



Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

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David Szymanski,
Superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
401 West Hillcrest Drive
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Dear Superintendent Szymanski:

The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council (GHNNC) was certified by the City of Los Angeles on September 10, 2002, and has had a duly elected and installed Board of Directors since March 31, 2003. The area it represents and services is bounded by the Los Angeles City/County line and I-5 (Golden State Freeway) to the north, the 405 (San Diego Freeway) to the east, the 118 (Ronald Reagan Freeway) to the south, and to Aliso Canyon in the west. It is composed of 3 districts. District 1 – Sunshine Canyon Landfill, District 2 – DWP/MWD, and District 3 – All residential areas to the south encompassing approximately 28,600 stakeholders for whom we now speak.

The GHNNC's Board of Directors approved a motion at a regularly scheduled meeting on September 30, 2013, to support the transfer of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site to the National Park Service.

The General Services Agency disposes of excess federal property. Approximately 450 acres of the 2,700-acre Santa Susana Field Laboratory site is owned by the federal government and administered by NASA. It has been declared to be no longer needed by NASA and is being disposed of through a process that provides first refusal rights to other federal agencies. Such a transfer would include a binding obligation for NASA to clean up the parcel prior to transfer of the administration of the property. This site has unique value as a key link between the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and Los Padres National Forest and includes a significant Native American pictograph area.

We believe the National Park Service is the only entity that has the expertise and experience to preserve this land in perpetuity. It must step forward now if this key historic property is to be saved for future public educational and recreational use.

We are asking for your timely support to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

Edward Headington,
President GHNNC