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## Coastal Commission Workshop on the Significance of Native Habitats in the Santa Monica Mountains

Thursday, June 13, 2002 from 9:00 A.M.– 12:00 P.M.  
Queen Mary, Long Beach

### Purpose and Goals:

1. To identify and describe the significance of native habitats in the Santa Monica Mountains with special focus on coastal sage scrub and chaparral.
2. To describe wildlife use of those habitats.
3. To show the degree to which the different habitats are either interrelated or ecologically independent.
4. To assess qualitatively the effects on the ecosystem of loss or fragmenting significant portions of the coastal sage scrub and chaparral.

### Focus of Testimony

The principal goal of the workshop is to provide the Commission with factual information regarding the importance of coastal sage scrub and chaparral to the natural functioning of the Santa Monica Mountains ecosystem.

The Commission **will not** be taking any testimony on the City of Malibu Local Coastal Program, the ESHA designations, the ESHA maps, or the consequence of ESHA designation. Commission staff is currently revising the draft ESHA findings and maps and will complete the revisions after this workshop. The Commission will hold a public hearing at the July 2002 Commission meeting in Huntington Beach on the revised Land Use Plan, the draft implementation plan, revised ESHA findings and revised ESHA maps for the City of Malibu Local Coastal Program. The public and agencies will have an opportunity in July to address the Commission on ESHA issues in the City of Malibu at the July public hearing.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- I. **Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA) under the Coastal Act (Dr. John Dixon, CCC)** 10 min
- II. **California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) approach to identifying sensitive habitat (Mr. Ron Rempel, CDFG)** 10 min
- III. **Vegetation**
  - A. **Overview of the major vegetation types of the Santa Monica Mountains. (Dr. Todd Keeler-Wolf, CDFG)(invited)** 10 min
  - B. **Coastal Sage Scrub (Dr. John O'Leary, SDSU)** 10 min

**QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMISSION** 10 min

- IV. **Wildlife**
  - A. **Mammals (Dr. Ray Sauvajot, National Park Service)** 10 min
  - B. **Birds (Dr. Hartmut Walter, UCLA)** 10 min
  - C. **Insects (Ms. Jutta Burger, UCR)** 10 min
- V. **Effects of Disturbance on Ecosystem Integrity**
  - A. **Ants & Lizards in Coastal Sage Scrub and Chaparral (Dr. Andrew Suarez, UCB)** 10 min
  - B. **Fire Ecology in the Santa Monica Mountains (Dr. Stephen Davis, Pepperdine)** 10 min
  - C. **Impact of development on Mediterranean habitats (Dr. Travis Longcore, USC and Urban Wildlands Group)** 10 min

**QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMISSION** 10 min

- VI. **Agency Perspectives on the Ecological Significance of Habitats in the Santa Monica Mountains (speakers to be announced)**
  - A. **California Department of Fish and Game** 5 min
  - B. **United States Fish & Wildlife Service** 5 min

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<b>C. <i>National Park Service</i></b>	<b>5 min</b>
<b>D. <i>California Department of Parks and Recreation</i></b>	<b>5 min</b>
<b>E. <i>County of Los Angeles</i></b>	<b>5 min</b>
<b>F. <i>City of Malibu</i></b>	<b>5 min</b>
<b>G. <i>Santa Monica Resource Conservation District</i></b>	<b>5 min</b>
<b>H. <i>Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy</i></b>	<b>5 min</b>

**VII. Public Comment (limited to two minutes per person)**

**VIII. Commission Discussion**

**Upcoming Coastal Commission Public Hearings on Malibu LCP**

- **July 2002 Public Hearing on Revisions to Draft Land Use Plan and Initial Hearing on Draft Implementation Plan**
- **September 2002 – The Commission will take final action on the City of Malibu Local Program**

