



Newsletter - September 1971

Santa Susana Mountain Park Assn.
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Welcome home! As school starts with a layer of smog covering our Vallies, the critical importance of saving the Santa Susana Mountains seems clear. We need this open space as a greenbelt between the fast-developing areas. Traveling down Topanga Canyon Blvd., a beautiful five color sign of the mountains exclaims "Simi is the next Valley." A lot of work is needed in the coming months if any community consciousness is to occur.

Our next general meeting will be this coming Monday, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. at Glendale Federal Savings (near Topanga and Devonshire), 21821 Devonshire Blvd. Be sure to come and bring friends to hear of summer progress and immediate priorities.

Thanks to Don Gudin, who speeded up our incorporation procedure, we have received notice that as of Sept. 8, the articles of incorporation were accepted by the Sec. of State. As soon as we hear from the Franchise Tax board about our tax exemption, we should begin fund-raising.

At a board meeting in early September, priorities were set up for parcels of land which we must go after as links in the park. The stagecoach properties are now on the market and these must be saved.

One suggestion for fund-raising is the selling of pocket deeds, small parcels to be sold to individuals and families. This could be an exciting community endeavor to raise enthusiasm.

We hope to meet with the owners of the property before long and see what options we can come up with. All attempts to get the governments interested have been unsuccessful because of fund shortages for park acquisition.

Mike Wolfe, our vice-president, has accepted a ranger post with the State Parks Department. We wish him well. Someone (is it you?) must fill the post.

In other news, Councilman Robert Wilkenson presented a motion to the L.A. City Council (seconded by Tom Bradley) in support of the state bill to conduct a feasibility study of the park area for the Federal regional parks program. The bill, which passed the state legislature, should enter the study stage soon.

It's fun to work with your neighbors in a project of mutual interest. Help make the year a success!

Thanks so much,

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