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COUNTY LAND USE PLAN TO BE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED

DATE: Monday, November 20 TIME: 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Glendale Federal Community Room
21821 Devonshire St. Chatsworth
(just east of Topanga Canyon Blvd.)

Join us at the monthly general membership meeting of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association for this important program. A County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning staff member will discuss the proposed plan, which will guide the land use, growth, and development for the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills and the entire County until 1990.

The open space and conservation elements of the plan are of particular concern to the SSMPA, as are issues concerning hillside densities, equestrian and hiking trail corridors and provisions for parkland, open space and significant ecological areas.

A question and answer session will follow and refreshments will be served.

Also on the agenda will be reports and discussion on the California Department of Parks and Recreation progress on acquiring parkland in the area as well as SSMPA's own efforts to fundraise for the first annual payment on the Nichols property due in the middle of December. Maureen Cates will update us on the situation with the 480 acre Brandeis Ranch in the battle between parkland and development interests.

Be sure and bring your checkbook as our special T-Shirts will be on sale as perfect holiday and Christmas gifts for every member of your family. Y'ALL COME !!!

BEST OF THE OLD WEST

Once again the clanging of stagecoach wheels, the pounding of horse hooves, the ringing of rifle shots, and fighting of cowboys, banditos, rancheros, and Indians will be heard in the northwest San Fernando Valley.

No, we are not making a movie but rather showing them--the best and not-so-best of the old west movies filmed on location in the Santa Susana Pass and Chatsworth areas.

SSMPA is planning to rent a movie theater for a special showing to benefit them thar hills. It will be a midnight special and may feature some of the old time movie stars in person at the theater! Interested? YOU are needed to...

- attend
- volunteer (ushers get in free)
- help with research and contacts needed

Don't miss out! Call Jan Hinkston today...998-7231 (late afternoons and evenings) or leave your name and telephone number with Glenn Bailey 344-5366.

HERITAGE OAK TREES THEME OF TOUR

A special, first-time-ever tour spotlighting the natural and historical significance of California oak trees in this area will be held Sunday, December 3.

The tour will be led by Glenn Bailey for the California Native Plant Society and will include the rugged Browns Canyon area, views of the soon to be acquired Brandeis Ranch, a hike onto the Nichols property and stagecoach trail, a pass through Chatsworth Park North and around Chatsworth Reservoir, and stop at Orcutt Park Horticultural Center for lunch.

The event will be by carpool and will start at 10 a.m. at the historic Encino oak tree at Louise Avenue south of Ventura Blvd.

You are invited to attend what promises to be an exciting and educational day. For more information call Glenn Bailey 344-5366 (Reservations are not necessary).

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER! Please send news items, suggestions, ideas to P.O. Box 177, Northridge 91328
Next issue deadline: January 2.

BUSINESSES WILL HELP US---IF...

Many businesses have funds available that they donate to charities and in return receive a tax deduction. Our tax-deductible land purchase "charity" is the Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains.

All we need is a volunteer (or volunteers) to go around to selected businesses in the community to let them know about our Foundation and our goals. If you are interested in this vital task, please telephone Jan Hinkston 998-7231 (late afternoon and eves).

SLIDES, HIKES TO EXPLORE O'MELVENY

Beautiful O'Melveny Park, second in size only to Griffith Park in Los Angeles City parks, will be the topic of a special slide program at the 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1979 meeting of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Task Force of the Sierra Club.

The 640 acre park, located in Big Bee Canyon in the far eastern reaches of the Santa Susana Mountains, is the site for a series of Wednesday evening hikes this year. They begin at 7 p.m. at the park entrance on November 15 and 29 and on December 6, 13 and 20. The route is $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles with 1400' elevation gain. Participants must bring a flashlight and canteen. For more information, call Marilyn Brewer 360-7301.

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Plans are now being made for a holiday fundraiser to benefit SSMPA. We are working on possibly using the large house nestled in the sandstone cliffs of the Simi Hills as a location. If you are interested in an enjoyable evening, or would like to assist us in putting it on, please call Jan Hinkston 998-7231 (afternoons and eves).

DECEMBER 10 HIKE--The regular second Sunday of the month hike will be held December 10 at 9 a.m. beginning at the parking lot at the northwest corner of Topanga and Devonshire. For more information, call hike leader Bill Scott 885-8479.

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D A T E D M A T E R I A L

PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

PARKLAND HUNDREDS OF POUNDS CLEANER

The first in what is hoped to be a series of trash-a-thons was held in October on the property SSMPA is acquiring (the Nichols property) south of the Santa Susana Pass Road.

While only a handful of people were able to assist this time, hundreds of pounds of trash--cans, paper, wrappers, you name it--were collected and disposed of.

Special thanks to the volunteers who helped clean up our environment in a very real sense and to Dennis Tibbetts who hauled the trash away in his truck and arranged the event. If you would like to be in on the next one, call Dennis at 989-1439 (eves).

LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION!

Television spots of 30 and 60 seconds are being aired the month of November on KTTV (Channel 11) to let the general public know of our efforts to protect the mountains and establish a park.

The public service announcements are also requesting tax-deductible donations to assist us in making the land purchase payment due in December.

Special thanks go to Dennis Tibbetts for arranging for the free air time and to Margo Nurman for doing an excellent job of announcing. Both are members of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Task Force of the Sierra Club.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Marcus Frishman, Lewis Blumberg, and Dirk Vanderwal for their election to the Board of Directors of the West Los Angeles County Resource Conservation District earlier this month. They join continuing directors Glenn Bailey and Jack Hutchinson on the five member board. Two SSMPA members, W. R. (Bill) Scott and Gregory Karpf, also sought the non-paying posts but were not successful.

REMEMBER--SSMPA meets the third Monday of every month (Nov. 20, Dec. 18.) at the time and place on the front. Mark your 1979 calendars today! See you soon!

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