

Transition Habitat Conservancy *What did we accomplish in August 2007?*



After all our efforts (and now we are exhausted) the OHV Ordinance has been reviewed by the BOS and approved as is with no changes. 5 of us attended the Board of Supervisor's meeting to support the ordinance. This is HUGE, and we thank everyone for your letters, meetings, photos, time and money. This will help us stop the environmental damage caused by ORV abuse in our neighborhoods.

The CSD for Phelan/Pinon hills was approved by LAFCO and will be on the February 2008 ballot. This will allow us to keep our rural character and keep Victorville and Hesperia from encroaching into our communities with housing developments and big box shpping. Great job CSD task force, Charlie Johnson, Robert Bowman, Sandy Young and all who supported this effort.

Jill and Tara attended the Sheriffs meeting with Sgt. Shannon Dicus and Detective Kevin Arlotti to assist them with supporting material and spending ideas they need for their OHV enforcement grant application. They used our material last year and thanked us for the material this year. They gave us a copy of the grant application they will submit. This will fund additional enforcement, equipment for Chief Paul Miller (who patrols our neighborhood, and who we also met with in Aug.) and ofr overtime for the patrol.

In August our Community Outreach Team lead by Debbie McAfee and Tara Matthews arranged to write, format, print 15,000 flyers to be sent to all the residents of Pinon Hills, Phelan and Wrightwood. We also distributed our Newsletter to 900 folks by e-mail and to 400 folks by mail. This should help us recruit more volunteers and donors. We have already had several calls from people who want to volunteer.

Transition Habitat Conservancy had a booth at the Pinon Hills Summer Fest and raised some donations and educated some community members about our mission.

Jill Bays spoke at the Tri-Community Alliance Meeting regarding the Chapter 8 policy recently implemented by the SB county Board of Supervisors. If any parcels become available through the chapter 8 process in our project area in Pinon Hills we will use this as an opportunity to challenge the new policy. There is significant community support for this challenge.

We plan a booth at **Phelan Phun Days Sept 8th** and our big 3 day fundraising event at **Tejon Ranch is scheduled for September 21, 22 and 23**. We will hold a 155 mile, 3 day Pioneer endurance ride at Tejon Ranch. This event is AERC Sanctioned. We expect to have the maximum number of entries with 100 horses competing each day. Please volunteer to help. ***We are very short of help for this event.*** We need in and out timers, pulse takers, vet secretaries, food preparation help and people to trailer out any pulled horses. Call 760 868 5136 to volunteer. Amazon Herb Party on Sunday, September 9th at 3pm to 5pm all proceeds support THC, please call Tara for more info at 760 617 2502.