

**Take a minute to enjoy this video of some of our amazing local pollinators. Slow motion captures each of these wondrous creatures at their best. .**

**<http://www.youtube.com/v/xHkq1edcbk4?version=3%20%20%20%20>**

## **SOS for Open Space**

**At the June 5th City Council meeting numerous speakers eloquently told the story about why we want the Mayor and Council to restrict funds for open space acquisition- but we got no commitment from the Mayor or Council. ( Watch the video [http://carlsbad.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=6&clip\\_id=645](http://carlsbad.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=645) )**

**At the June 7th community budget workshop we made the case again. Staff repeatedly said they have sufficient funds that could be set aside for open space acquisition- but they need the direction from the Mayor and City Council.**

**Our volunteers got petitions and business endorsements, wrote letters to the editor and sent postcards. We know the Mayor and City Council are starting to listen- but we need them to take action. If you care about preserving our natural open space please make time this week to make it happen :**

### **1. Call and/or e-mail the Mayor and City Council**

**Tell them you want some of the existing reserve funds allocated to open space acquisition in this budget. E-mails are directed to Mayor Hall and Council Members Blackburn, Douglas, Kulchin, and Packard at [council@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:council@carlsbadca.gov) or telephone them at (760)434-2830.**

### **Potential talking points:**

- It's been 10 years since we passed Measure C- its time to honor the vote of the people.**
- Open space is part of what makes Carlsbad special**
- Envision Carlsbad is planning thousands of more residents- we**

need more open space to provide some offsetting benefit to the community for all of this density increase

- The HMP guarantees 6400+ acres of natural open space for plants and wildlife-

we need some for people too !

- If we delay these lands may be lost forever

## **2. Attend the final budget meeting for this year:**

When : **Tues June 26, 6 pm**

Where : City Hall, Council Chambers-  
1200 Carlsbad Village Dr

What : Join us for a press conference in front of City Council Chambers. Then we will go inside and attend the City Council meeting where they will adopt the budget for next year.

## **3. Spread the word**

Pass this email on to everyone in Carlsbad that you know who cares about open space- and get them to call/email and attend the meeting!

**With your help we can do it!**

### **June and July Activities**

**June 23 Sat 8:30 - 11:00 AM**

#### ***Weed Whacking in the Buena Vista Creek Ecological Reserve***

We will be handweeding rabbit foot grass on the west side of the reserve. This invasive plant is starting to set seeds and will soon be spreading. Bring a hoe if you have one and water. Wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, a hat and work gloves (extra tools and gloves will be available.) Note-: we are meeting on the west side of the reserve- not our usual place. We will assemble at the deadend of Marron Rd east from El Camino Real. Parking is available on the adjacent residential streets. Please be on time as we will be walking in to the work site and will not be visible from the road. Call 760-724-3887 or email with questions.

**June 26 Tues 6 pm - (could be several hours)**

#### ***Press Conference and City Council Meeting on the Budget***

This will be our final opportunity to get the Mayor and City Council to allocate existing reserve funds for open space acquisition in this year's budget. Carlsbad has millions in excess reserve funds- they just need the political will to make an investment in open space.

**July 5 Thurs 8 - 11 am**

***Oceanside Morning After Mess beach clean-up***

Please join us and the city of Oceanside Clean Water Program staff for the annual Morning After Mess clean-up event. The event starts at the Oceanside Harbor. Registration table will be located at the South Harbor jetty next to parking lot # 10. Free parking is available in parking lot # 1 on the east side of the railroad tracks. Volunteers are asked to bring their own reusable clean-up supplies including canvas gloves and buckets, if you have them available ( In order to reduce the amount of trash generated by the event- now there is a good idea!) Of course there will be extra supplies for those who do not bring their own. All volunteers will receive refreshments and community service hours. Please wear closed toe shoes and sun screen. Click on the website link for event details and parking info. [www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org](http://www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org).

**July 18 Wed 7 pm**

***Preserve Calavera Board meeting***

This is our regular bi-monthly Board meeting. All members are welcome to join us but RSVP is required and needed in order to get details on meeting location.

**July 21 Sat 8:00 am - 4:00 PM**

***Beginning Wildlife Tracking Class***

Learn to recognize tracks of native mammal species and join an experienced tracker on one or more wildlife surveys. Training will take place at the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House. The fee for this course is \$25 (check or cash, please). Pre-registration is requested to the email address below to reserve your space in class. Bring water and a sack lunch and be prepared to spend much of the day outdoors. We would also like to encourage you to bring your calendar so that you will be prepared to sign up for our volunteer transects. Visit the website at [www.sdt.org](http://www.sdt.org) or reply to this email address for more information.

Directions: From I-15, take the Mercy Road exit. Go west to Black Mountain Road. Turn right. Go left at the first light onto Canyonside Park Driveway and follow the signs to the Ranch House.

**July 28 Sat 8:30 - 11:00 AM**

***Invasives removal at Carlsbad Oaks North Reserve in Carlsbad***

This will be heavy duty work on a couple of patches that are heavily infested with invasives and thatch. Wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, a

hat and work gloves (extra tools and gloves will be available.) We are meeting in the parking lot next to the pump station on El Fuerte near Faraday. Please be on time as we will be walking in to the work site and will not be visible from the road. Call 760-724-3887 or email with questions.

**Future Events :**

Sept 22 Sat - Coastal Clean-up Day

Sept 29 Sat - National Public Lands Day event at Lake Calavera

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. Donations can be made through our website at <http://www.preservercalavera.org/donate.html> or by mailing a check.

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