



## Press Release

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### Residents and Wildlife Unite; SDHC Is Owner and Steward of the Muroya Property Open Space Preserve

Carlsbad— After years of planning, the Muroya Property Open Space Preserve located in the City of Carlsbad, CA has been established and the San Diego Habitat Conservancy (SDHC) will start management of the Preserve in perpetuity. SDHC owns the 8.5 acres of open space habitat. The preserve is an identified open space preserve area within the City of Carlsbad's Habitat Management Plan and links other open space areas within the City.

The preserve supports several important habitats which include native grassland, Diegan coastal sage scrub, southern maritime chaparral, and southern mixed chaparral. This protected area provides a safe haven for several sensitive bird and plant species, including the coastal California gnatcatcher, California adolphia, wart-stemmed ceanothus, Nuttall's scrub oak, and Engelmann oak.

SDHC's long-term management duties include regular habitat and sensitive species monitoring to ensure the quality of the habitat is maintained and improved, identifying and removing invasive species (weeds), removing trash, and limiting intrusion into the site. SDHC will perform outreach and education sessions with neighboring residents to inform them of the status of the site and encourage a sense of stewardship for the natural resource they are fortunate enough to have adjacent to their homes.

SDHC was established in 2000 and manages a number of open space preserves throughout the San Diego region, preserving and managing sensitive habitat and species that are unique to our southern California environment. SDHC strives to share our knowledge and appreciation of the natural environment with the San Diego community, encouraging participation in the stewardship of our region's precious open space. *The **MISSION** of San Diego Habitat Conservancy (SDHC) is to conserve and manage sensitive habitats and species while inspiring land stewardship through education and outreach.*

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