

FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION
OF THE
SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAINS

P.O. Box 831 - Chatsworth, California 91311

JANUARY 1977

JANICE HINKSTON, PRESIDENT

NEWS & VIEWS

Escrow Opened

INITIAL PARK PURCHASE IS UNDERWAY !

As a result of many months of hard work over the past three years, land that was once seriously threatened to be subdivided, bulldozed, and destroyed will instead be saved.

The 265 acre Nichols property will be purchased for what is planned to be the first acquisition of a regional or state park in the Simi Hills and the Santa Susana Mountains.

The acquisition was made possible by the Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains and the West Los Angeles County Resource Conservation District going into escrow together, the latter group having put up \$40,000 for a specific portion of the acreage.

The Nichols property is a vital link in the mountain park proposal, and is adjacent to both Chatsworth Park North and South. It features a stagecoach trail, numerous rock outcroppings and geologic formations, stands of oak trees and scenic views galore.

Attend our January meeting and hike to learn about and explore this land!

Take an "armchair" tour of the scenic and historic Nichols property -- plan to attend the SSMPA general meeting:

--MONDAY, JANUARY 17 at 8:00 p.m.

--GLENDALE FEDERAL COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, 21821 Devonshire St, Chatsworth

A presentation, narrated by Pres. Jan Hinkston, will feature the latest collection of slides of this land, which the Foundation is presently in escrow to purchase for preservation and conservation as a future park.

Delicious refreshments (made from our secret recipe) will be served to warm you up!

PLEASE JOIN US!

These meetings are held the third Monday of each month at the above time and location. The next ones will be held: February 21
March 21

Your support is needed now, more than ever. Please renew your membership and volunteer to help today.

T E A R - O F F

Please renew my membership for 1977. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____.

I would like _____ tickets for Casino Night '77 at \$5.00 each.

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$5 - Family \$7 - Business or Organization \$10 - Student \$3.

I (we) can volunteer to:

_____ help with March 12 Casino Night '77 (planning or that evening)

_____ help with May 15 2nd annual BBQ (serve on a committee)

_____ help with proposed garage sale (contribute items or time)

Mail this with checks to: SSMPA - P.O. Box 831 - Chatsworth, CA 91311.

Good News Dept.

**PARKS AND CONSERVATIONISTS WIN
ELECTION VICTORIES :**

Prop. 2, the \$280 million state park bond measure, was approved by the voters statewide in November's election. Included for state park acquisition is the McDonald-Nichols land in our very own Simi Hills, adjacent to Chatsworth Park North and South.

Also victorious are Glenn Bailey and Nick Anderson, who were elected to Resource Conservation District posts by large margins. Both support the District's Santa Susana Mountain Park grant.

A GARAGE SALE fundraising event has been proposed to be held during 1977. Although an exact date has not yet been set, it is never too early to do your spring cleaning.

By saving your used clothes, books, furniture etc. you will be able to help our park \$\$\$-wise ! Please start saving items to donate today!

A family Nature History Walk will be held Saturday, January 22 with famed naturalist Avis Keedy, an expert on ethnic botany (Indian uses of plants). Meet 9 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Susana Pass Rd. at the Rocky Peak offramp of the Simi Freeway.

CASINO NIGHT '77 SET !

Because of the huge success of last year's Casino Night, a similar event will be held 8 p.m. March 12. It promises to be even more enjoyable than our first effort, with buffet dinner and social activities.

Tickets are \$5.00 per person in advance (\$6.00 at the door) and may be obtained at our meeting or by mail: the tear-off on the reverse side.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE FOUNDATION.....

The specific and primary purposes of the Foundation is the preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills as open spaces between the rapidly developing Santa Clarita, Simi, and San Fernando Valleys. It will work to protect the plant and animal life, geological formations and historically significant areas deemed worthy of protecting.

To accomplish the above purposes, the Foundation may buy and hold land and may receive property, bequests, and contributions (which are tax deductible).

Under the terms of the agreement of the Nichols property purchase, the Foundation will have to come up with \$45,000 as a downpayment one year after the close of escrow.

This is why it is so important for our members to support our fundraising activities, and make contributions when possible.

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