

JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

Photos of Say's phoebes in BV Creek Valley taken by Alex Turner:



In 2013 Preserve Calavera will continue our efforts to preserve and enhance the natural resources of coastal north county. From retrofitting culverts for wildlife, acquiring open space, building trails and restoring our natural lands to shaping development so we can all still hear the sound of a rushing creek and smell the sage in the spring. While our work continues throughout north county, for the next few weeks our primary focus will be:

SOS for Quarry Creek

After years of effort we are now down to the final weeks when the fate of the Buena Vista Creek Valley will be decided. Will we be able to save the heart of this priceless valley? Will we save the views of the sacred El Salto waterfall and the wildlife movement corridor? Or will it become just one more housing development? We have proposed a compromise- one that saves the panhandle and the heart of the valley while still allowing development on the degraded eastern part of the site. The developer gets a fair profit, the city gets the affordable housing they want and future generations will still be able to experience this very special area as we do today.

The first formal hearing to consider the proposed 656 unit McMillin development called Quarry Creek is scheduled for Wed Feb 6. There is a lot we can and must do before then to make sure everyone who cares about preserving this priceless valley is heard.

What Can YOU Do to Save This Priceless Valley ?

1. View our new video and get inspired <http://youtube/OzvLHIx17Ks>
Thanks to North County Advocates for their help with funding this video and helping us tell the story about the vanishing open space in Carlsbad.
2. Sign the petition at <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/sos-for-open-space.html>

3. Call and email Mayor Matt Hall and Carlsbad Council members at council@carlsbadca.gov or 760-434-2808 and tell them why they should save the panhandle of Quarry Creek and to reduce the number of units below 656. This keeps development on the already degraded part of the site and will preserve the historic sense of place and the regional wildlife movement corridor.
4. Send a Letter to the Editor alerting the public about the potential loss of this area and why it is important to preserve the panhandle. Limit letter to 200 words, include your name, address and phone number (for verification- will not be printed). Send to both letters@utsandiego.com and letters@coastnewsgroup.com. Note: Be sure to change the subject line and first sentence so it doesn't look like the same letter.
5. Take everyone you know to the cul-de-sac on Haymar to see the valley, and to the sign-post behind Kohl's to see the waterfall. Show them the treasure we have in our backyard. (See below for times you can do this as part of a group tour)
6. Spread the word however you can- go to www.preservecalavera.org for more information, schedule us to speak before any group you are involved with, tell your friends and neighbors.
7. Make a donation by January 31st and your contribution will be doubled. We have a commitment of up to \$ 5,000 to match all donations received through January. These funds will allow us to hire the legal and technical experts that will inspire the developer to accept our proposed compromise.

We Can Do This- we can save the panhandle from development and keep the heritage of this valley intact for us and for future generations.

And with your help we will !

January Activities

Jan 9 Wed 6 - 8 PM

Bi-Monthly Preserve Calavera Board Meeting

Meetings are open to all members but RSVP required for location and gate code.

Jan 12 Sat 10 – 11 AM

Mini-tour of the Buena Vista Creek Valley and Grounds of the Marron Adobe

Here is your chance to come and see the Buena Vista Creek Valley and see why this area is too priceless to bulldoze for 656 more homes. There will be short walk into the valley, tours of the grounds around the historic Marron Adobe and exhibits that tell about the early history of this area. Email us for a flier you can pass on to everyone you know who would like to visit one of the 12 most endangered historic sites in San Diego County. We will meet at the cul-de-sac along Haymar Rd. From # 78 heading east take the College exit. Take first right onto Haymar/Plaza- this is frontage road along # 78 that goes past Mossy-Nissan. Head 7/10th of a mile west along Haymar- parking in cul-de-sac and along both sides of the street. Call 760-724-3887 for more information.

Jan 26 Sat 10 – 11 AM

Mini-tour of the Buena Vista Creek Valley and Grounds of the Marron Adobe

This is a repeat of the Jan 12th mini-tour. We will hold these every few weeks until the fate of the valley is decided.

Jan 26 Sat 9 AM – 12 Noon

Orientation to the Anstine Reserve - Presented by the San Diego Audubon Society

Come join us and learn bird languages, mammal tracks and sign, uses for native plants and the best practices for outdoor safety! Enjoy this free event including light snacks. In return each participant is asked to commit 10 hours of Volunteer time to the preserve within the next year or a donation if you choose.

The Anstine- Audubon Nature Preserve is located at 2437 Hutchison St, Vista 92084.

For more information and to sign-up: Contact Rebecca Wilbanks, Anstine Resident Manager at (760) 295-1548 or beckywilbanks@cox.net

Jan 29 Tues 6 PM

Carlsbad City Council Meeting- Screening of our Video on Open Space

Everyone is invited to join us as we present our video on open space to the Carlsbad City Council and let them know the people of this area care about preserving the open space that we still have. Meeting at Carlsbad City Hall 1200 CB Village Dr- just east of I-5.

Future Events

Feb 6 Wed- Planning Commission hearing on Quarry Creek

Feb 9 Sat – Mini Tour of the BV Creek valley

March- Restoration planting project, City Council Hearing on Quarry Creek

Our all-volunteer organization can't do what we do without your help. Your time, talent and donations can make a difference - right here in your own backyard. Call or email us to see how else you could get involved.