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RE: Comments on Los Angeles County General Plan Public Review Draft: Chapter 9 and Appendix E

Dear Staff:

The Los Angeles / Santa Monica Mountains Chapter of the California Native Plant Society has 450 members in Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley and Santa Monica Mountains.

We are very interested in the progress of the General Plan, especially in Chapter 9: Conservation and Natural Resources Element, and in Appendix E: Significant Ecological Areas.

Here are some comments on Chapter 9:

- 1) P. 123, Goal C/Nr 1: Open Space areas that meet diverse needs of LA County: Open Space Acquisition:
 - a. Policy C/NR 1.4: After “Create” add “support and protect”
 - b. Policy C/NR 1.5: Add to sentence: “except in those areas containing listed flora and fauna, locally rare habitats, or threatened watershed resources.”
- 2) P.124, III Biological Resources,
 - a. Introduction: second paragraph: There are at least nine main types of biological resources. Change “six” to “nine” and add “chaparral, desert shrubland, and alpine”.
 - b. Background: Regional Habitat Linkages, second bullet: Add “to the Tehachapi and San Gabriel Mountains.”
- 3.) Pages 125-127, after Fig. 9.2: Regional Habitat Linkages Map are listed descriptions and locations of the previously listed habitats. Please add to this list descriptions and locations of chaparral, desert shrublands, and alpine habitats. For example, most of the SEAs have significant chaparral habitat, Joshua Tree has desert shrublands, as do most of the Antelope Valley areas, and alpine habitat includes high altitude, treeless areas such as the pebble plains of the San Gabriel Mountains.

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4.) P. 130, Goals and Policies for Biological Resources: Goal C/NR 3: Add after "...including: habitat linkages, *alpine habitat, chaparral, desert shrublands,...*"

a. Protection of biological resources: Policy C/NR 3: Add "chaparral and desert shrublands".

b. Site sensitive design: Policy C/NR 3.10: Add to end of sentence: "without negative impact to in situ native habitat."

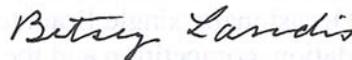
5.) P. 131, Add Goal C/NR 5: Preserve and restore watershed resources that conserve local water supplies and sustain groundwater levels.

6.) P. 131 Policy C/NR 5.1: Preserve and conserve chaparral and shrubland habitat native to each watershed location.

There will be more comments to follow.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsey Landis". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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