

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: For over 40 years, SMMC has been a leader in conservation of LA's wildlife and habitat. It needs to be recognized throughout City departments as a Trustee Agency under CEQA. CEQA can be one of the public's best tools in protecting natural resources and habitat, through public inclusion in the planning process. However, CEQA needs a strong and informed public voice to speak for that protection during the process. Over the years and up to this moment, the mountains of Los Angeles have suffered countless poorly mitigated, ill-advised projects that have snuck past important CEQA scrutiny, leading to developments that fragment habitat, egregiously alter the landscape, and affect natural microclimates. We urge the City to officially recognize and establish SMMC as a Trustee Agency which will have an integral and ongoing voice in the project review process. With SMMC, wildlife and important native plants will have a strong and knowledgeable advocate. Our community will benefit.