





ABOUT THE PRESERVE

The Randall Preserve is a stunning 387-acre coastal nature preserve located along the Santa Ana River, adjacent to Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, and Huntington Beach, in Orange County, California. Before its protection in December 2022, it was one of the largest privately-owned, undeveloped coastal areas remaining in Southern California.

The Preserve serves as a testament to the beauty and importance of California's natural landscapes. Many California Native American Tribes are culturally affiliated with this site, underscoring its unique and historical significance.

The property includes a coastal mesa and lowlands that are closely intertwined with an estuary formed by the Santa Ana River at the Pacific Ocean. These habitats create a vital ecological system, home to many diverse plant and animal species. Some of these species have special status like the California gnatcatcher, the Western burrowing owl, Cooper's hawk, whitetailed kite, and others.

Sadly, modern human expansion severely impacted the lands and waters and the balance of interconnected plant and animal communities, highlighting the crucial need for protection. Many state and federal agencies sought protection of this property because of its rare plant communities and wildlife. We are gearing up to plan for the Preserve's future.

TIMELINE



Efforts begin to prevent the development of 400 acres of coastal oil property.

The California Supreme Court rules in favor not to develop.



WINTER 2022

> MRCA takes title of the Randall Preserve, officially protecting the land.

MRCA and CCA conduct research and planning, including engagement with local tribes and communities.



SPRING 2025

Draft plans to be released for community input. Final Plans to be approved and adopted by the MRCA Board.



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT -

PROJECT PARTNERS













PLANNING THE FUTURE

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), the Preserve's titleholder, is committed to developing a Property Management Plan which will include several specific plans outlining how different aspects of the land would be stewarded.



Resource Management Plan Outlines plant and animal communities, stewardship, and opportunities for restoration.



Public Access Plan Outlines allowed passive public uses, hours of operation, and more.



Coastal Resilience Strategy Considers sea level rise vulnerabilities and climate impacts to the Preserve.



Tribal Access & Engagement Plan Features tribal stewardship and uses of the Preserve.



To achieve their goal, MRCA partnered with the Coastal Corridor Alliance (CCA), formerly the Banning Ranch Conservancy, to complete three plans and prepare the land for managed public use. The Tribal Plan is being led by MRCA in partnership with the seven tribes culturally affiliated with the land.

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