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Photo by Phil Ramuno

Chesebro Meadow Wildlife Corridor

Many groups have now endorsed preserving the Chesebro Meadow Wildlife Corridor. (See Ad on page 2). The Meadow is a foraging area critical for the functionality of Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor. This Wildlife Corridor is now receiving worldwide attention from the proposed wildlife overpass. The Chesebro Meadow subdivision battle is heating up as Agoura Hills Planning Commission hearing is August 20 at 6:30 at city hall. Grassroots action is now needed to join the movement.

Please add your name to help preserve the Meadow: Email in your name to: SaveChesebroMeadow@gmail.com and if you are on Facebook, please "like" Save Chesebro Meadow.

Send in your 2015 membership in enclosed envelope

If each and every one on this mailing list sends in $20 membership, Save Open Space will have sufficient funds to hire consultants as SOS battles developments which are inconsistent with the preservation plans for our national park, its gateway cities and protection of its wildlife. Also, SOS has a tax deductible fund set up as SEE. Donations $50 and above receive a formal letter to be used at tax time. The SOS Board consists of all volunteers so all these funds go into funding our issues which serve to protect and preserve open space in our region.

Visit our website www.saveopenspace.com to see latest park activities, information, make Pay Pal donations to our tax-deductible SEE fund, and click on links for more information.

2015 SOS Regional Board members

Mary Wiesbrock, Agoura Hills
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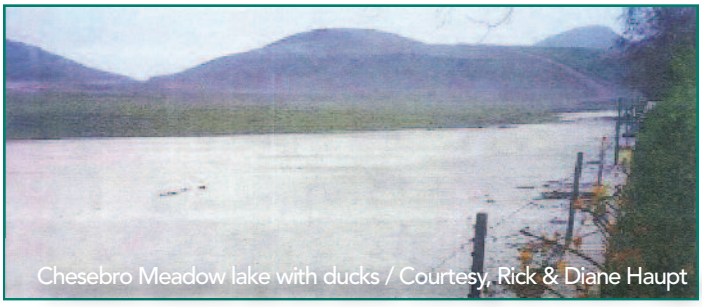
Chesebro Meadow lake with ducks / Courtesy, Rick & Diane Haupt

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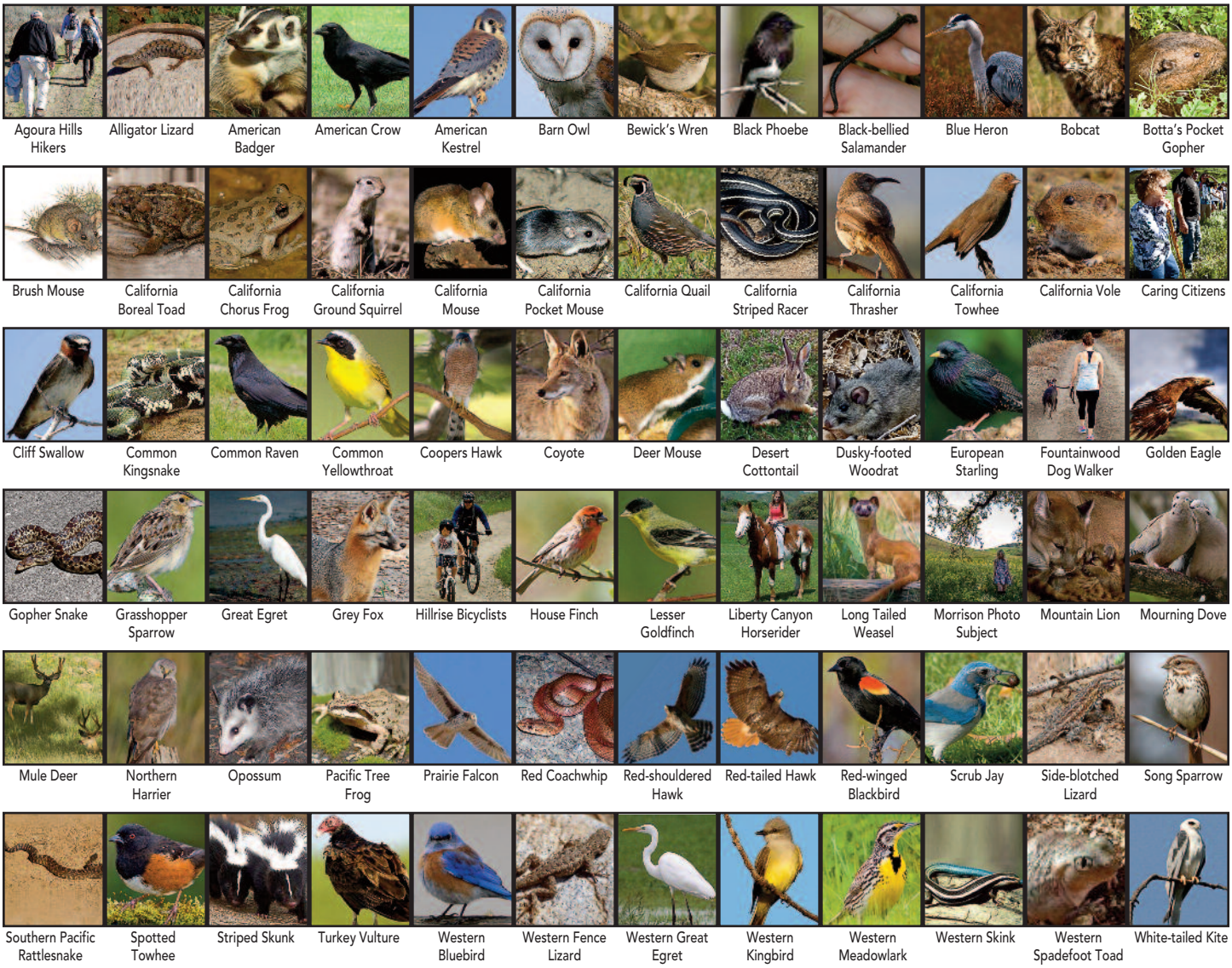

All of them use the Chesebro Meadow Wildlife Corridor

The proposed subdivision that would destroy this fragile ecosystem will soon have a public hearing before the City of Agoura Hills

To find ways that you can help:

Save Chesebro Meadow facebook • savechesebromeadow@gmail.com

These organizations support the goals of the Coalition to Save Chesebro Meadow Wildlife Corridor:

Save Open Space • Old Agoura Homeowners Association • Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation
Mountain Lion Foundation • National Wildlife Federation/California • Center For Biological Diversity
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy • Mountains Recreation And Conservation Authority
Mountains Restoration Trust • California Native Plant Society, Santa Monica Mountains Chapter
Sierra Club Of California • Audubon Society

The scenic mountainside ridge, as seen from Malibu lagoon, where the five mansions will be built on sensitive coastal habitat and a significant scenic view. The Sierra Club also opposes the project. Photo credit by Jim Kinney.

Save Open Space Over "the Edge" Help Save Malibu Viewshed

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Save Open Space Over the Edge

Send an email to California Coastal Commission planner at jblaugrund@coastal.ca.gov and call Coastal Commission Chair, Supervisor Steve Kinsey, at 415-499-7331 requesting a NO vote on this multi-estate project whose growth inducing water line extends all the way to Calabasas. This project will destroy coastal habitat and a scenic view for millions of our national park visitors.

Santa Susana Field Lab National Monument

"A National Monument will ensure the protection and conservation for the future. Santa Susana Field Laboratory is where rocketry and space history began as well as home to some of the most well preserved cave paintings in North America. National Monument status would also provide needed certainty and protection of the sacred Chumash Native American sites as well as the first of modern rocketry and human space travel which began at Santa Susana."

—Christina Walsh, co-leader Monument Movement

Wildlife Corridor and Lunar Landing. Photo by Christina Walsh

Santa Susana's 2,800 acres represents critical wildlife movement habitat for our national park. This movement has resulted in delaying the demolition of America's test stands. Thanks goes to co-leaders of SSFL National Monument Project: Tim Brehm (Bell Canyon), Christina Walsh (West Valley) and Sam Cohen (Santa Ynez Chumash Tribe).

Save the Caves. Photo by Christina Walsh

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Please sign the petition
under **Get Involved.**
Go to:
saveSantaSusana.org

Recap of Environmental Actions (2014–15)

Site of the proposed Conejo Creek development
Courtesy, stopconejocreek.org

- **SOS opposed the huge Conejo Creek housing proposal** which would have replaced valuable agriculture land with a residential development at the base of the Conejo Grade. Our comment letter detailed the inadequate consideration of archaeology, water availability, and geologic issues. Thanks go to the Camarillo Sustainable Growth Organization for working tirelessly to organize opposition. The Camarillo City Council finally voted it down. Camarillo is a gateway city of our national park as it abuts the park's far western boundaries.
- **SOS sent in a letter supporting the preservation of 734 acres of oak studded Alamos Canyon by the Nature Conservancy.** SOS comments included a suggestion that the existing Simi Valley Landfill Sustainability fee should be used for any funding shortfall. You can see Alamos Canyon from the 118 Freeway between Moorpark and Simi Valley.
- **In Stokes Canyon near Malibu Canyon Road, 298 acres has recently been set aside as open space.** In the late 1990s, SOS lost a legal challenge on the subdivision map extensions for this 81 home development approved in 1980s. In this mountainous Coastal Zone part of unincorporated Los Angeles County, 53 of the originally approved home sites will now be preserved as permanent open space.
- **Another old Los Angeles County tract resurfaced** for the Monte Nido community, which is also in the Malibu Canyon area. Making the case for new environmental review, our SOS letter discussed the biological, scenic, and water issues. L. A. County Planning Commission, listening to the residents and various organizations, voted against the inadequate outdated environmental document.
- **Ventura County Watershed agency has plans to cut down almost 30 trees** in two median strips on Kanan Road in Oak Park in order to install ditches to filter storm water. There are feasible alternatives, like sidewalk filtering boxes, which can achieve this same goal. There is no need to replace the traffic buffering trees with dangerous ditches.
- **Save the Oak trees at Mae Boyar Park!** In this same Oak Park area, replacement of the Mae Boyer Park community center building is being considered by Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. The preliminary proposal would double the size of the building from 2,000 sq. ft. to 4,000 sq. ft. and add 50 more parking spaces to the existing lot. That expanded lot would require the removal of many well established shade trees, including pines and 5 oak trees." (See Janna Orkney's posts at ConejoPost.com)

THANKS!

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Thanks goes to our local attorneys who help SOS with our land use questions:
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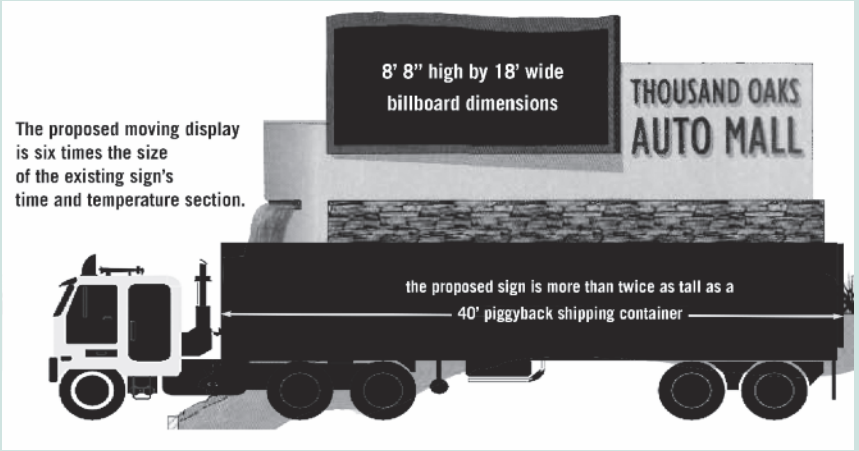
The huge LED-lit Thousand Oaks Auto Mall sign is not yet a done deal. The sign is a violation of the Thousand Oaks General Plan which designated the 101 freeway through the Conejo Valley as a scenic highway. The sign would be blight and in direct conflict with the tourism goal to keep the area picturesque in order to attract visitors with dollars to our National Park. Email cguillot@roadrunner.com to oppose this monstrous auto mall sign whose reader board will change every 8 seconds to advertise.