

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

San Diego Chapter Newsletter

MARCH 2005

MARCH PROGRAM

WATER CONSERVATION AND NATIVE PLANTS

by Vickie Driver, Principal Water Resources Specialist,
San Diego County Water Authority

Vickie Driver will be speaking about the water supply situation for the coming year, and the role of native plants in water conservation and urban run-off reduction. She will also introduce some new landscape water conservation programs that are launching now.

Ms. Driver, a long-time CNPS member, promotes the use of natives in all types of landscapes, not just specialized native plant gardens.

CNPS SPRING PLANT SALE MARCH 5 at TREE OF LIFE NURSERY

The San Diego chapter of the California Native Plant Society will hold its annual spring plant sale at the Tree of Life Nursery on March 5

The sale hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Get there early for the best selection! CNPS members will be available to help you choose plants and give free native plant gardening advice.

The nursery is at 33201 Ortega Highway, 7 miles east of San Juan Capistrano on Ortega Highway, (Hwy 74).

Enter at the green gate on the north side of the highway.

For more information, contact Tree of Life Nursery at www.treeoflifenuresery.com, or 949-728-0685, or CNPS-SD at www.cnpsd.org, or 619-685-7321, or info@cnpsd.org.

Connie Beck, Horticulture Chairman

CALENDAR

March 5 SPRING PLANT SALE

March 9 CHAPTER BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tecolote Nature Center.

Take the Sea World Drive/Tecolote exit from I-5.

Proceed east until the road ends at the Tecolote Nature Center. Board Members, please call Carolyn Martus if you are unable to attend.

March 15 PLANT SALE COMMITTEE MEETING

6 p.m., Room 104, just before the chapter meeting.

March 15 CHAPTER MEETING & PROGRAM

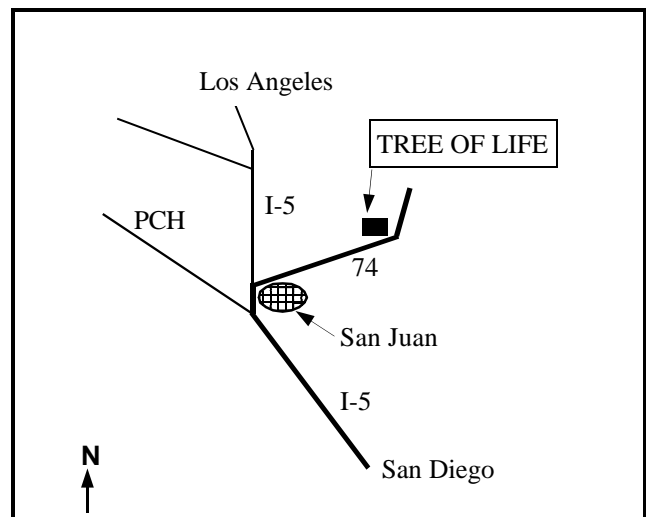
Tuesday, Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Program at 7:30 p.m., Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park.

April 13 CHAPTER BOARD MEETING

April 19 PLANT SALE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 19 CHAPTER MEETING & PROGRAM

Preview on page 2.



MARCH 5 PLANT SALE HELP NEEDED

Can you help at the spring plant sale on March 5? We need people who are willing to share their expertise answering questions from buyers. We need two shifts, 9 to 12:30 and 12:30 to 4. Contact me if you can help!
holisticgardener@hotmail.com

GOT INVASIVES?

Courtesy of Melanie Johnson (City of San Diego), by way of a note from Carolyn Martus, here is address for an extensive list of invasives:

<http://www.natureserve.org/getData/plantData.jsp>

APRIL PROGRAM (PREVIEW)

Use of population models for conservation management of an endangered Australian plant, *Grevillea caleyi*. By Helen Regan, Assistant Professor of Biology, SDSU

Due to the focus on a fire dominated ecosystem at the urban-wildland interface, the conservation implications for many Australian plants mirror those for plants in San Diego. The relevance of this research to conservation of endangered and threatened plants in San Diego will be discussed.

Pierson's Milk-vetch TAKES A HIT

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has again decided to negate the intent of a court order to protect a federally listed native plant. This time, the closure of 49,000 acres of the Imperial Sand Dunes ordered in response to a lawsuit (brought in part by the Center for Biological Diversity) will be ended. USFWS has issued its Biological Opinion that the BLM's Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) for the Imperial Sand Dunes would not jeopardize Pierson's milk-vetch (*Astragalus magdalenae* var. *peirsonii*) or adversely modify its critical habitat. The RAMP also opens up more desert tortoise habitat to off-roaders.

USFWS cites "flexible management options" to ensure that the increased ORV traffic that will result will not kill more of these threatened species. The 26,000-acre North Algodones Dune Wilderness will remain closed, but portions of the Mammoth Wash and Ogilby Management Areas that contain designated critical habitat for Pierson's milk vetch will be opened. The 8,000-acre Mammoth Wash area will be open for "family-oriented touring and exploring". The 22,000 Ogilby area (5,000 acres of critical habitat) will have "large group camping areas that are ... a base for further exploring and free play." USFWS promised that if more than half the milk vetch population is lost, "BLM can exercise its authority to manage a particular area."

Read it for yourself at www.ca.blm.gov.

Dave Flietner

EASY TO GROW NATIVE PLANTS- A CRIB CARD FOR PLANT SALE REFERENCE

Some of our readers surely will be newcomers to the world of native plant gardening. This list (which is the cover sheet from a CNPS San Diego pamphlet) is included as an aid to those folks attending our plant sale.

Some of these plants will likely be available at our March 5 plant sale, and likely would be useful in a first time native planting project.

In the highly unlikely event that some of the sale plants are still in their original growing containers on April 1, the self guided tour (see page 4) should give some good ideas for putting them into the ground.



Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos* species)
Dwarf Coyote Bush (*Baccharis pilularis*, prostrate variety)
Wild Lilac (*Ceanothus* species)
Sea Dahlia (*Coreopsis maritima*)
Western Redbud (*Cercis occidentalis*)
Matilija Poppy (*Romneya coulteri*)
Cleveland Sage (*Salvia clevelandii*)
Catalina Ironwood (*Lyonothamnus floribundus* ssp. *asplenifolius*)
Monkey Flower (*Mimulus* species)
California Buckwheat (*Eriogonum* species)
Fremontia (*Fremontodendron* species)
Douglas Iris (*Iris douglansiana*)
California coffeeberry (*Rhamnus californica*)
Lemonade Berry (*Rhus*)
Island Bush Snapdragon (*Galvezia speciosa*)
Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)
Torrey Pine (*Pinus torreyana*)
Hollyleaf Cherry (*Prunus ilicifolia*)
Coastal Scrub Oak (*Quercus dumosa*)
Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*)

PLANTS IN PERIL SHAW'S AGAVE

Shaw's agave (*Agave shawii*) has been nearly extirpated in the United States, remaining only at Border Fields State Park and four other locations. Two of these (Torrey Pines State Park and Cabrillo National Monument) are introductions; the other two are on west-facing bluffs on Point Loma. Fortunately, this CNPS List 2 species is still fairly common in Baja California.

This stunning representative of the Liliaceae family (Agavaceae group) grows on coastal bluffs and slopes, in coastal sage scrub and maritime succulent scrub communities. The plant has basal rosettes of succulent, dark green leaves from 8 to 20 inches long. These leaves have rows of long, hooked spines along the edge and narrow to a sharp terminal spine. After about fifteen years, Shaw's agave sends up its tall stalk topped with clumps of yellowish to reddish flowers. After flowering, Shaw's agave dies, but leaves suckers that grow into replacement plants.

Michelle Balk

NATIVE PLANT LANDSCAPING GRANT FUNDS

Are there native plant gardeners in the chapter who have filled up their yards and want another place to plant? Do you know of public spot that needs native plants?

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is accepting applications for its City Makeover Program, a competitive grant program to provide funding for new Southern California Heritage landscapes in prominent public locations.

Although four types of grants are available, the most likely for our chapter would be a grant of up to \$20,000 from the "Small Parks and Gardens" grant. This is for smaller scale projects that feature landscape design and irrigation and are easily translatable in a residential garden.

If you think you might be interested check out the Metropolitan Water District Web site which is, <http://www.mwdh2o.com>. Then contact Connie Beck Crusha (see back page) and let her know at what level you would like to become involved. If there is sufficient interest (in particular, if a project leader volunteers), the Board will help you to develop the grant application. The due date is March 30, so don't delay if you're interested.

BORDER FIELD "On The Last Saturday"

Rainy skies departed and a sunny spring-like day greeted fourteen CNPS members who came together at Border Fields State Park on the last Saturday in January. After a brief introduction by Park Ranger Greg Abbott, we headed to Lichty Mesa, half of which will be paved over for the proposed Triple Border Fence. People snapped photos and sketched, mapped rare plant locations, and listed the plants on the mesa. We were all amazed at the exuberance of the early bloom and enjoyed seeing the rare Orcutt's dudleya (*Dudleya attenuata* ssp. *orcuttii*), decumbent goldenbush (*Isocoma menziesii* ssp. *decumbens*), and of course, Shaw's agave (*Agave shawii*).

The group then headed to the slopes of Bunker Hill, which will be partly destroyed, and found beautiful, plump variegated Dudleya (*Dudleya variegata*), and other sensitive species such as seaside Calandrinia (*Calandrinia maritime*), coast barrel cactus (*Ferocactus viridescens*), western Dichondra (*Dichondra occidentalis*) and San Diego sea-dahlia (*Coreopsis maritime*). We also saw a wonderful pocket of native grassland where we expected to see many bulbs coming up. Many of us then adjourned to a Mexican restaurant in I.B. to finish a great day.

We'll be meeting at the park at 10 a.m. on the last Saturday of every month until the plants are destroyed or protected. Hope to see you there!

Dave Flietner

Lotus nuttallianus HABITAT RESTORATION DAY

On December 11, about 30 hard-working volunteers from CNPS and other groups removed 11,000 square feet of highway iceplant weighing over 3.5 tons from *nuttallianus* (Nuttall's Lotus) habitat in Mission Bay Park.

The volunteer day was organized and attended by City of San Diego Planning Department and Park and Recreation staff.

Because the Mission Bay site is among the few known U.S. populations of *L. nuttallianus*, invasive species eradication is critically important in this area. There is a considerable amount of iceplant remaining, but the roughly 160 hours of volunteer work was a very important step towards iceplant eradication in the area.

Many thanks to all who donated their time and hard work towards this important effort!

Melanie Johnson

Are you participating in the best Spring for California native plants so far in this millennium? Indoors and out, this is the month to get active! Here is a great selection of activities that offer it all; learning, recreation, and some work.



February 26 (Saturday). Border Field Memorial Botany

As the bloom swings into high gear, we will continue to document the unique plant communities on each mesa threatened by the Triple Border Fence. We will continue our inventory of the plants on each mesa, map rare plant locations for the Natural Diversity Data Base, take photographs for our web site, set up vegetation transects, or just enjoy the beauty of these mesas before they are destroyed. Meet 10 a.m. *Directions:* I-5 south, exit Dairy Mart Road and turn right. Continue west (Dairy Mart becomes Monument Road) and drive the winding road about ten minutes to entrance. (Thomas Bros. 1349G5).

March 1 (Tuesday): MSCP Rare Plant Monitoring Workshop.

This workshop is the kick-off for a USFWS/CDFG sponsored program to review existing conditions monitoring methods used in this program. Dr. Kathryn McEachern, Rare Plant Specialist of the USGS-BRD, and a 3-person Scientific Advisory Group will hear stakeholder concerns and experiences. Mission Trails Visitor's Center, Conference Room B. 9 a.m. – noon. *Directions:* Exit SR 52 at Mast Blvd., turn left, turn left onto West Hills Pkwy., continue onto Mission Gorge Road 2.4 miles, turn right at the 2nd entrance to Junipero Serra Trail; park in the lot on the left. For information, call: (619) 668-3281.

March 4-6 (Weekend): Del Mar Garden Show.

Included will be free seminars on how to grow a successful low water garden, how to incorporate stepping stones, and "The Garden Masters," wherein participants create a full garden just for this show. Noon to 7 p.m. daily. \$12.00; children free. Del Mar Fairgrounds.

March 5 (Saturday): Native Planting at Palomar Mtn

Landscape with native plants. We're restoring native habitat for the Laguna skipper butterfly. Enjoy the beautiful setting of this pine forest near the famous Palomar Observatory! Meet 9:00 a.m., Observatory Campground, Palomar Mountain State Park.

March 6 (Sunday): Willow Monardella Restoration.

Missed your chance last month? We will be holding a work party to plant small containers of Willow Monardella (*Monardella viminea*) in Lopez Canyon. Help this delightful endangered species survive in Lopez Canyon. We'll be planting the seedlings grown by RECON. Meet at Lopez Ridge Park on the South side of Calle Cristobal in Mira Mesa (Thomas Guide 1208 H3). Lopez Ridge Park is east of Camino Santa Fe. Come dressed to work outdoors and bring your favorite tools for planting. Our chapter is blowing \$100 on lunch, so you better show up! 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

March 8 – 9 (Tues/Wed): Using Native Grasses and Graminoids in Restoration.

If you're involved in restoring grasslands, don't miss this. March 8, class meets in Escondido then goes into the field at the Santa Rosa Plateau. March 9, class is at Caltrans, San Diego with a field trip to Otay Mesa and will feature local speakers presenters, including our own Mike Kelly, on area-specific species, restoration techniques, and visits to relict native grasslands sites and to restoration sites. Presented by the California Native Grass Association. \$275 members / \$310 nonmembers.

March 13 (Sunday). Native Planting at Inaja

Memorial Park. The park is dedicated to firefighters who died while fighting a 40,000 acre wildfire in 1956. This is part of a project to restore native plants and develop a fire ecology interpretive trail! For strong backs: we'll move rocks and dig up exotics. 1/2 mile hike to the trail work site. 9:00 to 3:00. Meet: Two miles east of Santa Ysabel on Hwy 78/79.

March 26 (Saturday). Border Fields Memorial

Botany. All that is necessary for evil to prosper, is for good people to do nothing. Join the struggle to save the Border Fields. See February 26 for activities and directions. Meet 10 a.m.

March 30 (Wednesday): San Dieguito Lagoon Day.

7:00 p. m. "Biological Invaders: Plants and Animals, the Latest Threat to the San Dieguito Lagoon and River Valley." Our own Mike Kelly again! Powerhouse Community Center, 1658 Coast Blvd, Del Mar. Free. Children's art and poetry inspired by the lagoon on display before the talk. Sponsored by San Dieguito Lagoon Committee, dedicated to the protection and restoration of the lagoon's salt marsh and creation of the San Dieguito River Park, from Del Mar to Volcan Mountain.

April 2 and 3: California Natives Gardens

self guided tour. Half of the 23 gardens will be open each day. A brochure with photos, descriptions, and plant lists for each garden will be made available in the tour packets. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets \$20 per person. Call (818) 768-1802 to order.

April 6 (Wednesday) Living with Nature and Fire, 12122 Cuyamaca College Dr., El Cajon

Landscape Architect Kay Stewart outlines how to live more safely in wildfire-prone San Diego; how to reduce fire risk in the way we plan communities, build structures, and develop land and landscapes.

April 6 - 7: California Grasses, The Southern

Exposure: Learn to identify native and naturalized grasses. Wednesday, April 6, is a classroom day at Lake Elsinore. April 7, is a field trip the Santa Rosa Plateau. Registration forms at <http://www.cnga.org/> and click on "Spring Workshop." Presented by the California Native Grass Association. \$175 members / \$210 nonmembers.

April 11: San Diego Horticulture Society Meeting

Del Mar Fairgrounds, Surfside Race Place Building. Bart O'Brien, Director of Horticulture at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, will share his thoughts (and fine slides) on some of the most suitable native species and cultivars for Southern California home gardens and landscapes. 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 pm. See www.sdhortsoc.org for directions.

April 13 (Wednesday): Watershed Fire and Flood:

Post-fire recovery and southern California Watersheds. One day workshop on the impact of wildfires on local watersheds, management and restoration activities, and protecting watersheds from future impacts. Workshop attendance is intended for scientists, land managers, policy makers, etc., (not general public). Optional fieldtrip to local watersheds will be offered on Saturday, April 16. Free. Contact Bruce Goff at bruce.goff@amec.com or 858-458-9044 x 215.

April 14-16 (Thu-Sat) California Native Grasslands

Association Annual Conference in Woodland, CA. The Conference Technical Session will be held on Friday, April 15th at the Heidrick Agricultural History Center, 1962 Hays Lane, Woodland, California.

15th Anniversary Annual Conference theme: Successes, Failures, and Lessons Learned over 15 Years of Native Grassland Restoration in California See www.cnga.org for more information.

GOLDEN EAR DROPS

Looks like a nice display along Oak Canyon Creek south of the waterfall (south of SR52) near the power lines in Mission Trails Park. 1230 E5

Latin name: *Dicentra chrysantha*

Common name: Golden ear drops

Family: Papaveraceae (Poppy)

Habitat: Frequent on burns, disturbed places, and dry slopes below 5000', chaparral, southern oak woodland

Blooming period: April to September

Bob Eisele

OPPORTUNITIES

FALL PLANT SALE COMMITTEE

The Plant Sale Committee for our October sale meets at 6 p.m. just before our regularly monthly meetings. So, if you're interested in helping plan and organize the fall plant sale, please come to our next meeting on March 15th at 6pm, same place as our monthly meeting. No botanical experience needed, administrative and organizational skills would be great. If you can't make it to the meeting but have an interest in helping with the plant sale, please e-mail info@cnpsd.org. We need lots of help for our one and only annual fundraiser!

HOME GROWERS FOR FALL PLANT SALE

If you are interested in growing plants for the October plant sale, please e-mail info@cnpsd.org. We buy many plants from native plant nurseries and sell them at the plant sale. If members will grow plants for the plant sale, it increases our profit and abilities to protect more native plants and their habitats. We can help you with propagation techniques as well as pots and soil. Please get in touch, we need your help."

PUBLIC OUTREACH

CNPS has been invited to take part in the Saturday, **April 30 "Baskets and Botany"** event at the Tecolote Nature Center. This year the City seeks to expand upon the theme of Kumeyaay history and Native American traditions by taking advantage of the native plants at the park.

Staff our table, lead a native plant walk, lead a tour of the Tecolote Nature Center native garden! Call Marla Gilmore, Tecolote Nature Center (858)581-9959 for more information. Then if you would like to set up our display, contact Carrie Schneider (858) 352-4433 or info@cnpsd.org

YOUR MAILING LABEL CHANGED!

FYI, with the December newsletter issue, we started showing your membership expiration date in the address block. To satisfy the computer, Life members are shown as "/". (It works, after checking his copy, the makeup editor promptly wrote a check and put it in the mail).



BORDER FENCE ABOVE THE LAW!

On February 10, the House of Representatives passed H.R.418, the "Real ID Act of 2005" by a vote of 261 – 161 (yes: Issa, Cunningham, and Hunter; no: Davis and Filner). The bill was introduced on January 26 and passed with lightning speed as promised. In the stampede to do something about the hot button issues of terrorists and illegal immigrants, the House voted to exempt the Triple Border Fence from ALL LAWS and JUDICIAL REVIEW.

Section 102(c) gives the Secretary of Homeland Security sole discretion to waive all laws to ensure expeditious construction of the border fence and says no court shall hear any claim arising from the Secretary's action or order any relief for damages. Read it yourself at: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.418>.

This is breathtaking. Thirty years of environmental legislation -- the Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, Clean Water Act – none of them apply to this project and no court can contradict the decision of the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Rep. Sam Farr (D- Santa Cruz), sponsored an amendment to delete this part of the bill because: "Section 102 ... allow(s) the destruction of endangered species habitats and archaeological sites containing 7,000-year-old Native American artifacts, (and) means the Secretary could ignore child labor laws, civil rights laws and laws banning retaliation against whistleblowers". Farr's amendment lost by a vote of 179 to 243.

At the time of this writing, no parallel legislation has been introduced in the Senate. Senator Boxer was instrumental in keeping the border fence out of the Intelligence Bill last session, but Senator Feinstein's position is unclear. Take time to let them know how you feel.

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Dave Flietner

SAN JACINTO BLOSSOMS & BURNS

This is a good time to see the flowers blooming in the desert. It is also a good time to see fresh fire abatement in the San Jacinto mountains. I recommend seeing both. Life and death. Beauty and destruction.

Last weekend my wife and I hiked in Palm Canyon and on a ridge above it. The canyon walls are green, flowers have begun to bloom and the creek is full.

The next day we hiked a "nature trail" on a hillside at the Nature Center in Idyllwild. What we saw was quite unnatural. We saw what fire abatement looks like.

This area had been part of the Ponderosa forest that grows above 5000 feet in the San Jacinto mountains: pines, cedars, black and canyon oaks with an understory of small interior and scrub oaks, manzanita, and in some areas, chamise. About a year ago residents of Idyllwild pressured the various governmental entities in the area to cut down parts of the forest to make fuel breaks in and around the community to reduce the risk of houses burning in a forest fire. With some celebration in the community, the forest service and the county began cutting. Loggers and prisoners have provided the labor, supplemented by volunteers from the local Fire Safe Council.

Every tree and shrub has been cut to the ground, stacked in piles and then burned. The landscape is covered with large black circles of ash. The soil has been so disturbed by equipment that I suspect it is catatonic. The trail vanishes into the circles of ash. We wandered through this damaged area for about an hour until we found the trail on the other side. And then hiked through the area that has not yet been cut.

The flowers have begun to bloom at the lower elevations on the desert flanks of the San Jacinto mountains. Perhaps they will be cut next.

Go see the flowers, but go see the killing fields too. It is not good to look away. The forest killing we saw was motivated by the fear that the houses of mountain residents will burn. Go see what is being done to save the houses. The Cahuilla charge \$6 per person to see the flowers. The county charges \$2 per person to see the killing fields. You can see the houses for free.

Ken Garrett

NATIVE PLANT HOTLINE

Rancho Santa Anna Botanical Gardens has set up a native plant gardening hotline, both phone or e-mail, where you can get all your questions answered. See this weblink for more info: <http://www.rsabg.org/hort/>

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Wildlife after the Oct 2003 Wildfires

Monday, March 28; 7–9 p.m.

Lecture with Staff from San Diego Mammal Atlas Team, Scott Tremor, and Jeff Lincer, Ph.D.

Join us to hear from biologists who have studied wildlife (raptors and mammals) both before and after the 2003 fires. They will share their experiences in the field, including the work that took place while vegetation was still smoldering. Learn about several key species and wildlife movement, how both predator and prey responded to the fire, impacts of the fire, human-wildlife interactions, and what we have learned from this historic conflagration.

Living with Nature and Fire:

Reducing Fire Risks at Your Home Site

Monday, April 25; 7–9 p.m.

Lecture with Drew Hubbell and Greg Rubin
Drew Hubbell, a proponent of sustainable architecture and green building materials, and Greg Rubin, an expert native landscape designer, join forces to illuminate the ways San Diego County residents can live with nature and fire. Learn how to recapture a sense of regional identity, rapidly disappearing from California, while increasing available habitat for native birds, butterflies, lizards, and other local wildlife. Why not convert your living space into a private nature preserve, naturally resistant to fire?

Adult Classes/Field Trips

Minimum age is 16 unless otherwise noted. Persons under 18 must be accompanied by a separate paying adult.

Unbelievable Diversity II:

San Diego Vernal Pools

Class: Wednesday, April 27; 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Field trip: Saturday, April 30; 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Instructor: Rick Halsey

Representing one of the unique aspects of San Diego County's biological treasure trove is the vernal pool. These seasonal collections of rainwater contain the largest variety of sensitive and endangered species in the region. Unfortunately, nearly all of them have been destroyed by development. Join us as we discuss and visit some of our county's few remaining vernal pools and discover the secrets and wonders these specialized habitats have to offer. Price includes van transportation.

Member \$59; Nonmember \$69

Class Code: P5-330-09

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The County of San Diego Office of Resource Development has identified funding opportunities your organization might be interested in pursuing. Should you decide to apply, or require assistance, please call our office at 619.685.2292. If this email has been forwarded to you and you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive funding opportunities, call 619.685-2292 or e-mail Denis.McGee@sdcounty.ca.gov or Renee.Rambus@sdcounty.ca.gov for a Registration Form.

The Private Stewardship Grants Program (PSGP) provides grants and other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in private, voluntary conservation efforts that benefit species listed or proposed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), candidate species, or other at-risk species on private lands within the United States. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service awarded more than \$7 million to 97 projects in 39 states through the PSGP. The amount available for fiscal year 2005 is approximately \$6.5 million. Eligible projects include those by landowners and their partners who need technical and financial assistance to improve habitat or implement other activities on private lands. Under the PSGP, privately owned means land that is not owned by a governmental entity. The PSGP supports on-the-ground conservation actions as opposed to education and outreach, planning, or research activities, and we will not fund the acquisition of real property either through fee title or easements. The full program announcement which is shown at

http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship/index.html describes how you can apply for funding under the PSGP.

DUE: Mar 21, 2005.

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Membership includes informative publications, free field trips and monthly programs and discounts on books and posters. Also included are *Fremontia*, a quarterly journal with articles on all aspects of native plants, the *Bulletin*, a quarterly statewide report of activities and schedules, and the chapter newsletter. Please call the membership chairperson for more information.

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