, if affected. Although impacts to this area will be minimized, they cannot be avoided due to the steep topography and close proximity to the creek. Additionally, sensitive cultural resources will be avoided, protected, and interpreted. The full extent and significance of impacts to cultural resources, sensitive species, habitat, and wetlands will be detailed in the EIR and may drop to less than significant with mitigation. However, a worst case scenario may show the impacts as significant, even with mitigation. It is the intention of California State Parks to mitigate the adverse effects to these resources to the fullest extent feasible.

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IV. PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

On the basis of the Initial Study,

- I find that the proposed project could not have an adverse effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect because the mitigation measures described in the attached Mitigation appendix will be required. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

PREPARER: Tina Robinson

TITLE: Associate Park and Recreation Specialist DATE: 5-31-06



Congressman Brad Sherman

27th District, California

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August 21, 2006

Mr. Ted Jackson, Chief – Southern Section
California State Parks
700 Alameda Street, 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Jackson,

As the process for the General Plan nears completion for the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park and California State Parks works toward a Specific Plan, I encourage you to begin to identify funds for the proposed capital improvements and funds in next year's budget toward staffing, maintenance, equipment and other expenses necessary to support the function of the park.

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park is rich in natural, historical, and cultural significance. Its stunning rock formations and wide variety of plant and animal life are an invaluable natural resource for residents of the mostly-urban San Fernando Valley. The requested improvements, including the establishment of a Visitor's Center and a full-time Park Ranger, will greatly enhance and enrich any visitor's trip to the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park.

I look forward to continuing to work with California State Parks toward these improvements. This opportunity will allow more people from the area to enjoy the tremendous natural beauty that the San Fernando Valley has to offer. Your consideration of increased funding for the requested projects is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

BRAD SHERMAN
Member of Congress

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TWENTIETH SENATE DISTRICT

August 15, 2006

Mr. Ted Jackson, Chief – Southern Section
California State Parks
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Los Angeles, California 90013


Dear Mr. Jackson,

I am writing this letter in support of park improvements requested by the Chatsworth Women's Club, the Chatsworth Historical Society, the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association, the Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains, and the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council for the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park.

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park is a unique park because of its rock formations and beautiful surroundings and it is enjoyed by many people in the area, including people from my district. I also enjoy visiting the park with my family, friends and community organizations for special events and gatherings. I understand that State Parks has completed several park studies and is in the process of holding public meetings to present and discuss the recommended park improvements. Now that State Parks is near completion with their park studies process, I strongly encourage you to identify and allocate the required funds to develop the long awaited improvements, especially the Visitor's Center. In addition, I urge you to ensure sufficient funds are placed in the State Park's budget to cover staffing, maintenance, equipment, and other expenses that will be incurred at Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my request. Please contact me or my Special Assistant, Mr. Alvin Kusumoto, at (818) 901-5588 if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance.

Yours truly,


RICHARD ALARCÓN
State Senator, 20th District

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN, THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT

September 27, 2006

Mr. Ted Jackson
California State Parks
700 N. Alameda, 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The Santa Susanna Pass State Park is a beautiful asset to the Chatsworth community. For the last few years, many community organizations, leaders and local residents have been trying to gain support for improvements to the State Park. These improvements include trail signage, a visitor center and a ranger.

I am submitting this letter in an effort to lend my support in this endeavor and encourage you to do all you can to make these improvements a reality. I understand that there are existing funds available for this project and that more may be available in the form of grants. The implementation of these improvements would be a tremendous addition to the Chatsworth community.

Thank you for consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact my District Office at (805) 230-9167 if you should need additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Audra Strickland".

Audra Strickland
Assemblywoman, 37th District

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July 17, 2006

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**Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for
Santa Susanna Pass State Historic Park General Plan
SCH# 2006061092, Los Angeles County**

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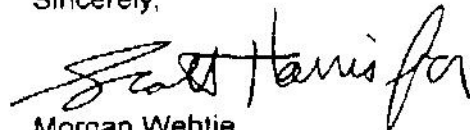
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Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment. Please contact Mr. Scott Harris, Wildlife Biologist, at (626) 797-3170 if you should have any questions and for further coordination on the proposed project.

Sincerely,



Morgan Wehtje
Environmental Scientist IV

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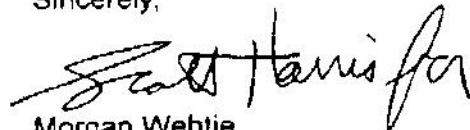
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or indirect impact to a lake or stream bed, bank or channel or associated riparian resources. The Department's issuance of a SAA may be a project that is subject to CEQA. To facilitate our issuance of the Agreement when CEQA applies, the Department as a responsible agency under CEQA may consider the local jurisdiction's (lead agency) document for the project. To minimize additional requirements by the Department under CEQA the document should fully identify the potential impacts to the lake, stream or riparian resources and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring and reporting commitments for issuance of the Agreement. Early consultation is recommended, since modification of the proposed project may be required to avoid or reduce impacts to fish and wildlife resources.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment. Please contact Mr. Scott Harris, Wildlife Biologist, at (626) 797-3170 if you should have any questions and for further coordination on the proposed project.

Sincerely,



Morgan Wehtje
Environmental Scientist IV

cc. Ms. Morgan Wehtje
Mr. Scott Harris, Pasadena
HCP-Chron
Department of Fish and Game

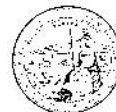
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June 29, 2006

Tina Robinson
California Department of Parks and Recreation
8885 Rio San Diego Drive
San Diego, CA 92108

Dear Ms. Robinson:

Re: SCH# 2006061092; Santa Susanna Pass State Historic Park Preliminary General Plan

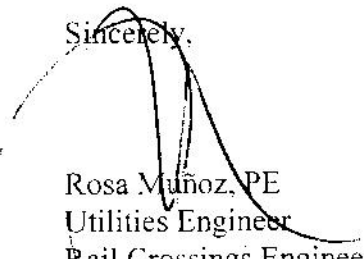
As the state agency responsible for rail safety within California, we recommend that any development projects planned adjacent to or near the Union Pacific Railroad Company and Metrolink's Ventura Line right-of-ways be planned with the safety of the rail corridor in mind. New developments may increase traffic volumes not only on streets and at intersections, but also at at-grade highway-rail crossings. This includes considering pedestrian circulation patterns/destinations with respect to railroad right-of-way.

Safety factors to consider include, but are not limited to, the planning for grade separations for major thoroughfares, improvements to existing at-grade highway-rail crossings due to increase in traffic volumes and appropriate fencing to limit the access of trespassers onto the railroad right-of-way.

The above-mentioned safety improvements should be considered when approval is sought for the new development. Working with Commission staff early in the conceptual design phase will help improve the safety to motorists and pedestrians in the City.

Please advise us on the status of the project. If you have any questions in this matter, please contact me at (213) 576-7078 or at rxm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,


Rosa Muñoz, PE
Utilities Engineer
Rail Crossings Engineering Section
Consumer Protection & Safety Division

C: Freddy Cheung, UP
Ron Mathieu, Metrolink

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July 14, 2006

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Dear Ms. Robinson:

Re: SCH# 2006061092; Santa Susana State Historic Park

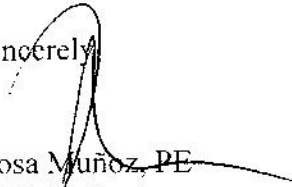
As the state agency responsible for rail safety within California, we recommend that any development projects planned adjacent to or near the Metrolink's Antelope Valley Line right-of-ways be planned with the safety of the rail corridor in mind. New developments may increase traffic volumes not only on streets and at intersections, but also at at-grade highway-rail crossings. This includes considering pedestrian circulation patterns/destinations with respect to railroad right-of-way.

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER
GREIG SMITH
TWELFTH DISTRICT

August 17, 2006

Mr. Ted Jackson, Chief, Southern Section
California State Parks
700 N. Alameda, 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I have been advised that a future bond, if passed in November could provide capital improvements in Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park specifically for a Visitors Center and that additions to the State Park's next budget would cover staffing, maintenance, equipment and other specialty expenses that will be incurred.

Once again, I fully support any type of funding that can be provided for this very important project.

Sincerely,

GREIG SMITH
Councilman, 12th District

GS:dk

cc: Laurie Dager



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June 30, 2006

Tina Robinson
Environmental Coordinator
California Department of Parks and Recreation
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8885 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 270
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Subject: Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park - Notice of Preparation Response

Dear Ms. Robinson:

Thank you for the notification regarding the proposed Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park plan and the opportunity to comment at this early stage of the proposed project.

Calleguas Municipal Water District owns, operates and maintains its East Portal facility along the proposed boundary of the park. This facility is the only receiving point for the primary supply of potable water to approximately 600,000 residents in Ventura County. Two pipelines owned and operated by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, lying within the boundaries of Chatsworth Park South, connect to the East Portal. Water is then conveyed from the East Portal through the Perliter Tunnel and into Ventura County for direct distribution to our customers. It should be noted that any interruption to the supply of water through this facility immediately impacts the supply of water to our customers.

While it does not appear that our East Portal property will be within the park, portions of our only access road do appear to fall within its boundary. Our access road is labeled "Power House Road" on Figure 2 of your letter. Our first concern with the proposed project is that Calleguas must maintain 24/7 vehicular access to the East Portal for emergency response and maintenance purposes. Paved access for vehicles as large as a 100-ton crane truck will need to be maintained.

The East Portal contains both flow control and hydroelectric power equipment. Our second concern is that all existing power and communication lines must be maintained to support this facility.

Our third concern is for the Perliter Tunnel, which will fall within the boundaries of the park. While there is no above ground access or appurtenances associated with the tunnel, the Department of Health Services requires that Calleguas monitor the area's groundwater wells, as there is a shared concern about contamination of the local groundwater which may seep into the tunnel. If public restrooms are constructed for the park in the vicinity of the tunnel, we request that sewer lines be installed rather than septic systems to avoid the obvious health risks.

Our fourth, and last concern is the increase in vandalism at our site. The East Portal has above ground facilities and structures, and the increase in public use will undoubtedly bring about additional problems. While we must maintain vehicular access, we would request that all trails and park facilities that would attract increased attention be located away from our property if possible.

Please contact me at 805.579.7117 or by email at gmulligan@calleguas.com if you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Mulligan', written over a large, stylized circular scribble.

George Mulligan
Manager of Operations & Maintenance



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July 3, 2006

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE: **LD-0**

Ms. Tina Robinson
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Southern Service Center
8885 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 270
San Diego, CA 92108

Dear Ms. Robinson:

SANTA SUSANA PASS STATE HISTORIC PARK GENERAL PLAN

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Notice of Preparation. We have no comments at this time but would like to review the environmental document when it is ready for public review. Please send a copy to:

Mr. Suk Chong
County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
Land Development Division
P.O. Box 1460
Alhambra, California 91802-1460

If the environmental document is available electronically or on-line, please forward it or the link to Mr. Chong at schong@ladpw.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chong at (626) 458-7150.

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July 18, 2006

Tina Robinson, Environmental Coordinator
California Department of Parks and Recreation
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8885 Rio San Diego Drive, Suit 270
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Dear Ms. Robinson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park General Plan. This letter conveys recommendations from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) concerning issues that are germane to our agency's statutory responsibilities in relation to the proposed project.

A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA), with both highway and freeway, and transit components, is required under the State of California Congestion Management Program (CMP) statute. The CMP TIA Guidelines are published in the "2004 Congestion Management Program for Los Angeles County", Appendix B. The geographic area examined in the TIA must include the following, at a minimum:

1. All CMP arterial monitoring intersections, including monitored freeway on/off-ramp intersections, where the proposed project will add 50 or more trips during either the a.m. or p.m. weekday peak hour (of adjacent street traffic); and
2. Mainline freeway-monitoring locations where the project will add 150 or more trips, in either direction, during either the a.m. or p.m. weekday peak hour.

Among the required steps for the analysis of development-related impacts to transit are:

3. Evidence that in addition to Metro, all affected municipal transit operators received the NOP for the Draft EIR;
4. A summary of all the existing transit services in the area;
5. Estimated project trip generation and mode assignment for both morning and evening peak periods;
6. Documentation on the assumptions/analyses used to determine the number of percentage of trips assigned to transit;

7. Information on facilities and/or programs that will be incorporated into the development plan that will encourage public transit usage and transportation demand management (TDM) policies and programs; and
8. An analysis of the expected project impacts on current and future transit services along with proposed project mitigation.

Metro looks forward to reviewing the Draft EIR. If you have any questions regarding this response, contact me at 213-922-6908 or by email at chapmans@metro.net. Please send the Draft EIR to the following address:

Metro CEQA Review Coordination
One Gateway Plaza MS 99-23-2
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952
Attn: Susan Chapman

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan F. Chapman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Susan F. Chapman
Program Manager, Long Range Planning



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October 19, 2006

Mr. Ted Jackson
Chief, Southern Section
California State Parks
700 N. Alameda, 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chief Jackson,

We understand that the California State Parks has made great progress in improving Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park and hope further efforts will be made so that the community might enjoy its beauty for many generations to come.

The Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce is in full support of Santa Susana Pass State Park and funding for capital improvements. We hope that the park would be considered in the State Parks next budget so that further progress could be made to fund staffing, maintenance, equipment and other specialties the environment needs, especially its Visitor Center.

This park is a refuge for the San Fernando Valley residents and its visitors.

Sincerely,

Nanette Phelan
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Laurie Dager



Chatsworth Historical Society

10385 Shadow Oak Drive, Chatsworth, Ca. 91311

October 04, 2006

Ted Jackson - Chief of Southern Section
California State Parks
700 N. Alameda - 5th floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The Chatsworth Historical Society has been interested in and worked toward getting a state park for our area since the first suggestion for a park was made. Members of our society worked with Jan Hinkston and both the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (SSMPA) and the Foundation for The Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains since before either of these two groups was organized. And we worked with the older Chatsworth Women's Club's more recent efforts at getting improvements. The Chatsworth Historical Society was organized in 1963. and since that time we have shared research, history and information alerting our membership to events, elections, letter writing campaigns and meetings with the community. The CHS also sent a representative to many state park meetings. We were there cheering when the park got it's name--we had campaigned for historic status for the park.

Our membership is looking forward to improvements to the park especially the presence of a ranger and staff, parking, the marking of trails and an appropriate entrance. We are asking that a request for funds be placed within the state budget for the capital improvements. And we look forward to the improvements to the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park.

Sincerely,



Linda and Andre van der Valk
CO-Presidents of the Chatsworth Historical Society

cc: Laurie Dager



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September 7, 2006

Mr. Ted Jackson- Chief, Southern Section
California State Parks
700 Alameda Street, 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council Board met on September 6, 2006 in regular meeting and voted unanimously to reaffirm its support of improvements for the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park. These improvements include a Visitors Center, clearing and marking the historical sites and trails, and a Park Ranger, which will enrich a visit to this urban treasure for all of the residents of the San Fernando and Simi Valleys, and the general Los Angeles area.

Many of the Members of the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council are long time residents of the community. It was due largely to their efforts that the land was dedicated as a State Historical Park in June 1998. We applaud the diligent efforts by the California State Parks Development Team that is working on the General Plan to preserve and develop the natural resources of this area.

We encourage the funding of these development plans, including budget increases to cover the staffing, maintenance and equipment necessary for their implementation.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Dager
President, Chatsworth Neighborhood Council.
rwdager@worldnet.att.net



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September 13, 2006

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park Team
attn: Barney F. Matsumoto - Sr. Landscape Architect
California State Parks - Southern Service Center
8885 Rio San Diego Drive Suite 270
San Diego, CA 92108



Dear Mr. Matsumoto:

The Board of the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council met in regular session on September 6, 2006. It voted unanimously to reaffirm its support of improvements to the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park; these improvements to include a Visitors Center, cleaning and marking of the historic sites and trails, and assignment of a Park Ranger.

The Board also included two other concerns in its motion:

1. That there be no consideration of using Jeffrey Mark Court (Rockpointe complex) as an access point to the Park.
2. That we specifically approve of the changes to the historic area's southern border, which will provide additional protection to this unique and priceless part of the Park.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Dager
President, Chatsworth Neighborhood Council.
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June 29, 2006

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RE: Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park General Plan

Dear Sir/Madam:

I attended the June 20 meeting for this park and am saddened by the proposed removal of so many trails within it, especially the southern half. Many riders enjoy the various loops that are found here and can easily make a 1-1/2 hour ride within the southern section of the park. It provides good exercise for the horse with the elevation changes as well as enough "flat" trails for those needing an easy ride for a horse recovering from an injury or to lead the "kids" around on.

There are a lot of equestrians on the west side of Topanga Canyon Boulevard that use this park exclusively for their trail riding. If you keep the majority of loops and some single track trails that are presently in the park as part of your plan, then you won't find folks as apt to making their own trails. I would be happy to share with you the main trails and loops that would be advantageous in your trail plan and the single tracks that make riding fun.

Every year in the spring I lead a ride for the Corral through the park that goes over the hill to Chatsworth Oaks Park on Valley Circle. I give an interpretive talk, with as much as I know and can remember, on the history of the this area. It would be a real shame if you made the history tour trail open only to hikers.

We enjoy the waterfall trail loop for the beauty and serenity that you find there. Recently in looking through my photo albums I came across a picture of this area with the water flowing. It was awesome. This loop trail needs to be kept as part of the park experience for all to enjoy. This trail was there when I started riding in the late 60's. It used to continue all along the hillside and connect with other trails that go up the hills to other areas such as Lilac Lane and Zorro's.

Also, it is imperative that you protect the Andora entrance and keep all of this property as part of the park. I know the owner of the Eagles Nest property to the south is anxious to acquire part of this property for access to his. If you allow this to happen, then the wildlife corridor will be threatened or possibly closed off by development.

Some equestrians prefer a little challenge when they ride. The hiking trail you show going over the hill from the city park recreation center would be an example of such a trail. I am one of those riders. An old trail, still partly visible, went north over the hill and the west

railroad tunnel to reach the northern half of the park. But then a trail was started that went over the railroad tracks that didn't require as much effort to keep in shape. Last year the railroad closed the access across the tracks and the old trail would require a new design to be usable again.

The Stagecoach trail is a wonderful taste of history and with a little imagination can take you back in time. We look forward to it being usable again. Very few riders venture up or down anymore because of the sandstone rock erosion. It was always challenging and fun for me until just a few years ago when I became concerned about the footing in a couple of areas for my horse. I miss having the opportunity to ride from Chatsworth Park South through the this park and across the Pass Road to either Devils Canyon or Rocky Peak Park for a medium or long ride.

When we ride in the park we always see hikers and other riders out there. This is a very popular and well used park, please do not limit the publics access to it's beauty by closing so many well used and needed trails. By keeping enough loop trails in the park for all to enjoy a good ride or hike, no further harm will come to cultural areas than what is there now. And you will prevent future damage to any of these areas by anyone making new trails to the places they love.

Regarding camping, we find the fourth location on the bluff overlooking the south side of the park to be the most ideal. There is room for hiking and equestrian sites and a few corrals. The view is great and the rock formations are grand. I've had lunch in that area many, many times. This would be a perfect place for a stop along the Rim of the Valley Trail. We would not like to see campfires permitted, even though they provide a great highlight to a cool evening. The Musch Trail campsite in Topanga State Park is a wonderful example.

As for a staging area, the Spaun Ranch site was suggested at the June 20 meeting. It's a great idea as we have no staging area in Chatsworth at this time. Several areas of the SMMC, City and County trails and parks can be easily accessed from this location. The Spaun Ranch site would be big enough to split for hiker and equestrian parking. If a section of the parking area is set aside just for equestrians, then equestrians wouldn't be blocked in or out. It's amazing how many folks will park right behind or in front of a rig.

We would like to recommend that the visitors and cultural center be housed in one building and located in the fenced rectangle area to the west of the City park's recreation building. The area is not blocking the main view and has close-in easy access for all to see as they enter the parking area. Also, because of all the trees that are still in this area, an ADA flora path with markers and occasional benches could be built here as well. It looks like there may be enough area to add parking here if needed, but increasing the present parking lot into the adjoining dirt area would be more appropriate.

We truly believe the community would place a higher priority on the State acquiring the Eagles Nest and Tone Yee properties to the south of the park than making improvements to the Santa Susana Pass park at this time. The purchase of these properties with their unique rock formations and historical significance for the public domain would also help protect the wildlife corridor. The Ritz property on the north/east corner of the park would also be an enormous asset to this State Park.

Sincerely,



Charlotte Brodie
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July 18, 2006

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RE: Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park General Plan

Dear Sir/Madam:

After reviewing the trail map on the website and overlaying it on the Google map of the area, I found that the Williams Trail north of the railroad tracks is part of the same trail that equestrians used for many years. Adding equestrian use to the Williams Trail would provide a wonderful loop for variable longer rides within the Park, and also reduce the need to always cross busy Topanga Canyon Boulevard for longer rides. This trail needs to be accessible to equestrians.

We also encourage you to keep the large loop around the meadow west of the cemetery, the waterfall loop and some single track trails in your trail plans. Allow everyone to continue enjoying this park as they have for so many years. Keep trail routes basically as is, and "open to the public." We love this area, all of it.

With developers taking away so much of our open space, it would be cruel if California State Parks did this as well by eliminating many trails within the park. We look forward to working with you for continued trail access.

Sincerely,

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September 12, 2006

Mr. Ted Jackson, Chief, Southern Section
California State Parks
700 N. Alameda – 5th floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I am pleased with the progress regarding the completion of the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park's General Plan. The third and final public meeting date will soon be scheduled.

After the completion of the General Plan, I was informed that the next step is to formulate and implement a *Special Plan*. I am thus requesting that once the *General Plan* is set, that *Specific Plan* funds for capital improvements such as a combination visitor center/ranger station be set up. Also, the next California State Parks budget should include funds to cover park ranger and historic archivist specialist staffing. Maintenance funds, too, such as for park vehicles and fire retardant and sprinkler system materials for roofs to safeguard against brush fires are needed.

Always also consider land acquisition funds which would greatly enhance our existing SSPSHP. Properties just south of the Santa Susana Pass Road currently owned by the Church at Rocky Peak; the Ray and Ann Vincents; and Mr. Borowitz should be acquired. These parcels would make ideal additions to our existing park because they border it; would furnish a Santa Susana Pass address; have a year-around-stream; and a flat area owned by the church would make an ideal location for a visitor center/ranger station, and parking lot. Also never forget that the Pass area was listed in the 1980s as *Significant Ecological Area #21* for Los Angeles County. It still contains much natural resource value. If necessary eminent domain procedures regarding these parcels should be considered.

Sincerely yours,



Nancy Razański
Vice President FPSSM

cc: Laurie Dager
10035 Gierson Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Homeowners of Santa Susana Heights
Stephanie J. Carvalho
1107 Mesa Dr.
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November 17, 2006

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park
General Plan Team

We, the residents of this neighborhood who depend on Lilac Lane as our only access to our homes, have grave concerns about Lilac Lane being designated as a Gateway to Santa Susana State Historic Park. Lilac Lane is a one-lane road, with several areas being extremely narrow and some very blind corners. Without significant road improvements, this is a dangerous situation for both residents and visitors. One of the worst blind corners is at the entrance of the parking area. We are concerned also for the increase in traffic, not only for the safety of the residents but also for the condition of the deteriorating county road. The possibility of increased fire danger is a reality that alarms many of us. The proposed camping area and overnight parking introduces further hazards from campfires and smoking.

It is terrific that Santa Susana State Historic Park will have a Ranger on staff, the trail proposals (with the exception of motorized access) are well thought out, as this Park should be available for use. There should be no public or visitor motorized traffic on the trails within this Park. Hikers and horses are compatible with the nature of this area. Continued Secondary Access via Lilac to the Park is acceptable, provided there are controls limiting nighttime access. Perhaps the proposed Secondary Access along Santa Susana Pass Rd could become a Gateway? Enclosed is a modified copy of the Preferred Plan, showing this idea.

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- ⑪ JoAnn Gflemmer 1170 Boulder trail
- ⑫ Damon J. Gflemmer 1170 Boulder trail
- ⑬ William Fitzwater 1082 Mesa Dr.
- ⑭ Nancy Fitzwater 1082 Mesa Dr.
- 15 Mr & Mrs Selena 7835 MESA DRIVE
- 16 Mr & Mrs William A. Baurhul 7851 LILAC LANE
SIMI CA 93063
- 17 Mr + Mrs Brian Dietz 7808 Lilac Lane
- 18 Harry & Bony Hauhin 7769 LILAC LANE
- 19 Daniel Sullivan 1261 MESA DRIVE, SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063
- 20 Becky Wennerstrom 1261 mesa Drive SJ 93063
- 21 JoAnne Patterson 7853 Lilac Lane Simi Valley 93063
- 22 Edward ^{James} Ohmott, 1112 Mesa Drive, Simi Valley, CA 93063

MODIFIED

PREFERRED PLAN



Parcel boundaries are approximate and should not be considered legal descriptions. Users are encouraged to study maps on file only.

Legend

Management Zones

- North Forty
- Riparian
- Primary Historic
- Scenic Ridge

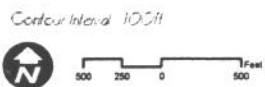
- State Hwy
- Local Road
- Railroad

- Secondary Access
- Gateway

Trails (colors vary)

- Trail
- Miking Only Trail
- Multi Use Trail
- Camping
- Park Boundary

SANTA SUSANA PASS STATE HISTORIC PARK



680 ACRES

INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISM CRUSADES, INC.
21601 DEVONSHIRE STREET, SUITE 217
CHATSWORTH, CA 91311
818-882-0039

October 10, 2006

Ted Jackson - Chief, Southern Section
California State Parks
700 N Alameda - 5th Floor
Los Angeles CA 90012

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The headquarters for our Religious Denomination and Theological Seminary is located in Chatsworth. We have ministers, churches and schools throughout the United States as well as in several foreign countries.

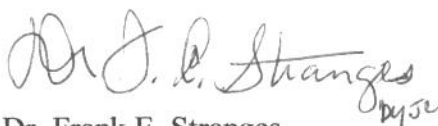
Our non profit organizations encourage you to complete and implement the Special Plan for **SANTA SUSANA PASS STATE HISTORIC PARK**, including a fully functional and staffed Visitor's Center, State Park Ranger, and the marking and maintenance of all trails and historic sites.

We feel that this site is one that will be quite an addition to Chatsworth and the surrounding areas. There is certainly ample opportunity to establish such a location. Therefore, we fully support and ask that you secure proper funding for the Visitor's Center, staffing for this facility, maintenance personnel, necessary equipment and other specialized items. Rest assured that our organization, its Board of Directors and its members are in full support of this effort.

This statement is not to be construed as relative to or regarding any political position, but merely a voice of support for an appropriate and needed community service effort.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISM CRUSADES, INC.
INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF CALIFORNIA

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Dr. Frank E. Stranges
President

CC: Laurie Dager



JULIE CORCORAN STRANGES
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(VA Phone - 818-895-9325)

02 October 2006

Ted Jackson, Chief, Southern Section
California State Parks
700 N. Alameda - 5th Floor
Los Angeles CA 90012

Dear Mr. Jackson:

On behalf of the members of the Chatsworth Chapter, National Society Daughters of The American Revolution, I am writing in support of the campaign to formulate and implement the Special Plan for the **SANTA SUSANA PASS STATE HISTORIC PARK**, including visitor's center, State Ranger and marking and maintenance of all trails and historic sites within the Park boundaries.

We support allocating funds for the capital improvements necessary to build and maintain the Visitors' Center. In addition, we also support additional funds for the State Park's budget to cover staffing, maintenance, equipment and other special expenses necessary to operate this location for the full benefit of the visitors.

Further, it is our opinion, that with proper facilities in place, this location can become one of the premier sites of the California Park System as well as the U.S. Park System. All it will take is the commitment of the proper individuals and committees who are in charge of making these decisions, to see the value and have enough vision to fully support and fund this project in its entirety.

Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact us at the above address and regular email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Julie Corcoran Stranges, Regent'.

Julie Corcoran Stranges, Regent

CC: Laurie Dager



rockpointe Homeowners Association Inc.

22350 DEVONSHIRE ST. • CHATSWORTH, CALIFORNIA 91311
ADMINISTRATION (818) 341-8860 • MAINTENANCE (818) 341-5643 • FAX (818) 341-5565

August 2, 2006

Tina Robinson, Environmental Coordinator
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Southern Service Center
8885 Rio San Diego Drive #270
San Diego, CA 92108

Re: General Plan

Dear Ms. Robinson:

I am writing as the General Manager of Rockpointe Homeowners Association, a 739- unit condominium complex with more than 2,000 residents. Santa Susana State Park borders our property in some areas. The most problematic area of the park bordering Rockpointe is off of one of our streets, Jeffrey Mark Court.

We have heard that in your General Plan for the park you are trying to find an entrance for visitors to come with motorized vehicles, etc. and that Jeffrey Mark Court has been suggested.

There are two entrances to the park on Jeffrey Mark Court. We want both permanently closed. Rockpointe does not want any entrances to the park within their community.

Rockpointe has been here for 37 years, long before the park was a state park. During this time there has been a continuous drug problem, documented over the years by LAPD. People come up to the top of Jeffrey Mark Court and park alongside our units (no parking is permitted on the park side of the street) and walk through the park entrance. Non-residents parking on our side scatter over onto our greenbelts, sitting, laying, leaving trash, and loitering until all hours until our security tells them to leave. This all takes place after dark. There are never any rangers around this park. Even when our security calls for park rangers they never come.

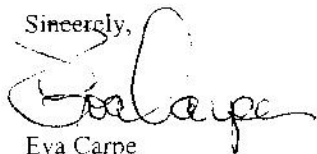
Coming down on Jeffrey Mark Court in the park there are caves in the rocks. Skinheads have been hanging out there for a few years. They vandalize my residents' cars, they throw huge rocks through my residents' windows and they spray paint graffiti. All my security can do is call the police, who take 2-3 hours to come and shine a flashlight at them. Now we have paintballers in the rocks who are shooting at our units. We have to clean up all of these things and repair any broken windows. They are also known to build fires in the rocks. Two years ago we had a brush fire on July 4th by these rocks. This is a fire area, and the brush fire came very close to our units.

The residents of Rockpointe, especially those who live on Jeffrey Mark Court, are tired of being awakened in the middle of the night by loud partying coming from the rocks, as well as all the other problems.

Again, we are asking that no new entrances to the park be opened and that all existing entrances, including the one on Larwin, be closed permanently.

Thank you, in advance, for the opportunity to to give Rockpointe's views. Please attach this letter to the public record.

Sincerely,

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Eva Carpe
General Manager
Rockpointe Homeowners Association

EC/co

ROCKPOINTE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC
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FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO:	TINA ROBINSON	FROM:	EVA CARPE
COMPANY:	California Parks & Recreation	DATE:	8-10-06
FAX NUMBER:	619-220-5400	TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER:	
PHONE NUMBER:		SENDER'S REFERENCE NUMBER:	
RE:	Santa Susana State Park	YOUR REFERENCE NUMBER:	

URGENT FOR REVIEW PLEASE COMMENT PLEASE REPLY PLEASE RECYCLE

NOTES/COMMENTS:

Please include this letter from our Security Company with the one I sent you on August 2, 2006. This letter was requested by Park Ranger Jonelle McKie. She was interested in what was happening in the park at night.

THIS FAX IS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY TO WHOM IT IS ADDRESSED AND MAY CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT IS PRIVILEGED, CONFIDENTIAL AND EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER APPLICABLE LAW IF YOU ARE NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, ANY DISSEMINATION, DISTRIBUTION OR COPYING OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS FAX IN ERROR, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SENDER IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE AT THE NUMBER LISTED ABOVE. YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER IS APPRECIATED.

SPECIAL RESPONSE SERVICES

More than just another security company

ROCKPOINTE HOA

ATT: EVA CARPE

The following is the information requested by you pertaining to SANTA SUSAN/ STATE PARK.

Most calls are received starting Wednesdays and going through the weekend. The calls come in between the hours of 10:30pm and 3:00am, however they can come in any time of the night. We have had calls as late as 4:00am regarding the kids up in the rocks of the park partying, yelling, and the sound of breaking bottles. This happens on a weekly basis.

Residents have called stating that there have been kids doing *Drugs* and having *Sex* up in the rocks. They also have found drug remnants and used condoms around the area. They feel that this should not have to be seen by them or their children in their neighborhood.

Several calls have been received about the kids using paint ball guns and air guns shooting at unknown objects or at Rockpointes' buildings. There have been paintballs found around their units from them shooting down into the houses and there have been cars that have been found with paintball remnants, there have been numerous cars broken into, numerous broken windows, and dents from BB'S in their vehicles. There have been rocks thrown through units' windows by people coming from the park all documented by LAPD gang unit.

Residents have been advised to contact *LAPD* regarding this matter as well. When we are on shift we usually call *LAPD*, if they do not leave once we put the *Spot Light* on them. This will go on for about an hour before they get tired of Security bothering them. We are doing the job of the park rangers who do not patrol this park at night.

The calls that are received are by residents who are very upset that the kids are up there and that their peace and quiet has been disturbed. They want action but are told all we can do is call the *Police (Rangers are called but do not come)* and shine our lights and hope they will leave. They also have been advised to attend the *Park Meetings* and let people know what is going on in the *State Park*. This is the only thing that will help to try to control the problem.

Not all the kids that go up there are loud or breaking the law but I would say a majority of them don't care about what they are doing. Everyone knows the park is not patrolled and therefore, the constant and unresolved problems in the park go on night after night.

have heard from numerous residents that *SKINHEADS* and other *GANG MEMBERS* hang out up in the rocks and have been there for many years now. I have seen on average of about 10 to 15 kids at a time in the rocks.

The rocks beside Jeffery Mark Court have been tagged with graffiti and no attempt has been made to clean it up. Everyone knows the more vandalism there is, brings more vandalism unless it is cleaned up within 48 hours.

I am aware that the General Manager of Rockpointe HOA has written a letter to the planning committee for the General Plan for the park asking that all the entrances of Jeffrey Mark Court be closed permanently. They feel with no help from the park this is the only way to stop what is happening there.

The residents of Rockpointe should be entitled to a quiet night sleep and I should be able to do my job and patrol Rockpointe property not park property.


John Smith
Operations Manager

August 10, 2006

SPECIAL RESPONSE SERVICES

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Minor Incident Report

Date: 10/20/06 Time: _____ Incident #: VP-130-387

Location: Santa Susana Pass Acct #: VP-130

Person Reporting: Resident Observation: X Other: _____

Manager Notified: () Yes (x) No Police Notified (x) Yes () No

Time In: _____ Time Arrived: _____ Departed Time: _____

Problem:

Resident Called about people on the Santa Susana rocks. I Told the residents that I could not directly do anything, but I will call the park rangers.

Disposition of Problem:

I Called the park rangers but they said that they don't cover that area anymore, you need to call Office of public safety. The number is 323 913 7390. so I called and they said that they don't cover that area also. I told them that the park rangers gave me this number. She said sorry but we don't cover that area. So I called the Police and they don't cover the area either. So I could not do anything but flash the spot light up in the rocks and they hid. Then I left on arrival they had left.

Arrest Made: () Yes (x) No Charges: _____

Suspect:

Damage To Property: () Yes (x) No Location: _____

Officer(s) Godfrey I.D. #: 202

This was an incident that occurred on your property on the above stated date and time. If you need additional information regarding this incident, please contact our office anytime.

1/10/07

January 10, 2007- Speech to Sean Woods(Super-Los Angeles Sector)at Rockpointe Homeowners Association Clubhouse @ 1-2:30 pm

As a member of "Citizens Concerned About Santa Susana State Park Project", I have been selected to speak on one aspect for this committee. That is, the fire risk if this Project is Completed. I remember that old movie Field of Dreams. "If you build it, they will come." That's exactly what we don't want. The more people are attracted to this area, the greater the fire danger. This is an extreme red flag area, every day of the year. The summers have been mostly in the high 90's and 100's. The winds and gusts have been high here all the time. I have printouts from a weather station here showing the last three months the temperature, dew point, humidity, pressure, High winds and gust speeds. Also I have the same print out every 5 minutes on January 8, to give you an idea about the wind and other weather conditions. On 2/8/06 a fire started at 118 fry and Rocky Peak Rd. Cause was Radiated-conducted heat from operating equipment. On 6/22/06 a fire started at Boulder Ridge, cause unknown. On 6/24/05 fire started at 118 fry /Topanga Canyon Bl. Heat Source, Cigarette. A couple years ago a fire started in the State Park at Jeffery Mark Court and almost got our trees in our Condominiums, which would have ignited our homes. To give you an idea how fierce the winds are. About 5 years ago in December, the winds took down 51 full grown trees in our complex. I'm paying double the cost than my son for my homeowners insurance because of fire risk. He lives at Topanga Cyn. We were lucky with the recent Day Fire. Because of the Wind Shift it didn't come this way. We had a Large Fire that started 9/28/05-to 10/6/05. It started at the 118 Freeway in Simi Valley. The wind driven fire quickly spread and crossed the 118 Freeway entering the jurisdictions of Los Angeles City, Ventura County, National Parks Service, and Calif Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. As stated by Steve Heil/Brad Harris ICT 7, Incident Commander. The fire displayed increased rates of spread and extreme fire behavior due to wind domination. Flame lengths of 15-60 feet were observed. This is from the Topanga Fire Narrative of 40 pages of the heads of various agencies. This fire burned 24, 175 acres. In this narrative, they state," fires in this area have a high potential of major incidents because of wind events". In 2003,the Simi fire, which is part of Santa Susana State Park, burned 107, 570 acres. Thank you for your consideration.

JEFFERY MARK COURT IGNITION POINT
WAS FIREWORKS.

June 28, 2006

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park Team
attn: Barney F. Matsumoto - Sr. Landscape Architect
California State Parks - Southern Service Center
8885 Rio San Diego Drive Suite 270
San Diego, CA 92108

Dear Mr. Matsumoto:

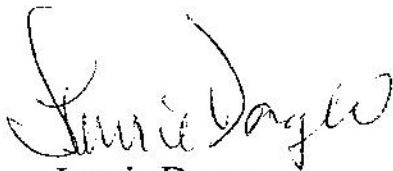
Thank you for a terrific Public Meeting and presentation on June 20th at Chatsworth Park South. It was obvious that you and your team had spent many hours of research and site examination to have so many comprehensive studies and charts displayed. The most experienced of our audience learned new information on and about our Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park.

At the meeting, you asked for our comments and ideas. Please consider the following:

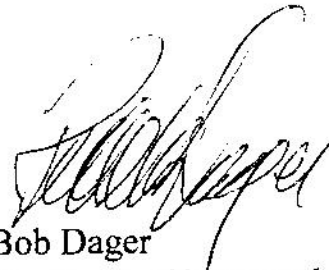
1. NO CAMPING - Our park is close enough for field trips for the students of the inner city; that was one of the reasons Senator Alarcon and Representative Brad Sherman have been supporting our drive for park improvements. Any type of camping facility anywhere in Park would compound the responsibilities and duties of the rangers and maintenance personnel. It would also follow that restroom facilities, water and animal-proof food and waste management problems would be increased.
2. Keep the Spahn Ranch. It definitely adds spice to our site.
3. The best entrance to the park has been found to be from Chatsworth Park South. Easy access by following Devonshire due west - parking already there. The Santa Susana Pass road is only two lanes wide, winding and used by Rocky Peak Church - which has an attendance of almost 4,000 every Sunday.

4. After examining several possibilities, it has been conceded that the best site for a visitor's center is on City Park property - Chatsworth Park South. The Indian Cultural people like it; City Councilman Greig Smith is greatly in favor and willing to help. And the State Park has agreed that it is the best place. Many preparatory steps have already been taken to accomplish this feat of building a State facility on City property. Preliminary efforts show it is a win-win situation for all involved and therefore a positive solution.

We are all deeply grateful for your efforts, your professionalism and your informed creative approach to the multifaceted task of helping us preserve and protect our unique community historic treasure - Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park.



Laurie Dager
Chatsworth Women's Club
(Resident since 1965)



Bob Dager
President - Chatsworth
Neighborhood Council

SAVE CHATSWORTH

"To ensure that all future development remains consistent with the existing rural character and heritage of Chatsworth"

September 5, 2006

Ted Jackson – Chief, Southern Section
California State Parks
700 N. Alameda – 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Save Chatsworth, Inc. strongly supports the campaign to improve **Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park**, and would like to see the following implemented:

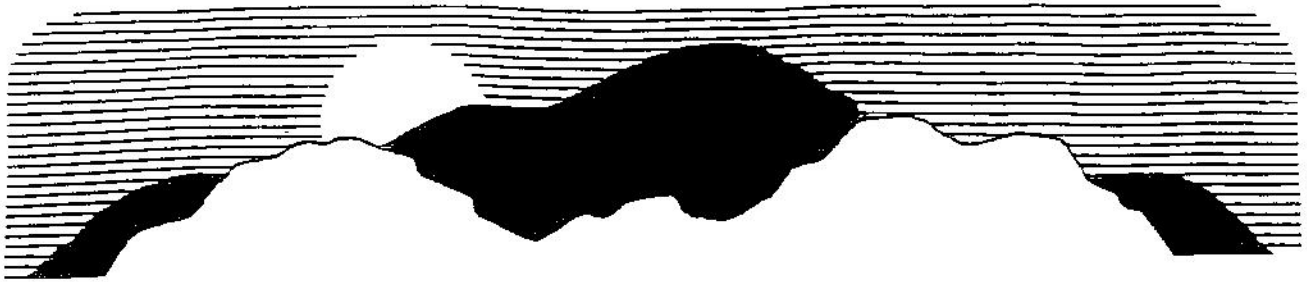
1. A visitor's center, State Ranger, and the marking and maintenance of all trails and historic sites.
2. Additions to the State Park's next budget to cover staffing, maintenance, equipment and other specialty expenses that will be incurred.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of **Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park**.

Sincerely,



Vanessa Watters
President, Save Chatsworth, Inc.



SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN PARK ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 4831

Chatsworth, CA 91313

August 7, 2006

California State Parks
Southern Service Center
8885 Rio San Diego Drive #270
San Diego, CA 92108

Re: Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park

Gentlemen,

The proposals recently shown to the Chatsworth community for the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park seem very appropriate for the park.

As mentioned at the last meeting, we would like to see one further trail linkage to the south, to the property known as "Eagles Nest"; the existing use trails are clearly shown on your aerial maps; the use trail that is further to the west is a better trail than the one toward the east, so it should be the designated trail.

Second, we are pleased you have identified additional historic sites and areas, and ask that you allocate appropriate funding to revise the historically-designated portion of the park in accordance with your recent proposal, to modify the Historic Preservation area and include additional sites you have identified, in the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for all the work you have done to make this a better resource for the community and the people of the State.

Sincerely,

Jan Miller
President



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

October 17, 2006

Ted Jackson, Division Chief
California State Parks
700 N. Alameda St., 5th Floor
Los Angeles CA 90012-2944

Dear Mr. Jackson,

The Santa Susana Mountain Park Association and its Board of Directors wish to express its strong support of the General Plan being developed for the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park.

We believe that there needs to be three major goals in this plan:

1. **PURCHASE OF ADJACENT LAND:** Bond measures or regular set aside of a portion of funds for land purchase. Because of the development pressures and rapidly escalating land prices on all sides of the park, it is imperative that adjacent land/parcels be purchased now before they are either developed or damaged (in profit-making ventures) by the current owners.
2. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS:** There need to be a number of capital improvements, most noticeably a Visitor's Center that can begin to tell the historical significance of this park.
3. **DEDICATED YEARLY OPERATING FUNDS.** An annual addition to the California State Parks and Recreation Budget for staffing, rangers, trail and other park maintenance, equipment, vegetation protection, education, and other park related expenses.

Sincerely,



Jan Miller, President
Santa Susana Mountain Park Association



September 5, 2006

Ted Jackson – Chief, Southern Section
California State Parks
700 N. Alameda – 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The Twin Lakes Property Owners Association supports the campaign to improve **Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park**, and would like to see the following implemented:

1. A visitor's center, State Ranger, and the marking and maintenance of all trails and historic sites.
2. Additions to the State Park's next budget to cover staffing, maintenance, equipment and other specialty expenses that will be incurred.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of **Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park**.

Sincerely,

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Mark Watters
President, Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

TWIN LAKES
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 4989 • CHATSWORTH, CA 91313-4989

TO: Tina Robinson & Barney Matsumoto – CA State Parks

Re: Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park General Plan. (Chatsworth, CA)

Whereas it is understood that the proposed Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park General Plan process establishes the purpose and management direction for the future and does not provide specific design solutions or location of facilities, **please take action to** establish a vision, goals, and guidelines which **prohibit** (SEE ATTACHED):

- 1) **Vehicular or pedestrian access, parking stalls, & restrooms from ANDORA AVE.**, which is near Baden, Lassen, and Valley Circle & Oakwood Memorial Park.
- 2) Vehicular or pedestrian access from Jeffrey Marc Court and Larwin Ave.
- 3) Vehicular or pedestrian access from Lilac Lane/Simi Valley
- 4) **Construction of new buildings or management points adjacent to and/or accessible from Andora Ave.** which is near Baden, Lassen, Valley Circle & Oakwood Memorial Park
- 5) **Use or "improvement"** of the Power House Road, **Andora Ave.**, which is near Baden/Lassen/Valley Circle, or Lilac Lane/Simi Valley.
- 6) Development of park management points at Jeffrey Marc Court, Larwin Ave. and along the "Power House Road"

Furthermore, it is a recommendation:

- 1) **Vehicular and pedestrian access to the State Park should be restricted to Devonshire only with access thru Chatsworth Park**
- 2) No buildings should be constructed to obstruct the view corridors from Rock Point homes or **Andora Ave.** homes or **to impose security, safety, privacy, light, noise and vehicular emission impacts.**

Sincerely,

Signature:



Print Name: Georgianna L. Altmayer

Address: 9866 Andora Ave.

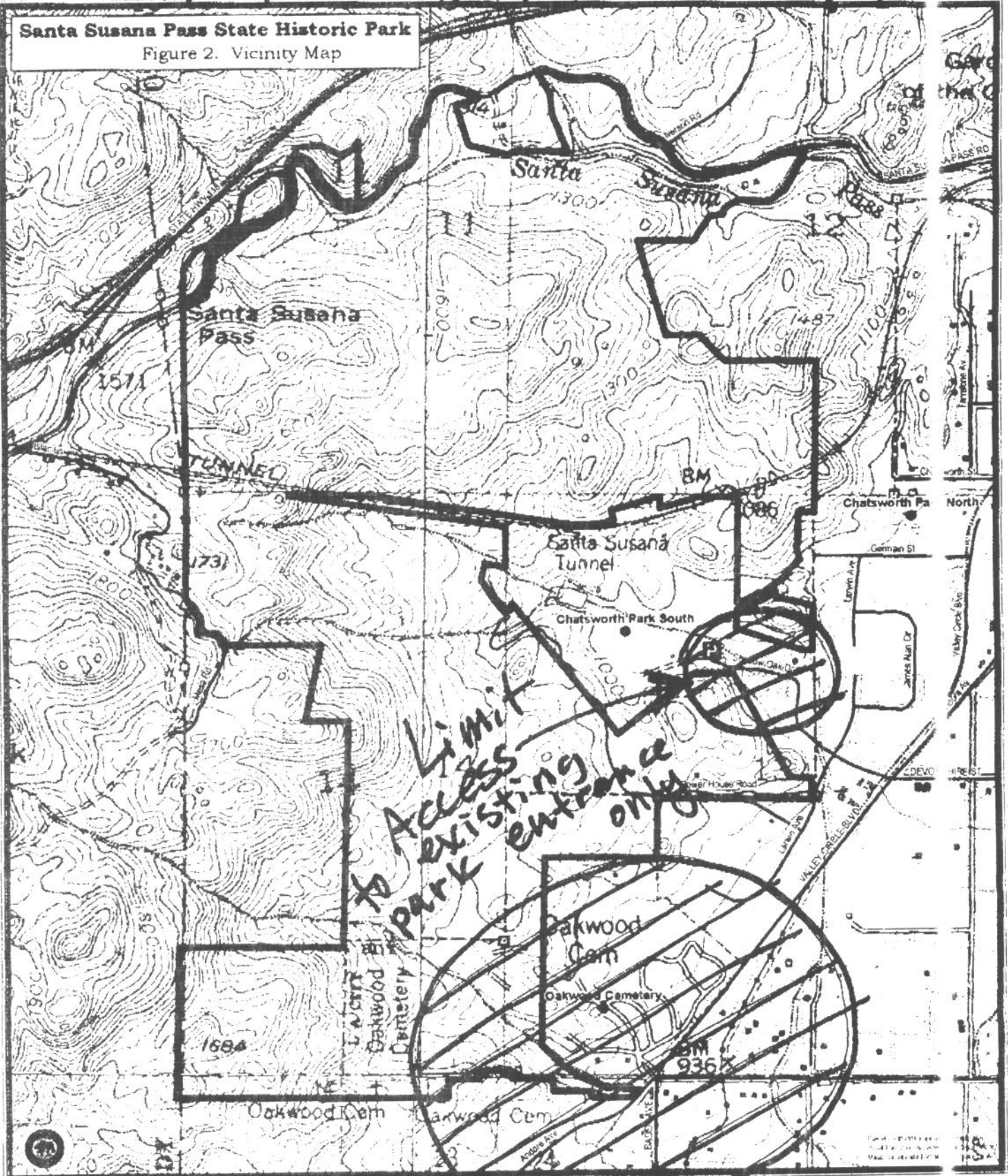
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Cell Telephone: 310.864.6413; e-mail: g.altmayer@julessettler.com

07.00

FROM: Georgianna L. Altmayer

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park
Figure 2. Vicinity Map



Legend

- Regional Roads
 - State Hwy
 - Local Road
 - Service Road
 - Railroad
- Hydrography
 - Aqueduct or Pipeline
 - Shoreline
 - Stream
- Park Boundary

- Point of Interest
- Parking Lot



NO ACCESS FROM ANDREA AVE OR ANYWHERE ELSE

WOOD CEM. PARK

11-16-07

Comment Card

Santa Susana Pass
State Historic Park
General Plan Public
Meeting

During the meeting, you will have the opportunity to voice your opinions and concerns. Also, you may use this card to write down your comments and submit to a General Plan team member or send to the General Plan team. We appreciate your input.



Questions and comments
may be directed to:

California State Parks
Southern Service Center
8885 Rio San Diego Drive
Suite 270
San Diego, CA 92108

ATTN: Santa Susana Pass
State Historic Park
General Plan Team

FAX: 619-220-5400

I DO NOT WANT CAMPING (RE: graffiti, trash, fire danger) smokers, etc.

I DO NOT WANT ACCESS FROM ANDORA AVE!

Name/Address (Optional)

ALTMAYER
9866 Andora Ave.
Chatsworth, CA 91311

From: MARY bARNHILL [mailto:marymplanet@wgn.net]

Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2007 1:50 PM

To: Matsumoto, Barney; Jo & Bill Patterson; Jo & Bill Patterson; Stephanie Carvello

Subject: MEETING WITH LILAC LANE RESIDENCE

Dear Me. Matsumoto,

I am looking forward to our meeting tomorrow morning in regard to your proposed plans for park development.

We plan on discussing in great detail how this development in a residential area such as Lilac Lane will adversely affect not only the residents, but the volume of potential visitors as well. There are great safety and liability concerns that we do not feel have been properly addressed by your committee. I personally will be bringing photos to make the hazards clear as well as other photos that might serve to inspire new thinking your part.

We want this meeting to be productive, not confrontational. We understand that all Californians (taxpayer and non-taxpayers alike) have the right to enjoy these parklands. We do indeed appreciate that the state has purchased the land for protection (for which we are grateful) and must therefore make plans for development. However, we too are taxpayers (particularly property taxpayers) and feel that our rights are not being considered and are every bit as valid. We have the right to live in a safe environment and your "proposed favored plan" does not take those rights and safety factors into consideration.

Additionally, we ask your cooperation in setting up a follow up meeting immediately so that all concerned citizens will have the opportunity to have a clear understanding of your proposal and how it will affect them directly. In the spirit of "taxation with representation", it is only fair that a meeting such as this be held at a time when the majority of citizens can attend, not during the work week and with a 30-plus-mile round trip distance.

Again, I look forward to discussing our other options in park development.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Barnhill
7851 Lilac Lane, Simi Valley, CA 93063
805/526-0949

ATTN: Mr. Sean Woods
Los Angeles North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Date: 01-10-2007

RE: Proposed Stage Coach Trail Historical Park

Dear Mr. Woods:

Below are a few of the major concerns that I have and share with many other Lilac Lane residents. Please be clearly aware that by adding additional traffic to Lilac Lane, an already dangerous and impeded, narrow road and then introducing fire sources such as campfires, additional vehicles and possible cigarette smokers, you will be creating a situation that could result in loss of life and property not only for the residence of Lilac Lane but for the park goers and fire department personal.

1. Proposed camp ground location as indicated on alternative 1, 2 & Preferred plans.

- a. Exposes Lilac lane as well as campers to an extreme fire hazard from campfires and people smoking.
 1. Lilac Lane is on a direct up hill, northeast to southwest path from the proposed camp ground.
 2. Lilac Lane area is an already proven Flash-Point during Santa Ana wind conditions.
- b. Introduces more human traffic into an already fragile environment.
 1. This would further isolate wildlife in environmental pockets on the north side of proposed camp ground.
 2. Run-off from the camp ground would impact the south sloping adjacent lands.
- c. This urban interface area has the potential to attract transients and youths seeking to use it as a party spot.

2. Proposed Gateway or entrance on Lilac Lane.

- a. Would create a significant traffic increase on an already dangerously narrow, limited access road.
- b. Would create a situation where access by fire department personnel and evacuation by residence or park goers would be dangerously impeded.
- c. Public restrooms would attract transients and other non camping persons.
- d. Increase lighting would create light pollution.
- e. Oil, tar and gasoline run-off from asphalt parking area would adversely effect an already fragile chaparral environment.

Thank You! Regards,
Bill Barnhill
7851 LILAC LANE

W. Barnhill
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Date: November 1, 2006

To: Mr. Barney Matsumoto, Project Manager
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Southern Service Center
8885 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 270
San Diego, Ca. 92108

From: John H. Bass
22230 Germain Street
Suite 5
Chatsworth, Ca. 91311
PH: 818-727-9097

Subject: Santa Susana Historic State Park RV Campground with Public Restrooms,
Kiosks and a Visitor Center.

Dear Mr. Matsumoto,

I have been a resident of the Rockpointe complex for over 3 months now and I love living here. I was rather surprised when I saw the flyers start coming by regarding this planned improvement. Do you realize we have a major park just north of Germain Street? This is a multi use park where you'll find people playing soccer, baseball, and squash on any given day, you'll find 25 - 100+ people there. Recently, I started walking around the complex to improve my health and I was amazed at the amount of wild life we have in and around our complex. With your planned improvements you will be chasing out wild life as we encroach their habitat.

Lastly, it is a fact the hills in the Santa Susana areas have asbestos and other wonderful contaminates complements of the Rockwell Rocket Engine testing labs, just on the other side of the Santa Susana park. Recently on ABC 20/20 or another news shows, they presented unclassified documents from one of the researchers now at UCLA stating they had small nuclear reactor melt down, spreading all sort of contaminates across the hills.

If you go forward with your plans there will be more people up in the hills kicking up all these contaminates and the residents of Rockpointe will be the ones to bear the blunt of this wrong decision.

Sincerely,

John H. Bass

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. Bass". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park General Plan Public Meeting



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You do not close (or plan)
to Santa Susana Field Lab
of Rocketdyne being at
the contaminated groundwater
from nuclear explosives
causing illness + Cancer.
Please make sure that testing
is done of soil or water

You can access internet
re. Rocketdyne

Name/Address (Optional):

Rocketdyne watch + ORG.

Sagey Brown, (PH) 777-7124

From: SandApple@aol.com [mailto:SandApple@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2006 8:30 PM
To: Matsumoto, Barney
Subject: chatsworth park ...

We are Rockpointe residents living on Jeffrey Mark Court. Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend the meeting on January 10, 2007. As we stated at the previous meeting, we feel a park entrance on Jeffrey Mark Court would impact our neighborhood in many way. The most important being safety. Extra traffic, parking, litter, decreased property value and of course an increase in the already high fire hazard. IF WE AS CITIZENS ARE REALLY HEARD, we hope that you will really listen to our desire in this matter.

Roger and Sandra Cohen
22421-7 Jeffrey Mark Court
Chatsworth 91311

COMMENTS: PUBLIC MEETING 1 (JAN 10 2006)

We need all dogs on leashes; Equestrian access - by the way, horses do not make holes in the stage road - been riding it for decades.

Revenue Source: In conjunction with publishing the general plan, also publish a high quality book available for sale to the public featuring the local natural history and cultural history; color photographs. Cultural and Historic Resources: Consider possibility of acquiring and annexing the Rocketdyne property to the southwest boundary of the park. a) native American pictographs; b) rock overhang (model in the southwest museum; c) acorn grinding rocks; d) rock shelters; e) recent history (cattle ranching; movie making; rocket engine testing. Being a "pass" through the mountains, this park will emphasize transportation - movement by foot, by horse, by stagecoach, by train, by automobile, etc.

Need trails connecting to: Conservancy Property to the north at Iverson and Rocky Peak Road - Park entrance; County trail @ Iverson & 118 goes to Devil Canyon and Johnson Lateral; It would be great to also

This park needs to stay as natural and wild as possible. Trails are there in need of some repair but ok. Ecology and history need to be preserved first and foremost. Habit lost is not able to be recovered in our lifetime. So saving it is the only answer.

Tentative Project Schedule - Please send schedule (or preferably the Power Point Presentation by Tina Robinson) by mail or e-mail to me. Excellent series of presentations! Thanks.

In order to blend with our natural surrounding and not impede on it with a structural building a simple kiosks gathering spot with handout information regarding trails and plant life is all that is required. Low impact-low cost. This should help this plan to pass all environment and financial questions easily. Included might be and outside circle for meeting forums. This has been done successfully in other parks.

Invite elected representatives for a hike thru area as they can get a better idea of what we have here and why are striving for improvements; Observing is a great education process toward understanding.

Please limit horses during wet weather. They create large hole - that fill with water - thus eroding the trails. involve all education institutions

Some people go on a hike on Sunday in our park in place of attending church. They get a strong kinship with nature and God together out of doors better than building.

Chatsworth has a a lot of history and it could be tied in with State Park. We are named after Duke of Windsor, Chatsworth, England. Devonshire St. get all the school area to help and support the park.

For another meeting, please have sound system. Some speakers don't project themselves.

For Historian/Archaeologist: I was wondering if there have been any previous excavations in those Santa Susana mountains. I am an archaeologist from SFSU and had some questions if it is at all possible. There are many features here and history; I look forward hearing from you.

Thanks you! Thank you! Thank you! This is long overdue, without preserving this area developers will bulldoze everything. They are well on their way! Whatever I can do to help, I will.

Is there room for an RV campground?

Keep park in natural state with a little facilities put in. Good trails and restrooms. A small visitor center can be useful. No sport fields. This should be as wild as possible.

I was a volunteer at our visitors center here in the gymnasium building for many years. We had a slide show. Tonight I found out that the slides and projector were recently taken to the Devonshire Elementary School which was recently reopened. He said it is near or on Marall Street. Please see about making copies of these slides. Most of them were taken by Jan Huikston who really started the whole idea of a park.

1) Want to know how parks are formed, funded, etc. Something on website?; 2) Identify plants and trees (ID tags); 3) Publicity use local Chamber of Commerce (neighborhood papers). Local organizations, Women's Clubs, etc..

I think marked trails are very important before a visitor center. I think eventually a visitor center would be beneficial but I know funds are scarce and marked trails would be less expensive.

1) Could we get a copy of slides and talk from Alex? 2) Keep the park simple, with an outdoor kiosk identifying where to hike. A good example is Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park in Orange County

I think our mosaic tile stagecoach sign is very nice and it would be nice if in interpreting other areas you could follow that same tile structure. The tile was an inexpensive way to mark the road in 1939 when it was placed.

Minni Hill Palmer talked her husband and his twin brother (a plumber in Canoga Park) into marking the sign. It is unique to Chatsworth and could be a theme for the park and the sign has lasted all these years with only one bullet hole.

There needs to be a plan to keep horses from ruining the trails. Maybe certain trails designated for hiking only.

SHARON DABEK
22560-6 JEFFREY MARK COURT
CHATSWORTH, CA 91311
818-772-7646

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ATTN: Santa Susana Pass State Historical Park
General Plan Team

September 13, 2006

Dear State Park Service,

Thank you for taking the time to review some of my ideas and thoughts about ways to improve the Santa Susana Pass State Historical Park. I am a resident of Rockpointe in Chatsworth and live on Jeffrey Mark Court, which is one of the property lines to the park. I have witnessed a lot of riff raff over the years by some of the visitors to the area, especially since it was made into a park. I have heard there is talk of opening another entrance to the park at Jeffrey Mark Court this is a bad idea!

We need a presence by a Park Ranger and more signs posted as to the rules and regulations to keep the unruly ones informed as to how to behave; respect to the residents of Rockpointe and the park. Typically I don't like signs with rules. Some information to be posted: what the hours are, perhaps something to do with the adjoining property does not allow loose dogs en-route to the park, harming any animal including reptiles is subject to a fine; we witnessed a rattle snake being stoned to death by teenagers. The park needs to be locked at all but one entrance after dark, but definitely locked on Jeffrey Mark Court. Many people go up into the hills to drink alcohol, party and camp; perhaps Chatsworth Park can align with the State Parks to control the access to the park after hours.

It is good to know the land of the Santa Susana Pass State Historical Park will be preserved. I am sure as time goes on, solutions will be implemented to keep the park and its' inhabitants protected and the visitors enlightened.

Sincerely,



Sharon Dabek

Mr. Barney Matsumoto, Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Barney:

I live in a large townhome complex abutting Santa Susana Park. Our complex is spread over 92 acres of grassy area and hundreds of species of trees and plants. It was first started in 1968 when land was still affordable, that is why we are spread over such a large area. There are approximately 739 families. We are in Chatsworth, the western end of Los Angeles County and the Eastern end of Ventura County.

The reason for this letter is to express my concerns about possible construction plans to build a RV campground, public restrooms, public parking lots, and Visitor Center. There are three main concerns that I have.

- 1) We are living in a high risk area for fire, due to the proximity of the park. We also get high winds and extreme heat in the summer. Every summer we have fires all around us. We were very lucky with the Day Fire that lasted over a month.(See Computer Printout). It started in Castaic, came south east to just north of us at the 118 Fry and continued east to Simi and turned North. Also September 28, 2005. We had another big fire that started at the 118 fry and Topanga Canyon Boulevard and burned 25,000 acres and 2000 acres of Rocketdyne's Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) including damage and complete burndown of 10 buildings. (See attached Printout of Simi Valley Acorn-November 4, 2005 and The Malibu Times)I have included a list of a few fires in this area and the amount of fire units and helicopters that were utilized. ***This does not include Ventura County fires that started in this State Park or area.*** Because of the fires, our Homeowners Association voted to replace all our wood shingles and roof with fireproof roof at great expense to all the Homeowners. Your RV Park is planned up a grade on one of our streets to a high point in your park where the winds are treacherous. Approximately 3 years ago, the winds were so fierce that we lost 140 full grown trees.
- 2) Another concern I have is our relationship to Rocketdyne, now Boeing. Also known as Santa Susana Field Laboratory. We are approx. 3 miles from the site.(See map SSFL Location in Relation to nearby Communities and SSFL Arrangement) In 1959, the worst nuclear disaster in American history occurred at Rocketdyne where a partial meltdown of an experimental reactor released more radioactive poisons than the more infamous Three Mile Island meltdown in 1978. The Three Mile Island disaster in Pennsylvania took place in a concrete and steel encased structure designed to prevent lethal radiation from escaping into the environment. Rocketdyne never had that kind of protection. The scientists say that it contaminated a 62 mile radius.

There are still High levels of leukemia-causing radionuclide strontium-90 (Sr-90) in the soil. In any kind of grading and construction process potentially Sr-90-impacted dust would be launched into the atmosphere and fall out over the Simi and San Fernando Valleys and right into our backyard. Firefighters were concerned as stated in the Malibu Times and other papers, (included here) for radioactive soil when burning, to go up into the air as many reports stated. Rocketdyne never disclosed and never was forced to tell what chemicals burned in the fire. Also of current concern is perchlorate, which Migrates offsite during heavy rains and fires.

- 3) My third concern is the continued peace and tranquility of my home, my neighborhood. Your plans have vehicles coming right through our community and widening a street and bringing in traffic, noise pollution, crime, and reduced safety. We have had robberies of homes at present closest to the park and cars broken into closest to Chatsworth Park North and Chatsworth Park off Devonshire.

I appreciate your consideration of all the facts in determining what action, if any, you will take.

Sincerely,

Leonard Freedman

Kenneth J. Gross

November 8, 2003



Barney Matsumoto
California Dept. of Parks & Rec.
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Dear Mr. Barney:

Re: Santa Susana Park
Proposed Park Entrances

I think it would be an awful mistake to have an entrance to this park through Chatsworth Park South, either via Devonshire or Jeffrey Mark.

Chatsworth Park is an LA City park and highly used already - hiking - equestrian - picnics - birthday celebrations - tennis - gym activities for children - people merely going to enjoy the beauty. Shared parking is NO! It already overflows for many occasions that are held there for the general public. Yes it is used by Rockpointe home owners but by far it used

mostly by the general community of Chatsworth. Heritage House, an old Spanish dwelling is used for many occasions.

Please eliminate it as a possible entrance to a State Park.



Ken Gross

P. S. Do you know of or related to Sho Matsumoto. I went to grammar school and high school with him in The City of San Fernando. If still alive he would be about 85 - 86 same as me.

Dear Barney: —

Oct. 26, 2006

Thank you for a marvelous presentation
of plans for Santa Susana Pass State
Historic Park.

You and your team did a thoroughly
professional job — and handled the
whole meeting with patience — tact and
diplomacy.

Congratulations!

Laurie

Mrs. Dorothy I. Lillback
10072 Larwin Avenue Unit #1
Chatsworth, CA 91311-7865

Dear Mr. Barney Matsumoto, ^{25 October 2006}
Project Manager,

Sir:
Santa Susana Historic State Park,
North and South, should remain what
it is --- a Park --- enjoyed by
many, many, hikers, horsemen and
other people things. We don't need
R.V. Campgrounds -- Public Restrooms,
etc., etc., or a Visitors Center.

We are ten year Rockpainter
Residents and can see only more
trash and theft and other ill effects
from the Proposed Project.

PLEASE
"Not in my back yard"

over

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If you lived here, you
couldn't want it either.

Respect fully

Sarahy Z Lieback

Calif. State Parks, So. Service Center
 Re. Santa Susana State Park

Dear Park Committee,

I hope I am not too late in expressing my thoughts on the trail design for the Santa Susana State Historic Park.

I live a few blocks from this area and have utilized its wonderful resources for 30 years, including riding my horses, picnicing with my son, hiking & running. It is uniquely beautiful and I am thankful it will not be ravaged by development, as so much of our open space has.

That said, I was very upset at the limited usage left to equestrians in your plan. It is the only place this side of Topanga that one can go for a quiet trail ride safely, with minimal street riding. The trails we use loop here & there & provide a nice variety, a choice for a short 1-2 hr. ride, and to remove them or some of them would be very very sad. We always respect the environment & take great care in not damaging or harming nature in any way. We especially enjoy riding up & over to the waterfall - the only damage there is from tiggers, not equestrians.

Please reconsider & give us more "room to roam". It is a precious resource we don't want to lose.

Sincerely,

Merely K. Ruzicka
 9257 Parrotone Ave.

818-882-7724

From: Mark Rochin [mailto:romanum@pacbell.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2007 11:58 AM
To: Matsumoto, Barney
Subject: Chatsworth Park South Concern to be put into planning documents

Dear Mr. Matsumoto:

To allow the Jeffrey Mark Court owners to have there concerns put into the planning document, please find following the property owners statement.

Mark Rochin and some of his neighbors on Jeffrey Mark Court DO NOT want the park entrance to be from Jeffrey Mark Court. We would like the access for the public to be shut off and closed from Jeffrey Mark Court; and no parking spots for the park anywhere around Jeffrey Mark Court including Larwin. The access to the park at Larwin for pedestrians only is preferred.

Thank you

Sincerely:

Mark Rochin

JULIE STRANGES
9101 TOPANGA CANYON #209
CHATSWORTH, CA 91311
818-998-5835

9 October 2006

Ted Jackson - Chief, Southern Section
California State Parks
700 N Alameda - 5th Floor
Los Angeles CA 90012

Dear Mr. Jackson:

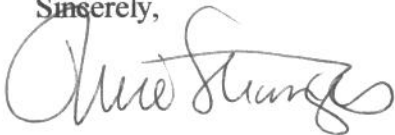
As a resident of Chatsworth, I encourage you to continue with the completion of the formulation and implementation of the Special Plan for **SANTA SUSANA PASS STATE HISTORIC PARK**, including a fully functional and staffed Visitor's Center, State Park Ranger, and the marking and maintenance of all trails and historic sites.

This site is one that is very important to residents of Chatsworth, as well as many of the surrounding areas, not to mention the general public. The rich history of Chatsworth itself, and the many mountainous areas which comprise it are certainly worthy of the establishment of the above named plans.

After having attended several of the public meetings regarding the funding for the Visitor's Center, staffing, maintenance, equipment and other specialized items, I am in full support of this effort. The Visitor's Center alone will be a "draw" to people to visit and utilize this unique Park area, which is unlike many others in the entire State of California.

I would be more than delighted to discuss any further details with you, and at your convenience. Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julie Stranges".

Julie Stranges
Chatsworth Resident

CC: Laurie Dager

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Having hiked the trails of the park
many times, I'm appalled at the amount
of trash scattered everywhere.

I suggest placing signs at all major
trail heads stating

"What you take in you take out"
PLEASE REMEMBER OF BROCCOLIS"

Name/Address (Optional): TOM HARRISON

10044-S LARWIN AVE. CHATSWORTH, CA 91311

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A small plot by Cultural Center
set aside for natural native plant
interpretation along with identification
signs to assist hikers in plant
identification.

I have worked with San Luis Obispo
County on this type of project in the
past and found it to be very beneficial

Name/Address (Optional): TOM HARRISON

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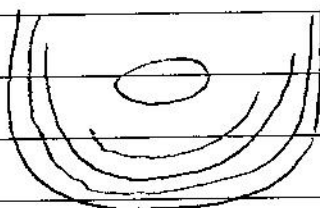
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a. outdoors amphitheater for use
by different groups to hold meetings
and open forums.

I have seen this many times at other
State Parks



OPEN AIR THEATER

Name/Address (Optional): TOM HARRISON

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Katherine Weisman
4562 Cochran Street
Simi Valley, CA 93063

Ted Jackson – Chief, Southern Section
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Re: Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park

9/25/06

Dear Mr. Jackson,

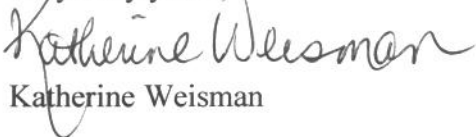
I would like to take this opportunity to express my desire for continued support of the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park.

I would respectfully request that the campaign be considered for additional capital improvements funding to be applied to the Visitor's Center. Additionally, I would like to request increases to the State Park's next budget to cover staffing, maintenance, equipment, and other expenses incurred.

I feel that this preservation campaign is of great value to our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Katherine Weisman

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