

# SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## Purpose

The Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority (the Authority) was established on June 22, 1993, as a separate entity, under a joint exercise of powers agreement between The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and The City of Santa Clarita. The Authority was established to identify, acquire, develop, and conserve park lands, open space lands, and water oriented projects. The Authority will ensure that these project areas are restored, developed and conserved in a manner consistent with the goals and objectives of the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority Governing Board.

## Primary Activities

Activities include maintaining areas purchased by or assigned to the Authority and to identify future sites that would be suitable for acquisition for the purpose of creating additional open space, parks and trails.

In June, 2002, the Authority acquired approximately 442 acres of undeveloped land known as the Whitney Canyon Ranch. The acquisition of this land was important not only to protect the area's natural resources, but to provide trail opportunities, watershed resources, and a portal to the Angeles National Forest. Subsequent to the land acquisition, the Authority entered into a reciprocal management agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to provide for operations and management of open space parkland owned by the Authority. These activities include but are not limited to: visitor protection, public safety, fire management, administration, public information, environmental education, interpretation and publications, resource management,

maintenance, environmental restoration, design and construction of park facilities, planning, signage, and development of policies.

Subsequent to the initial land acquisition, the Authority has begun and/ or completed various projects designed to enhance the usage of the open space area, including construction of a ranger residence and nature center, oil well remediation, and clearance and restoration of specific land areas within the park.

## Performance Goals

- Implement the priorities identified by the Santa Clarita Watershed Conservation and Recreation Authority Governing Board.
- Restoration and revitalization of the Whitney Canyon open space and parkland.
- Identify potential sites for future development.

Fiscal Year 2007-08		
Acct #	Description	Amount
<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>		
8110	Professional Services: Financial Audit fees	1,563
<b>Total Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>		<b>1,563</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>		
8620	Land and Land Improvements Depreciation	310,757 4,425
	Oil Well contingency Conceptual Area Protection Plan	5,000 25,853
8630	Oil Well Remediation Buildings and Structures Park Improvements- restrooms, tables, fencing, vegetation, signage	39,252 35,500
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>		<b>420,787</b>
<b>Total 2007/08 Budget</b>		<b>\$422,350</b>