

Winter 2008 Newsletter for Transition Habitat Conservancy

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Transition Habitat Conservancy is dedicated to preserving open space and natural wildlife habitat along the San Gabriel Mountain / Mojave Desert boundary

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Milestones:

**Transition Habitat raised
over \$20,000 in 2007
*Thanks to YOU!***

Board of Directors:

Jill Bays
Roberta Dewey
Tara Matthews
Robert Plank

Winter photos taken in Pinon Hills during one of our welcome snow storms!



2007 was a very good year for Transition Habitat Conservancy
We saved 50 acres of land, we completed our strategic plan with the help of NPS Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance program, we increased our capacity and completed the Land Trust Alliance Preservation Toolbox course, became Certified Land Stewards by attending the Mojave Desert Land Trust's course, worked to make the ORV ordinance permanent, voted in our Community Service District that include Parks and Water Districts for Pinon Hills and Phelan, held successful fundraising events with Californios at Rancho Corona del Valle and at Tejon Ranch, Red Mango Grill in Phelan, Phelan Phun Days, Summerfest in Pinon Hills and applied for Wildlife Conservation Board funds for land acquisition.

2008 holds many opportunities and challenges for Transition Habitat Conservancy. We have 80 acres in our project area for sale and need to raise \$1.6 million dollars to fund this acquisition. A very big task indeed! Our grant for this amount is with California Department of Fish and Game and needs to go through several levels of approval before going before the Wildlife Conservation Board for funding. We find ourselves in a very underserved area for WCB funding. WCB Land Acquisition Spending Summary 2000-2005 shows that San Bernardino County, the largest county in the country, is not receiving any part of what all of our neighboring counties receive for land acquisition.

Los Angeles Co	\$50,529,170
Riverside Co	\$12,178,820
San Diego Co	\$29,713,443
Orange Co	\$105,998,035
San Bernardino Co	-0-



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We welcome our two new volunteer grant writers Jim and Diane from Trinity Concepts here in Pinon Hills. Prop 84 and measure 1E should bring some funding opportunities we can take advantage of. Jill has been to both the Prop. 84 class held by California Coalition of Land Trusts, and the California State Water Resources Funding Fair in Sacramento. Bob, Jill and Bert will attend the CCLT Conference in February in Sacramento where Bob will attend the Land Trust Legal Forum- a meeting of attorneys working on land preservation issues and initiatives. Bob will also attend the Land Trust Accreditation workshops. Bert will attend the GIS and drill down mapping sessions which will improve his Google Earth and GIS skill sets. Jill will attend the WCB and DFG funding workshops, attend the Land Trust Executive Directors forum, learn how to improve fundraising effectiveness and learn more about gearing up for Prop 84 opportunities.

We have a very busy schedule of events in 2008 that we are either attending or organizing:

Transition Habitat Fundraising Events:

Red Mango Dinner March 11th, 6pm RSVP please Tara 617- 2502

Californios Trail Trial at Tejon Ranch, May 25th

Phelan Phun Days and Summerfest

Other events we are attending

February 3-6 California Coalition of Land Trusts

February 8, 10 AM TO 3 PM *Climate Change and the California Deserts*-
co-hosted by Defenders of Wildlife and the Mojave Desert Land Trust Friday,

Sept 18-21 Land Trust Alliance Annual Conference in Pittsburgh PA

Ongoing/monthly "Youth in the Desert" hiking series connecting youth to nature

Volunteers at our Tejon Fandango Fundraiser at Tejon Ranch



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