



January 2015

At Preserve Calavera we start the new year by reviewing the past year and then using that to help us focus our actions for the next year.

Last year our updated top priority goals for the next ten years included:

1. Natural Open Space



Calavera Preserve

Natural or restorable open-space land will be increased through land acquisition and reducing the impacts of development. Acquisitions will be focused on those that benefit the Calavera core areas and the Buena Vista Creek Valley with other strategically located areas that benefit the Carlsbad Hydrologic Unit watershed and regional wildlife movement corridors. Development of an interconnected trail system will be incorporated into planning for land acquisition and management.

January Activities

Jan 20 Tues

Deadline for Comments on Digital Billboard along # 78

This project will install a 40' high digital billboard on the slope on the north side of #78 right above the historic Marron adobe. This is a massive V shaped sign with two 48' x 12' displays that will project images that change every 4 seconds- from sunrise until midnight. This sign is located on a sensitive slope that is part of the key wildlife corridor connection between the Buena Vista Creek Valley and stepping stones through Oceanside. It will be visible from numerous locations- from the grounds of the historic district, the adjacent ecological reserve, the sacred El Salto waterfall and hundreds of homes and public roads and trails. Full details can be found at scenic.org. Comments can be submitted via email to Amy Fousekis at afousekis@ci.oceanside.ca.us

Jan 21 Wed 6:30 Social 7 PM program

Special presentation: Southern California Bobcats

Join our friends at Buena Vista Audubon Society for this featured program on our beautiful local wild cats. The bobcat is a medium sized predator, with a

2. Land Management



Wildlife tracking team in Calavera Highlands doing quarterly survey

Hardline preserved natural lands will be managed in an integrated way that supports a healthy ecosystem including, but not limited to, plants and wildlife. Such management will have stopped the degradation of natural lands through effective monitoring, enforcement and restoration.

3. Wildlife Protection



Leroy—a radio-collared bobcat helping to research wildlife movement in Southern California

Functional wildlife corridors will be in place, with such structural changes and improvements as needed to support healthy, sustainable populations and minimize road kill.

wide range across north America, but one that is very sensitive to fragmentation of their habitat and human development. Wildlife ecologists Lisa Lyren and Megan Jennings will share their knowledge about the natural history of bobcats, the challenges they face in our so. California environment and how their research helps us understand issues with landscape connectivity. Program will be held in the newly renovated Buena Vista Nature Center at 2202 S. Coast Highway in Oceanside (east side right next to Buena Vista lagoon).

Jan 24 Sat 9:30 – 11 AM

Community Meeting on Carlsbad General Plan-Dove Library

The City of Carlsbad has delayed the hearings on their New General Plan until Feb – so you still have time to learn how it shortchanges your neighborhood on parks and open space, what happened to the heritage tree study and what we can do to make sure everyone has the kind of parks and open space they were promised. Come and learn the details about what is included in the new General Plan, what is required for parks and open space, and what is not being delivered with this new plan. Please help spread the word by downloading this flier and passing on to everyone you know: [Preserve Calavera](#), see Upcoming Events. **Together we can fix the General Plan!**

Jan 26 Mon 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Community Meeting on Carlsbad General Plan-Senior Center- 799 Pine Ave

4. Education/Outreach

Residents will become involved in protecting the natural lands in their neighborhoods. Efforts will focus on getting people connected to local natural lands and restoring a sense of place.

5. Climate Change

Education will be used to mobilize people to get involved in local actions. Lobbying/advocacy will target effective local government action and enforceable Climate Action Plans.

Our short term planning process will look at what we can do this next year to best use our resources to make meaningful progress toward achieving each of these long term goals.

We would like to hear from you! What would you like to see us do this next year? Is there a piece of land that might be acquired that has slipped through the cracks? Would you like to see us reinstitute the "Wildlife Appreciation" series of events we held a few years ago? Are there better ways to be doing community outreach? Please tell us what you think. But even more important, tell us what kind of activities you would like to get personally involved with. With your help, 2015 will help us all preserve, protect and enhance the priceless natural resources of coastal north county.

Thank you to everyone who remembered us in your yearend donations- we can't do what we do without your support!

This is a repeat of Sat meeting – see above.

Upcoming Events:

Feb- First hearing on Carlsbad General Plan- date still **TBD**

May 9 Sat Trail work 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. Call or email us to see how else you could get involved.

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Our best wishes to all for a wonderful New Year.

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