

Land and Watershed Conservation Initiative

This initiative will advance the completion of a network of recreational parks and natural areas on rivers, canyons, lagoons and beaches to provide healthy lands, clean water and habitat for people and wildlife.

Anza-Borrego Foundation

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Northern Wilderness Inholdings Acquisition Project - \$45,000
To acquire privately owned inholdings in the northern wilderness area of the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, improve the management of Park wilderness landscape, protect critical habitat for endangered bighorn sheep and protect culturally-sensitive lands for the Cahuilla Native Americans.

Back Country Land Trust of San Diego County

Conservation in the Campo Valley - \$30,000
This project continues the efforts begun in 2006 to improve donor tracking capabilities, board development, and fundraising activities in order to acquire and protect key parcels within the Campo Valley corridor of Las Californias.

Conservation Biology Institute

Las Californias Binational Conservation Initiative - \$45,000
To provide the conservation mapping and research necessary for organizations such as The Nature Conservancy and Back Country Land Trust to secure public funding and acquire key parcels in the Las Californias Binational Conservation area.

Endangered Habitats League

Conserving Wildlife Habitat and Biodiversity in the San Diego Region - \$45,000
To prepare a list of TransNet open space priority acquisitions and analyze potential new public funding sources for habitat conservation and purchase of additional lands along the upper San Diego River.

The Escondido Creek Conservancy

Preserving the Special Nature of North County: The Campaign to Stop Sprawl - \$25,000
To develop outreach materials in order to engage North County residents in an anti-sprawl campaign.

Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve

Hellhole Canyon - \$39,500
To develop outreach materials, fundraise and publish a report in order to purchase at least 120 acres of land surrounding the preserve to protect its biological integrity and retain open space and regional connectivity.

Friends of Rose Canyon

Preserving Rose Canyon: A Watershed Challenge - \$45,000
To engage the local and city-wide community in preserving and restoring Rose Canyon as a major regional resource for its environmental, educational and recreational value.

Lakeside's River Park Conservancy

Volunteer Recruiter and Coordinator - \$37,000
To fund a volunteer recruitment coordinator to expand the volunteer teams and increase the number of volunteers actively engaged in restoration and clean-up of the Lakeside River Park.

San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

San Dieguito River Valley Stewardship Initiative - \$27,715
To fund a project manager to write grants, recruit local residents for the stewardship of the San Dieguito River Park through native planting, weed removal and trail development, and to partner with the San Pasqual Academy in developing a hands-on based watershed curriculum for high school students.

Sierra Club, San Diego Chapter

San Diego Canyons Campaign - \$30,000
To fund a full-time coordinator and part-time assistant to recruit and train new volunteers for restoration and cleanup activities with new canyon friends groups.

South Coast Wildlands

Translating South Coast Missing Linkages Plans Into Action \$30,000
To develop and distribute science-based conservation tools to wildlife agencies, planning departments, conservation organizations, land trusts and conservancies to acquire lands for the protection of critical wildlife corridors.

Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association

Volunteers in Action - \$30,000
To continue funding a volunteer coordinator to recruit volunteers for habitat restoration, trail development and fund raising activities in the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve.

The San Diego River Park Foundation

San Diego River Watershed Project Implementation - \$20,000
To fund the implementation of the work plan for the San Diego River Coalition to acquire land for conservation, increase volunteers and improve watershed health.

Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation

Acquisition of Rutherford Ranch on Volcan Mountain \$30,000
To produce a fundraising video and provide matching funds for the acquisition of the Rutherford Ranch in order to preserve biologically and culturally significant lands on Volcan Mountain.

