

## Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

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Just a quickie to let you know what's happening this month because we won't be having any meetings. So - hope everyone is keeping cool somehow in spite of the incredible heat.

Please note the meeting on the flyer on the back. If this doesn't get to you on time, then please come to the more important one - or write: Ventura LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission)  
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009  
or phone: (805) 654-2576

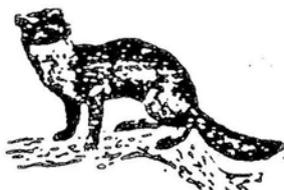
LAFCO will be deciding if the City of Simi Valley can extend its "sphere of influence" over the hill to the south to Jordan Ranch. This is a preliminary step to the possible annexation of this area. Unfortunately, a majority of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors have indicated they would not support plans for development of over 1000 acres in Jordan Ranch in exchange for 5700 acres of Hope's land for parkland. Without the annexation, the City of Simi Valley wouldn't have any say in the matter, even though they would have the most to lose!

If we lose the Bob Hope deal, we would lose any possibility of connecting the pass area to the proposed Santa Clarita Woodlands State Park - as was the original concept for a Santa Susana Mountain Park in 1970. The Runkle Ranch (Rocky Peak Park) could then be sold to the L.A. County Landfill or to developers. Most probably, Blind Canyon would be become a dump! Although, we don't like being in a position of supporting development (it can be modified - at least to Sierra Club conditions), the alternative of destroying the wildlife corridor forever, and the destruction of the Rocky Peak area for a L.A. Co. Landfill, and thus any chance of realizing our dream, is by far-the worst!

At this writing, we do not yet know the exact date of the LAFCO hearing - possibly Sept. 5th or the 12th. If you can go, please call the (805) number above - then check with Nancy Razanski for car pooling (818 341-3512). WE NEED BODIES! This is a numbers game! We must play!

Although Jordan Ranch adjoins the city boundary, the topography is draining south - the same as Cheeseboro Canyon. This fact is definitely not in our favor. Nancy will have the other criteria at the hearing or before (it's being mailed). If possible, come to the meeting on Wednesday night to learn more details.

We are invited to the official opening/dedication of Rocky Peak Park at the Santa Susana Pass on this Sunday, August 19th at 3 PM. Because refreshments are being served, please RSVP to Laura Plotkin or Garrie Johnstone at (213) 456-7807. This celebration is through the courtesy of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.



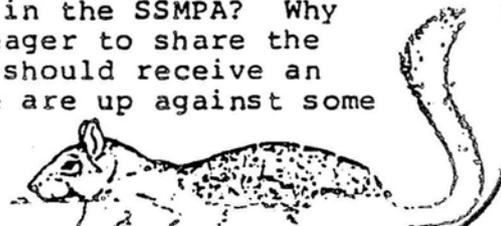
If your label is dated 90-03 or earlier, it's time to renew.  
Thank you for your continued support!

### Membership Renewal

DUES: \$10 individual, \$15 family, \$5 student/senior,  
\$25 contributing/business, \$100 life membership

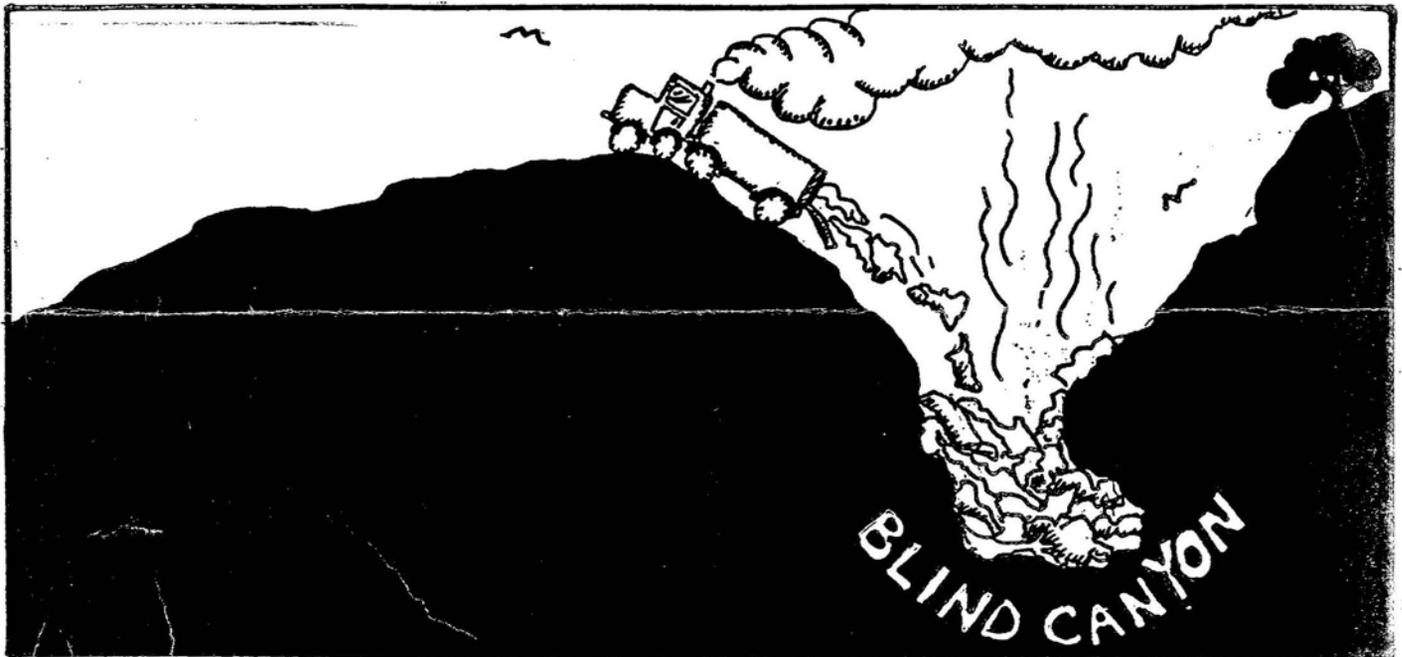
Do you know someone who is interested in the SSMPA? Why not send us their address or phone number? We are eager to share the splendor of our mountains with new friends. If you should receive an extra copy of our newsletter, please pass it on. We are up against some tough opposition...we need some strong support!

Checks payable to SSMPA, P.O. Box 4831, Chatsworth, CA 91313



# GARBAGE DUMP PROPOSED

for Blind Canyon  
in Runkle Ranch, just north of 118 Freeway  
proposed site for next LANDFILL



## Make Blind Canyon a PARK not a DUMP

Hear how the Hope Land Exchange stops the dump and  
preserves 5700 acres of wilderness including Blind Canyon

Wednesday night, August 15, 1990  
7:00 pm

Refreshments will be served

Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District/Larwin Community Center  
1692 Sycamore Drive, Simi Valley  
(south of Los Angeles Avenue)

HELP! Please donate one Sunday afternoon (a month) from 11:30 to 3:00 PM to be in our Visitor Center in Chatsworth Park South. Don't worry about traveling or being out of town...all of our Docents are very good about trading when something special comes up. WE NEED YOU! Please call Jan Hinkston (818) 884-9610. Also, we are now recruiting for Docents for our school children during the week - you would need to be available one morning a week. Training will begin around the first of October. CALL!



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