Managing Remnants of Natural Habitat in an Urban Sea

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Santa Monica Mountains
Angeles Distict – 40,000 Acres

- Point Mugu SP
- Leo Carrillo SP
- Point Dume SB
- Robert Meyer SB
- Malibu Lagoon SB
- Malibu Creek SP
- Topanga SP
- Will Rogers SHP

- Los Encinos SHP
- Santa Susana Pass SHP
- Verdugo Mountains
- Kenneth Hahn SRA
- Cornfields
- Taylor Yard
- Pio Pico SHP
Cape Ivy – Topanga S. P.
Harding Grass – Point Mugu S. P.
Ice Plant – Point Dume S. B.
And many others...

- Tree of Heaven
- Eucalyptus
- Myoporum
- Arundo
- Pampas Grass
- Perennial Pepperweed
- Euphorbia
- Fennel
- Castor Bean
- Yellow Star Thistle
- Milk Thistle
- Artichoke Thistle
- Italian Thistle
- Bull Thistle
- Vinca
- Horehound
- Mustard
- Annual Grasses
Urban Interface

- Escaped Ornamentals
- Landslide Stockpiles
- Dumping
- Fuel Modification Treatments
- Trails
Escaped Ornamentals
Landslide Stockpiles
Dumping
Fuel Modification
Trails
Volunteer Efforts
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- California Native Plant Society
- Heal the Bay
- Audubon Society
- Surfrider Foundation
- Topanga Stream Team
- Topanga Community
- Various Service Projects
DPR Funding Sources

- Natural Heritage Stewardship Program
- Natural Resource Management Program
- Deferred Maintenance Program
- Category 1-H Resource Maintenance Program
Natural Heritage Stewardship Program

- Bond-funded
- Large Projects: 2-5 Years
- Usually > $20K
- Phased
- Goal: Bring to Maintenance Level
Natural Resource Management Program

- General Fund
- Small Projects
- Complete in One Year
- Usually < $20K
Natural Deferred Maintenance Program

- One time only infusion of funds
- $157 Million for Facilities, Natural and Cultural Resources
- Projects on Project Infrastructure Database
Category 1H Resource Maintenance Program

- Created by Resource Ecologists
- $17 Million Need
- $11 Million Award
- Reduced to $2 Million Statewide
- Angeles District - $86,700/year
- Modeled on Facilities Maintenance Program
- Divide Parks into Management Units
- Annual Inspections
- Work Order Creation
- Prioritization
- Work Order Tracking
Management Units

Malibu Creek SP
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT UNITS

- 537-H-U-00-a-100
  Unitwide

- 537-H-M-03-a-100
  Maintenance/Ranger H.Q.

- 537-H-N-02-a-100
  Reagan/Udell

- 537-H-N-04-a-100
  Kaslow

- 537-H-N-05-a-100
  Corral Canyon

- 537-H-N-01-a-100
  Oaks/Liberty/Las Virgenes

- 537-H-N-03-a-100
  Century/Talepop

- 537-H-M-01-a-100
  Day Use/Campgrounds

- 537-H-M-02-a-100
  Tapia Park

- 537-H-N-07-a-100
  Backbone Trail

- 537-H-N-06-a-100
  Malibu Canyon

Management Unit Boundaries
## Work Order Prioritization

### California State Parks - Natural Resource Maintenance

**On-Going Maintenance Program**

**WORK LIST RANKED BY - STARTDATE**

For Park Unit(s): 537

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NO ROUND-UP

WHY Poison Topanga Creek to kill a weed?
Arundo – Topanga S. P.