



## Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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Neighborhood Council

June 5, 2013

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

**Re:** Santa Susana Field Laboratory in Simi Hills

Mr. Szymanski,

On June 5th, 2013, the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board passed the following motion by a vote of 12-0-0.

Whereas, the process of disposing of federal lands includes first refusal rights for federal agencies, including the NPS;

Whereas, the Lake Balboa NC has previously issued a letter of recommendation to the Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Study stating that the area containing the Santa Susana Field Laboratory should be included in the Santa Monica Mountain National Recreation Area;

Whereas, the Santa Susana Field Lab area is a critical habitat linkage between the Santa Monica Mountain National Recreation Area and the Los Padres National Forest,

Therefore, the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council requests that the National Park Service take over as the eventual administrator of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in the Simi Hills to ensure appropriate environmental stewardship and open public access.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Weichelt  
President, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council



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