

Ballona Creek Parkway Support Letter

Working toward the vision of a more natural, healthy and better functioning urban ecosystem, the Ballona Network (Network) seeks the creation of a contiguous urban open space parkway (Parkway) connected by foot and bicycle paths, bus and rail from the emerging Los Angeles River and the Arroyo Seco parkways to Ballona and the sea. The Parkway would link new parks like the Cornfields, Taylor Yard and Ascott Hills in East, Central and South Los Angeles to the Baldwin Hills, the Ballona Wetlands and Bluff, and the Santa Monica Bay. Whether along the trail or in larger open spaces, the Parkway will provide open space for active and passive recreation, transportation, wildlife habitat and natural treatment of urban runoff. Inspired by this broad long-term vision, the Network has identified the following objectives:

- ❑ further the equitable distribution of high quality open space throughout metropolitan LA;
- ❑ gather information about the biological, hydrological and recreational significance of each parcel or area to help evaluate the most appropriate use;
- ❑ gather and distribute information about restoration plans, and projects of various jurisdictions and stakeholders;
- ❑ enhance the understanding among Network participants, elected and agency officials, and the public about the value of the Parkway to our physical and mental well-being, neighborhood safety, wildlife and enhanced property values;
- ❑ balance recreational, flood management and land use needs of the communities with such critical environmental considerations as daylighting streams and re-establishing functioning ecosystems comprised of dunes, bluffs, wetlands, and surrounding uplands (including rare coastal sage scrub) in the watershed and tributaries; &
- ❑ build consensus and take action on immediate and long-term acquisition, improvement, and/or restoration priorities and short and long-term funding sources.

Preliminary Parkway Acquisition, Improvement and/or Restoration List (East to West):

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| 1. Baldwin Hills | 6. Land between 90 Fwy West & East | 11. Del Rey Lagoon |
| 2. Ballona Creek & bike path | 7. Southside of 90 Freeway | 12. Toes Beach Dunes at Playa del Rey |
| 3. Ballona Wetlands Area D | 8. U.S. Post Office | 13. El Segundo Dunes Habitat |
| 4. Ballona Wetlands Areas A, B and C | 9. Ballona West Bluff. | 14. Upslope Bluff lands/canyons |
| 5. Land b/t Ballona & Centinela Creek | 10. So Cal Gas Co surplus properties | 15. LAX Northside land |

<p>I / We, the undersigned, support the Ballona Creek Parkway vision and objectives as described above and look forward to its cooperative and timely funding, planning and implementation.</p>			
Name	Address	City	Zip
Email Address	Phone	Cell Phone	
Signature	Affiliation (or would like to volunteer)		

Sign and mail to address below –or– fax to: 310-737-1030

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