

ARROYOS & FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY
2011 ANNUAL REPORT



GREAT THINGS ARE DONE
WHEN MEN AND MOUNTAINS MEET.

— WILLIAM BLAKE



2010-11

AFC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy has made major strides in the past year. Here's a brief overview of what we accomplished, with your help:

- Finished a project to preserve 41 acres of open space land in Altadena's Rubio Canyon;
- Initiated a management plan and biological survey for Rubio Canyon;
- Launched a three-year trail restoration program in Rubio Canyon;
- Launched a program to restore habitat in Rubio Canyon;
- Expanded our docent-led hike program to lead about 20 hikes per year;
- Launched an education project with Polytechnic School;
- Hosted about 150 people for a celebration with docent hikes in Rubio Canyon.



THANKS TO OUR DONORS IN 2010-11

We accomplished more in the last fiscal year than we ever have before. We couldn't have done it without the generous support of government agencies, businesses, and members of the community. Thanks to all who gave.

LAND ACQUISITION PARTNERS

The following people and agencies worked with AFC to acquire 41 acres in Rubio Canyon.

Audubon California
California Department of Fish and Game
California Wildlife Conservation Board
L.A. County Supervisor Michael Antonovich
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The following businesses and community groups worked with AFC to preserve Rubio Canyon, restore habitat, and establish new programs.

California Conservation Corps
Diggers Garden Club
Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates
Los Angeles Conservation Corps
Pasadena Audubon Society
Patagonia Pasadena
REI
Southern California Edison

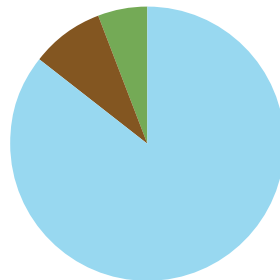
SPECIAL THANKS

State Assemblyman Anthony Portantino
State Senator Carol Liu
U.S. Representative Adam Schiff

AFC FINANCES, 2010-11

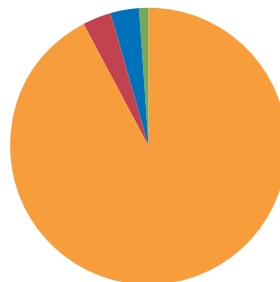
CONTRIBUTIONS

Government	\$792,000
Individuals	\$79,309
Corporations	\$52,500
Total	\$926,309



EXPENSES

Land Acquisition	\$835,801
Programs	\$29,632
Management	\$29,291
Fundraising	\$9,607
Total	\$904,331



DONORS

The community members listed below provided the support that kept AFC going. They also gave generously to the project to save Rubio Canyon.

Emily and Zachary Abbott
Dan Abendschein
Brownie and Robert Allen
Larry W. Allen
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Joanne and Timothy Wendler
Phillip Wolf
Grace Wong
Michele Zack and Mark Goldschmidt
Linda Zinn

FOOTHILLS SOCIETY MEMBERS

Foothills Society members form the backbone of AFC, making five-year pledges.

Legacy Members

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Carla Slepak and Gary Day
Marie and John Slonski
Peggy and Bruce Stewart
Tom Sawyer Camps, Inc.

Make Your Own

Dianne Philibosian and Tom Seifert



CONNECTING LAND AND PEOPLE IN RUBIO CANYON

The Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy had a banner year in 2010-11, completing an \$800,000 project to save historic Rubio Canyon from development. But our work is far from over; in fact, it's just begun. Below is an overview of the projects we're undertaking in the canyon.

Trail Restoration

Most of the five miles of historic trails that cross Rubio Canyon were overgrown and only marginally suitable for hikers when AFC acquired the land in the spring. Only one trail was open to the public, with a trailhead you wouldn't be able to find unless you knew it was there.

Since then, AFC has initiated a three-year project to restore suitable trails, open a new trailhead that will give the public easier access to the land, and connect the Altadena Crest Trail across the so-called "Rubio Gap." Southern California Edison and the Pasadena Audubon Society have made grants to complete the work, with the labor carried out by all-volunteer crews led by trail supervisor Paul Ayers.

Opening the rest of Rubio Canyon to the public will give local hikers another option for a day hike, in addition to the popular Altadena trails at Eaton Canyon, Lake Avenue and Millard Canyon. AFC is designing the trails to minimize the impact on the canyon's habitat and wildlife.

Habitat Restoration

Over the years, aggressive species of invasive plants have crept into Rubio Canyon, choking out native flora in many places. AFC is working to root out the invasives and restore the canyon's native habitat with an approach developed in consultation with biologists Mickey Long and Thomas Juhasz.

With the help of the California Conservation Corps and Los Angeles Conservation Corps, AFC is working to eradicate stands of *Euphorbia dendroides*, a fast-spreading invasive. We've also launched a volunteer habitat restoration program with REI, with volunteers removing fountain grass and other invasive species. 36 REI volunteers joined us on National Trails Day this spring to restore trails and habitat.

Once invasives are eradicated, we'll plant native seedlings germinated from our property by eighth grade students at Polytechnic School, with training provided by the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wildflowers & Native Plants.

Education

AFC's docents are leading 11 hikes this fall. Each hike focuses on a specific topic; this fall's hikes have covered railroad history, local history, plant life, geology, birds, trail-building and railroad mechanics. Hikers have visited historic sites along the Mount Lowe Railway, looked for artifacts high on Rubio's east ridge, and cooled off at waterfalls deep in the canyon. We'll also have a full schedule of hikes in the spring. Return the enclosed envelope with your email address for updates on future hikes.

In addition to leading hikes, AFC is also running education programs for local school children. A group of Polytechnic School students will spend a few hours per week in the canyon for the entire school year, germinating and planting native seedlings in collaboration with the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wildflowers & Native Plants. And AFC is developing a separate education program that will allow students to monitor life in the canyon through hands-on experience and technological means, including video cameras to capture wildlife activity.

KEEP UP WITH AFC

Return the enclosed envelope with your e-mail address if you'd like to hear about docent-led hikes, land acquisition opportunities, celebrations, and other AFC goings-on throughout the year. Or simply send an email to seanhowell@arroyosfoothills.org, with the subject line: Join.

