

Please read the following statements and mark the response that best agrees with your position:

1. A new state park in the region will be a great asset and I support its development.

- Strongly Agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly Disagree

2. Using the Santa Susanna Field Lab property for a new state park is a great way to end speculation about future development and create much needed recreational opportunities in the region.

- Strongly Agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly Disagree

3. Including local agencies in the JPA is imperative to guaranteeing a new state park is developed with the interest of the surrounding communities in mind.

- Strongly Agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly Disagree

4. Access by the public to space set aside for preservation is important, and the proposed 'phase-in' of parcels to be included in the state park is the proper method to ensure timely access by the public to the park.

- Strongly Agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly Disagree

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Dear Friend,

Every so often an opportunity presents itself for a community to undertake a great challenge in order to develop a lasting legacy that benefits the region, the state and beyond. It is even more rare when that opportunity allows a community to turn a contentious piece of property into the region's premier state park.

Such a property exists in Ventura County at the site of the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory. Long the source of regional controversy, with a little vision and a lot of will, the site could become a source of great regional cooperation and take its place among the many natural open spaces preserved in California for future generations.

Creating and implementing this vision will take a lot of hard work and care in order to guarantee that the community's best interests are upheld. This brochure is intended to gauge the level of interest and support for this project from community members like you.

Contained in the following brochure is a brief summary of the project, including the vision for the potential use of this property. Also included is a detachable comments card where you can express your thoughts on the future of the field lab property. Please take the time to fill this out and submit it to the district office.

Working together the community can create a wonderful legacy for California and the region – thank you for your time on this important matter.

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What the Santa Susanna Field Lab property means to you.

THE VISION:

- Utilize the Santa Susanna Field Lab property as a vehicle to drive the incorporation of adjacent parcels to create a new 30,000+ acre state park in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties.

- Guarantee that the Field Lab property is cleaned to the necessary levels before that parcel is opened for public use.

- Establish a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that includes local and state agencies to oversee the founding of the state park and work cooperatively to protect the interests of the local communities.

- Currently included in the JPA are the cities of Simi Valley and Los Angeles, the Simi Recreation and Park District, the counties of Ventura and Los Angeles, the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

- Create recreational opportunities that include the construction of biking, hiking and horse trails, picnic areas and interpretative structures, along with other facilities the JPA agrees should be included.

- Require the JPA to develop a plan to 'phase-in' different parcels of the park for use by the public until every parcel is open as a complete park. This will guarantee the public has the opportunity to access sections of the park until the entire park can be phased in to existence.

THE BENEFITS:

- A new state park that incorporates the field lab property will preserve thousands of acres of open space while forever putting to rest the question of whether the property will be developed into a residential community.

- Open space in the Ventura and Los Angeles area is at a premium – a new state park will give the region a much needed outlet for recreational opportunities.

- A state park will be a great asset to the region, creating a natural jewel for the surrounding communities and positively impacting area property values.

- The JPA will give local communities equal say in the development of this park.

- A new state park in the region will be our legacy for future generations.

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