

SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN PARK ASSOCIATION

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Janice Hinkston,
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FALL 1976 NEWSLETTER.....FEATURING IMPORTANT
ELECTION NEWS

COME TO THE SSMPA GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 at 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, GLENDALE
FEDERAL, 21821 Devonshire, Chats.

AGENDA

REPORT ON PROGRESS OF NICHOLS
PROPERTY PURCHASE:
Escrow To Be Opened!!!

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FUNDING
SOURCES AND WHAT YOU CAN DO !!
Prop. 2; SB 174 Matching Funds;
America the Beautiful

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ANALYZED:

Glenn Bailey, Speaker (after 9 pm)

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PLEASE PLAN TO BE THERE. BRING
A FRIEND!

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We meet the THIRD MONDAY of every
month at the above time and
location and everyone is always
cordially invited to attend. Our
next meetings will be Nov. 15
and Dec. 21.

WE'RE LISTED FOR PROP. 2 FUNDS!!!

SSMPA Board Asks For "YES" Vote

A Santa Susana Mountain Park will
be included for new state park-
land acquisition should Proposi-
tion 2 pass on this November's
ballot!!!!

In a list released by the State
Dept. of Parks and Recreation,
we are one of 100 projects encom-
passed by the \$280,000,000
bond act.

Other acquisitions include coastal
recreational resources, state and
local urban parks and historical
sites.

Bond financing is done on a pay-
as-you-go basis, and NO property
tax revenues will be used.

Since we have been competing with
other projects, we need YOUR
letters of support to maintain
our priority status. PLEASE
WRITE TODAY TO:

Herbert Rhodes, Director
Dept. of Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 2390
Sacramento, CA 95811

Send SSMPA copies of any responses
you receive, and PLEASE VOTE
YES...YES...YES...ON PROP. 2 !!!

PLEASE GIVE THE EXTRA ENCLOSED
NEWSLETTER TO AN INTERESTED
FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR! THANKS!

CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON BALLOT;
GLENN BAILEY CANDIDATE FOR POST

Three of the five positions of
the Board of Directors of the
West Los Angeles County Resource
Conservation District are up for
election on November 2nd.

Glenn Bailey, SSMPA San Fernando
Valley area chairman, and B. Nic-
holas "Nick" Anderson are two of
the eight candidates in the run-
ning for the non-salaried posts.

Bailey, active with SSMPA for
four years, is presently a non-
voting Associate Director of the
District and has been attending
Board meetings regularly since
the spring of 1973. He has also
been active in a number of other
conservation organizations and
issues on a volunteer basis.

Bailey is opposing two appointed
incumbents (Luse and Vanderwal--
both facing election) and has
criticized them for delaying the
commitments to aid SSMPA in the
Nichols property parkland purchase
that the majority of the Board
made on three separate occasions
last year. He feels they have
also hurt the conservation move-
ment by discouraging public
participation and by being
irresponsible in fiscal policy.

Anderson, former director of the
Placerita Canyon Nature Center,
was very recently appointed Dir-
ector to fill a vacancy. However,
in the time he has been on the
Board, his votes have been in
support of our mountain park
proposal. Anderson is a resident
of Canoga Park.

The Resource Conservation Dis-
trict is a little known public
agency charged with soil, water
and natural resource conservation
in the northwest portion of L.A.
County, including the West San
Fernando, Santa Clarita and
Conejo Valleys.

Voters within these areas will
find the District election listed
on their sample ballot. PLEASE--

VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE
SUPPORTED THE GOALS OF A SANTA
SUSANA MOUNTAIN PARK--AND URGE
YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
TO DO THE SAME !!!

FLASH!! America the Beautiful
Fund has announced they will be
distributing seed grants on behalf
of the State Bicentennial Commis-
sion to Santa Susana for our
worthy historical project.
(Stagecoach trail!?!)
Details at Oct. 18 meeting.....

FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT YET
SSMPA MEMBERS.....

If you support our goals and efforts in preserving our backyard mountain for public use today and for future generations, you are cordially invited to become a member of SSMPA.

Your membership will allow us to represent a greater number of concerned citizens, and thereby exert more influence in pushing to achieve our goals.

To join, please send your check today to SSMPA, P.O. Box 831, Chatsworth, CA 91311. Annual dues: individual \$5; Family \$7; Business or Organization \$10; Student \$3. ADDITIONAL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED AND MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE !! (Call 347-3736 for details.)

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SAVE ORCUTT COMMUNITY organization is sponsoring a plant and pumpkin bread booth at the Pumpkin Festival, held at Canoga north of Nordhoff in Chatsworth. They also have on sale our book, Santa Susana: Over the Pass, Into the Past. The Festival continues through October.

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SSMPA participated with a display booth at the Wing Gallery's First Annual Wildlife Fair held at Encino Park the last weekend of September. Many other conservation, preservation and wildlife organizations were present and there was a good public turnout, too. Thanks to SSMPA members who gave generously of their time handing out hundreds of our flyers and answering questions. Thanks to the members of the San Fernando Valley Group of the Sierra Club who also helped. Special thanks to Warren Jensen for designing and making the beautiful display and to Jan Hinkston for giving up a reunion in Santa Barbara so that our slide show could be given both days.

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ADDRESS LABELS:

Please check your label and make sure your name, address and zip code are correct. If not, or if you are moving, let us know !!

VARIANCE FOR GOLF COURSE APPROVED

A City of Los Angeles zoning administrator has granted, in part, a request to establish a commercial golf complex in the hills northwest of the Oakwood Cemetery. The portions of the request for a game arcade and minature golf course were denied, but the case is still a dangerous precedent in allowing inappropriate and incompatible land use for the area.

The basis for SSMPA's position is due to the severe environmental impact that this project would produce, both to neighboring Rockpointe residents and to the historically and culturally important sites within or directly adjacent.

SSMPA is shocked that no Environmental Impact Report was required for this massive proposal. We have urged that one be prepared before further action is taken.

It is expected that the case will be appealed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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STONEY POINT EFFORT LAUNCHED

The Chatsworth Historical Society is working to save Stoney Point for future use as a city park. The historical monument is privately owned and is now up for sale. The community landmark is part of SSMPA's high priority area, and we hope it can be acquired for public use.

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